

OCTOBER 16, 2023

CITY OF BREMEN COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX 191 N GEORGIA AVE. BREMEN, GA 30110

CITY OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Sharon Sewell and Council Members: Dobby Harris, Salli Thomason, Jai Otwell, Lin Clayton

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Perry Hicks, Mike Thompson, Amy Ridley, Keith Pesnell, Roy Andrews, Lisa Walton-Cagle, Jay Hurley, Pat Johnson, Attorney Andy Davis

6:00 PM / WORK SESSION / MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

The work session consists of informal discussions among the mayor, council members, city administration, and any other attendees. There are no actions taken during informal work sessions. Mayor Sewell called the work session to order at 6:00 pm.

Informal Discussions:
Department Head Updates
New Law Firm
Agenda Items

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:50 pm.

7:00 PM / REGULAR MEETING / MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- Call Meeting to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
- Review & Modification of the Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes for Regular Meeting held on September 18, 2023
- Sexual Harassment Policy
- Open to the Public
- Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sewell called the regular scheduled council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

REVIEW & MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Sewell added item number 5a. to the agenda to approve a change with the city's legal representation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023 regular council meeting.

Council Member Thomason abstained due to being absent the September 18 council meeting.

Council Member Clayton made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Otwell, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on September 18, 2023. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Perry Hicks stated that the approval of a sexual harassment policy is a requirement of our property and liability insurance renewal this year. He stated that we have sent a sample policy to our attorney who has made some changes to the sample policy and he is currently reviewing the policy.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the sexual harassment policy pending final approval by the city attorney.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell to approve the sexual harassment policy pending final approval by the city attorney. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT DAVIS, LUCAS & CARTER LAW FIRM

Mayor Sewell stated that our city attorneys Andy Davis has formed a new law firm, Davis, Lucas & Carter Law Firm. Mr. Frank Beacham, who is also one of the attorneys representing the City of Bremen, is part of the new law firm as well. She stated that we have been very pleased with the services that we have received from these attorneys and asked for a motion to appoint Davis, Lucas and Carter Law Firm as the representing law firm for the City of Bremen.

Council Member Thomason made a motion to appoint Davis, Lucas and Carter Law Firm to be the legal representation for the City of Bremen. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Members of the public were present and presented a request for an indoor pickle ball court and mentioned that, if air conditioning could be put into the multipurpose facility, that could be a possible solution to an indoor pickle ball facility.

Mayor Sewell and Council Members stated that swamp fans were purchased for the building last year and they are water-cooled fans that have done well but we have to prioritize the recreation facilities for our children playing sports.

There was no further business to come before the mayor and council.

MEETING ADJOURN

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:15 pm.

Council Member Clayton made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned.