
Minutes
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2021
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson.

All Council Members are Present: Bivins, Bracknell, Miller, Walden & Wallace

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Michael Johnson

Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council meeting, as presented: There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the published agenda, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

December 1, 2020 Special Called Meeting: There was a motion to approve the December 1, 2020 minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

December 7, 2020, Regular Council Meeting: City Administrator Bill Osborne noted that there were several errors that needed to be updated in the minutes. Because the council was just given the updated minutes prior to the meeting there was not enough time to review them and it was suggested they table this until the next meeting. There was a motion by Council Member Walden to table approving the December 7, 2020 minutes until the February 1st meeting, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Public Comments- N/A

Announcements

1. Appointment of the Chair and Other Members of City Council Committees- Mayor Michael Johnson read the appointment of the Chairs and members of each council committee:

Personnel- Chair: Richard Bracknell. Member: Howard Walden

Budget/Finance: Chair- Terron Bivins, Member: Howard Walden

Parks & Rec/Senior Center: Chair- Richard Bracknell, Member: Hiley Miller

Public Safety: Chair: Howard Walden, Member : Terron Bivins

Public Works/Wastewater: Chair- Tom Wallace, Member- Richard Bracknell

Community Development: Chair- Hiley Miller, Member- Tom Wallace

2. Election of a Mayor Pro Tem for 2021- Mayor Johnson opened the floor for nominations for the election of Mayor Pro Tem for 2021. There was a motion by Council Member Walden to nominate Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4 for, 1 abstain (Richard Bracknell abstained). There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to close the nominations, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4 for, 1 abstain (Richard Bracknell abstained).

3. Hold a public hearing on the Application for a Variance on the sideyard setback requirements on nine vacant lots in the residential section of the Perennial Park development west of Carrollton Street, which is zoned Design Concept Development (DCD). Application by Liberty Communities, LLC-

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. Corey Grant from Liberty Communities was present at the meeting to discuss their request for variances in Perennial Park. He stated that he also was present at the Planning Commission Meeting. They are asking for nine variances, they are narrow lots and they are putting larger houses on them. Originally they had also requested for a variance on lot 74 but Council Member Walden found documentation where this request was already approved in 2007. There were no further questions or comments. Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing.

4. Consider approval of the Application for a Variance on the sideyard setback requirements on nine vacant lots in the residential section of the Perennial Park development west of Carrollton Street, which is zoned Design Concept Development (DCD) and with the lots numbered as follows: 22, 23, 74, 75, 78, 79, 85, 86, and 87. Application by Liberty Communities, LLC-

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the request for side variances on all nine lots, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

5. Hold a public hearing on the application to combine into one lot the current two adjacent lots in the Ivey Lake residential subdivision located north of Johnson Street and zoned R-2 (Single-Family Detached Residential), being a developed lot at 212 Ivey Lake Parkway and an undeveloped lot at 208 Ivey Lake Parkway. Application by Thomas W. and Suzanne F. Rapp –

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. Ms. Rapp, the applicant, was present; she explained they own two lots, one with the house, and the second lot has a storage shed on it. She stated that their insurance company will not insure the shed or the contents in it, therefore she is wanting to combine the lots so that all of her property will be covered by her insurance. When asked she confirmed if the lots are combined that no one can build on the second lot. There were no further questions or comments; Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

6. Consider approval of the application to combine into one lot the current two adjacent lots located at 212 Ivey Lake Parkway (parcel number T03 0080227) and 208 Ivey Lake Parkway (parcel number T03 0080228) in the Ivey Lake residential subdivision, which is zoned R-2 (Single-Family Detached Residential). Application by Thomas W. and Suzanne F. Rapp.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the application to combine into one lot, the lots located at 212 Ivey Lake Pkwy and 208 Ivey Lake Pkwy, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

7. Authorize the issuance of the Request for Proposals for the City of Temple's Water Meter Replacement Project as prepared by the consulting engineering firm of Keck & Wood, subsequent to the review and approval of said RFP document by the City Attorney

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to proceed with authorizing the issuance of the Request for Proposals for the City of Temple's Water Meter Replacement Project, with the stipulation that the City Attorney approves it, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

8. Approve the City of Temple's 2021 updated list of approved vendors and contractors

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to table this item to the February 1st Council Meeting, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

9. Approve the dollar amount of the automatic monthly transfer of funds from the City of Temple's Water Fund to the City's Debt Service Fund in 2021 to be \$36,119.20

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve to for the automatic monthly transfer of funds from the Water Fund to the Debt Service Fund in 2021 to be \$36,119.20, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

10. Direct the City Administrator to work with consultant grant writer Sandra Morris to develop a proposed contract for research on and subsequent development of certain grant applications on behalf of the City of Temple

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to give the City Administrator the authority to work with consultant grant writer Sandra Morris to see what options might be available for the City, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

11. Adopt a resolution to set the qualifying fees for the 2021 City of Temple election on November 2 for the positions of Mayor, City Council member from Ward 1, and City Council member from Ward 2

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the resolution to set the qualifying fees for the 2021 City of Temple election, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

12. Staff announcement that the automatic annual 1-1/2 (1.50) percent inflationary increase in the City of Temple's water and sewer rates will be effective with the City's February 2021 billing cycle

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that this is a reporting item and no action needs to be made. We are putting this on record that this annual inflationary increase will be taking place. Council Member Bracknell asked if Mr. Osborne had checked on the gallons on the commercial rate to make sure it is listed correctly on the rate chart; Mr. Osborne stated he will double check this.

13. Discuss the City of Temple's list of proposed capital projects to be implemented if Carroll County voters on March 16 approve the proposed 2021 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) referendum, including plans to provide Temple area residents with information on these projects in such areas as public works, public safety, senior center, recreation, and economic development

Mayor Johnson explained that we are trying to determine which SPLOST projects the City would like to highlight and promote so that citizens will be in support of the referendum. He asked for any suggestions. Some ideas included: public safety, senior center projects, the Recreation area and road projects. It was suggested that Department Directors could come up with a graphic presentation of how the SPLOST funds could be used and to also highlight how SPLOST funds were used in previous years. Flyers could be put up in the different departments, information could be posted on the website and City's Facebook page. It was also mentioned that we could put inserts in the water bills in February and March.

14. Status reports on staffing arrangements in the City's Public Works Department and Recreation Department

Mayor Johnson explained that Hal Burch would be our new Interim Public Works Director. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that he, Hal & Assistant City Administrator Lisa Jacobson met with the four Public Works employees this morning to discuss the changes in leadership in the department. Mayor Johnson explained that they had another interview for the Recreation Department Director this afternoon. There are plans to have a Special Called Meeting on Thursday at 5:30PM, which will include an Executive Session, to discuss filling the Recreation Department Director position.

15. Review of the current arrangements for the City of Temple's information technology services, including followup discussion from the January 7 presentation made to the Mayor and City Council
City Administrator Bill Osborne said that everyone will need to think about the information that was provided to them at the Council Committees meeting the other night on an option for information technology services. If anyone has questions or would like more information about this option, let Mr. Osborne know. There was a question by Council Member Wallace as to whether we have the funds available for this service. Mr. Osborne said that he would get together with Finance Director, Ken Abidde, and see if we can get a dollar amount on this and where the money will be coming from. We will also check to see what the cost is of our current online document storage contract is, and what the fee is to cancel it, so that we will not be duplicating services.

Executive Session, if Needed- N/A

Closing Comments:

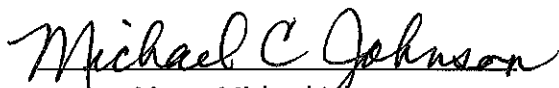
Tom Wallace- I would like to welcome Hal Burch.


Terron Bivins- Thank you for listening to my comment about no additional memos for the meeting.

Howard Walden- Welcome to Hal.

Mayor Johnson- Welcome to Attorney Rob Monroe; he hasn't been to one of our meetings lately and was fortunate to come to one that was shorter in length.

Adjournment- There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:17PM


Mayor Michael Johnson


City Clerk