

Bremen Village Council

Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order January 13, 2025 by Mayor A. Taylor at 5:31 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor Taylor -Aye, Councilman T. Tripp -Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Absent.

Employees: L. Coakley, T. Achenbach and B. Robinette.

Guests:

M. Hoffman and C. Ashbaugh.

T. Tripp entered 5:33 P.M.

Business of Guests:

M. Hoffman wanted to discuss changes she'd like to see for down town. She'd like to see stamped pavers. Zoning to clean up Broad Street. Would like to see conduit ran in order to put older lighting up in the future. Suggested to Village hang edison lights from the Legion, Clarks gas station and down Broad Street.

B. Bunting entered 5:38 P.M.

Mayor's Report:

December 9, 2024 meeting minutes distributed for review and approval.

Motion: B. Bunting **Second:** T. Tripp

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Administrator's Report:

Meter Project over halfway done and first round of meter office training done.

Kayla Six water issues / section 14 of the water ordinance. Council will table this for discussion at the next meeting.

Plowing started due to bad weather.

Water testing for C. Watters and B. Robinette January 31st, 2025.

Bartlett Street Project will not be plowing or salting to preserve the curbs and aprons just done.

Grant meeting for mitigation.

Maintenance on the dump truck needed.

Shonebarger building will come down first quarter of the year.

Sharp property / soccer fields are waiting to be purchased and closed on until everything is clear.

EPA update / new inspector Allen Hurt.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance Report: Councilman J. Cline- December 26, 2024 minutes distributed.

Planning & Zoning: Councilman B. Bunting– January 7, 2025 minutes distributed.

Administrative Process: Councilwoman N. Bailor– No meeting.

Safety & Infrastructure: Councilman T. Tripp – December 18, 2024 minutes not distributed until next meeting.

Tree Board: Councilman T. Tripp – No meeting.

Park and Pool: Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer – No meeting.

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Committees:

Motion: N. Bailor **Second:** B. Bunting

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Finance:

December bank reconciliation approved.

Payment listing for the month of December 2024 and January 2025 approved.

Revenue/Appropriations reports for December 2024 and January 2025 approved.

Then and Now Purchase Order 153-2024 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 1-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 2-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 3-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 4-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 5-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 6-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 7-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 8-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 9-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 10-2025 approved.

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Regular Purchase Order 39-2025 approved.
Regular Purchase Order 40-2025 approved.
Regular Blanket Certificate 1-2025 approved.

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Regular Blanket Certificate 10-2025 approved.

Old Business:

Third reading to change yard sale guidelines for the Village of Bremen being moved to February.

Motion to change the Village of Bremen Handbook so that all available positions are posted for at least one week and all new applications go to Administrative Process for a 24-hour review prior to job offer:
N. Bailor **Second:** T. Tripp

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2024-9 (Water and Sewer rates): J. Schmeltzer **Second:** B Bunting

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

New Business:

First reading of Ordinance 2025-1-O (An Ordinance to create fund 5901). PASS AS EMEGENCY.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-1-O (An Ordinance to create fund 5901) as an emergency: N. Bailor
Second: T. Tripp

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-1-O (An Ordinance to create fund 5901): T. Tripp **Second:** N. Bailor

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

First reading of Ordinance 2025-2-O (An Ordinance to create fund 4901). PASS AS EMEGENCY.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-2-O (An Ordinance to create fund 4901) as an emergency: J. Cline
Second: J. Schmeltzer

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-2-O (An Ordinance to create fund 4901): J. Cline **Second:** B. Bunting

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

First reading of Ordinance 2025-3-O (An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2024-7-O – Annual Appropriations)
PASS AS EMERGENCY.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-3-O (An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2024-8-O – Annual Appropriations) as an emergency: N. Bailor Second: J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-3-O (An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2024-8-O – Annual Appropriations): N. Bailor Second: J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

First reading of Ordinance 2025-4-O (An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2024-8-O – Annual Appropriations)
PASS AS EMERGENCY.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-4-O (An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2024-8-O – Annual Appropriations) as an emergency: B. Bunting Second: J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-4-O (An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2024-8-O – Annual Appropriations): J. Cline Second: N. Bailor

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

First reading of Ordinance 2025-5-O (ROW Contact) PASS AS EMERGENCY.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-5-O (ROW Contact) as an emergency: T. Tripp Second: J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-5-O (ROW Contact): N. Bailor Second: B. Bunting

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

First reading of Ordinance 2025-6-O (A& TT Tariff) PASS AS EMERGENCY.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-6-O (A&TT Tariff) as an emergency: T. Tripp Second: B. Bunting

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-6-O (A&TT Tariff): J. Cline Second: T. Tripp

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Motion to go into executive session at 6:25 P.M.: T. Tripp Second: J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Executive Session:-

Executive Session 121.22 (G)(1). To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of changes or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. Except as otherwise provided by law, no public body shall hold an executive session for the discipline of an elected official for conduct related to the performance of the elected official's official duties or for the elected official's removal from office. If a public body holds an executive session pursuant to division (G)(1) of this section, the motion and vote to hold that executive session shall state which one or more of the approved purposes listed in division (G)(1) of this section are the purposes for the executive session is to be held, but need not include the name of any person to be considered at the meeting.

Motion to come out of executive session at 6:33 P.M.: J. Cline Second: B. Bunting

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

Motion to give William Myers \$1.00 90-day probation raise effective (January 20, 2025 – February 2, 2025) for pay date of February 7, 2025: T. Tripp Second: J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

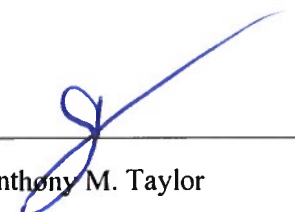
Motion to give Nicholas Ash \$1.00 90-day probation raise effective (January 20, 2025 – February 2, 2025) for pay date of February 7, 2025: T. Tripp Second: J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.

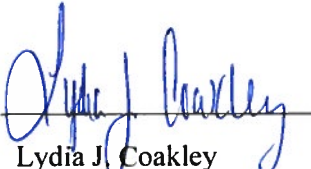
Mayor Taylor brought up possible unethical concerns with J. Schmeltzer. J. Schmeltzer said she was not contacted to be a character witness by prior employee and was not aware she was going to be subpoenaed.

Motion to Adjourn: T. Tripp Second: J. Cline Time: 6:39 P.M.

Roll Call: Councilman T. Tripp -Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer -Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham -Absent, Councilwoman N. Bailor -Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Absent, Councilman B. Bunting-Aye.



Anthony M. Taylor
Mayor



Lydia J. Coakley
Fiscal Officer



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January 13, 2025 Village of Bremen Council Meeting sign in sheet.

1. *Mary Hoffer*
2. *Chad Ashby*
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