

**Minutes  
City Council Meeting  
February 1, 2021  
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson.  
Council Members Present: Terron Bivins, Richard Bracknell, Howard Walden, Tom Wallace  
Council Members Absent: Hiley Miller

**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 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes:**

December 7, 2020, Regular Council Meeting - tabled from January 11, 2021 meeting:  
There was a motion to approve the December 7, 2020 minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

January 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

There was a motion to approve the January 11, 2021 minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

**Public Comments- N/A**

**Announcements- N/A**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. (Tabled from meeting of January 11, 2021): Approve the City of Temple's 2021 updated list of approved vendors and contractors.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to take this item off of the table, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0. City Clerk Kristin Etheredge explained that due to some staff members having to quarantine because of COVID, the list was not updated and ready for approval at this time. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to table this item and to add it to the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting agenda, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with consultant grant writer Sandra Morris for her to develop and submit for approval and funding an application for a COPS 2021 Officer Hiring Grant for two officers, a CDMC application for the Temple Senior Center, and a request on behalf of the Temple Senior Center for approval of funds for the Meals for Veterans and Spouses through the Temple Senior Center food program, at a total cost of \$12,000.00.

Council Member Terron Bivins requested that there be a stipulation that the money be held out of the Administration Budget, not from the Work Detail line item. If the SPLOST passes in March we will go from there and will have to redo the budget. City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he would agree to do that. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with grant writer Sandra Morris, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

2. Adopt a resolution to provide for the expenditure of \$12,000.00 to pay consultant grant writer Sandra Morris in equal monthly payments of \$4,000.00 by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the months of February, March, and April for the development and submittal of grant applications as authorized in this resolution, with needed funds being transferred from the Carroll County Work Detail line item in the Public Works Department's budget to the Professional Fees line item in the Administration Department's budget.

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to adopt the resolution and for the funds to come from the General Fund instead of the Public Works Work Detail Line, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

3. Report by Sophicity Executive Director Dave Mims to update his January 7 presentation and proposal to the City of Temple concerning this municipality's current computer operations and consultant service needs, including the proposed scope and cost of a proposed agreement.

David Mims, from Sophicity, was present at the meeting and thanked the Council for the opportunity to be there. He asked if there were any further questions from the presentation that he had done at a previous meeting. There were no further questions.

4. Identification by City staff of Fiscal Year 2021 budgeted funds that could be used to handle the cost of a proposed agreement between the City of Temple and Sophicity for Information Technology services. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Finance Director Ken Abidde stated that there is \$72,000 in the budget for this project.

5. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Sophicity for certain Information Technology services desired by the City of Temple.

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Sophicity, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

6. Consider approval of a Development Agreement between the City of Temple and Bass Lands, LLC, for development of property containing 44.4 acres and being located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Center Point Road and Billings Road.

Hugh Bass was present at the meeting and available for questions. Council Member Walden had some questions regarding how the deed restrictions were going to work. City Attorney Carey Pilgrim explained that like any zoning matter, they will have to interact with the City and get permits accordingly. He said we could also agree to have the document recorded on the deed records to anyone that purchased the property. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the Development Agreement between the City of Temple and Bass Lands, LLC, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

7. Adopt a resolution to designate Saturday, May 29, as the annual Spring Clean-Up Day in the City of Temple held as part of the City's agreement with Waste Pro USA, including the free disposal of certain trash items at a collection point in the City Park at the corner of Johnson Street (Georgia Highway 113) and Milner Street.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt a resolution to designate Saturday, May 29 as the annual Spring Clean-Up Day, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

8. Rescind the City Council's January 14 action to appoint Andre London to the position of City Recreation Director following his decision not to accept the job.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Mr. London had to turn down the job offer to be the Recreation Department Director. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to rescind the appointment of Mr. London as the Recreation Department Director, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

9. Consider the appointment of an individual to fill the position of City Recreation Director, succeeding Lisa Jacobson who has been appointed to the new position of Assistant City Administrator.

Mayor Michael Johnson recommended that the position of Recreation Department Director be offered to Ms. Ingrid McKinley, who was present at the meeting. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to offer the Recreation Department Director job to Ms. Ingrid McKinley, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

10. Report by City Administrator concerning the current staffing arrangement for the City's Recreation Department.

Assistant City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained the Jeremy Ralston resigned from his position as Athletic and Leisure Coordinator. She stated that Angel Arzuaga has been hired to fill this position. His first day at work is today. She said we are still waiting to hear back from the candidate that was interviewed for the Field Maintenance position.

11. Report on the information submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation before the February 1 deadline concerning the City of Temple's planned use of Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds in 2021.

Public Works Director Hal Burch stated that the LMIG application has been submitted. He said it would be used to resurface part of Old Bremen and part of Little Vine. He said that the 44.05 miles is the current accurate mileage based on the City maps and streets.

12. Report concerning the status of vehicles in the Public Works Department, and possible City Council action to ensure this department's vehicle inventory is adequate to handle departmental assignments.

Public Works Director Hal Burch gave a report on the vehicles in the Public Works Department. He included three quotes for the potential purchase of two Ford F150 trucks. He also included quotes for a codes vehicle. The two current Ford Rangers need to be replaced. There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to take money from the Public Works Detail account to acquire two Ford F150 trucks, to be purchased from Alan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$20,685 each. Vote 4-0.

There were also quotes to repair the transmission in the 2012 Ford F150 truck. There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to have Don Rich Ford repair the transmission in the 2012 Ford F150 truck, in the amount of \$3,100 for the repairs, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

There was discussion about checking to see if a retired vehicle from the Police Department could be used to replace the current code enforcement vehicle.

13. Reports concerning a review of City of Temple directives to any builder who does not adhere to the City's Design Standards requirements, and concerning corrective action to be required through the Code Enforcement Officer in a current situation involving several housing units.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there has been some violation of the construction code in Azalea Hills, specifically concerning the roof over hang and also the size of the patio in the back yard not being large enough to meet the requirements. He stated he is not sure if Carroll county was not aware of or not following the City's new guidelines when doing the final inspection on these properties. He dropped off copies of the design standard requirements to the Community Development Office in Carroll county and Mr. Osborne is also scheduling a meeting with Ben Skipper (Carroll County Community Development) to discuss these designs standards and make sure they are enforced going forward.

14. Reports concerning the completion of plans for the expansion of City Hall by enclosing the former drive-thru banking area to provide a large room to serve as the Municipal Courtroom, the City Council Chambers, and a place for various other government and civic meetings, and concerning issuance of a construction bid solicitation.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he spoke with Architect Chris Redman and he is optimistic that bid documents will be available next week and there will probably be a Special Called Meeting in the middle of the month.

15. Report concerning the recent performance of Waste Pro USA as the provider of garbage collection and disposal services in the City of Temple.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that he, Tom Wallace, Hal Burch and some other staff members met with representatives of Waste Pro on January 20<sup>th</sup>. They stated they had a good meeting and the City has about two months to decide whether or not we want to opt out of the contract.

16. 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 current activities to provide Temple area residents with information on these projects in such areas as public works, public safety, senior center, recreation, and economic development.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that he will need the Council's input over the next few days. He stated he has been doing a weekly column on SPLOST which highlights a different department each week and explains the proposed projects that are planned for each department if the referendum passes. The column is posted on the City's website. The City is putting a flyer in the water bill to remind citizens of the upcoming SPLOST referendum. If any one has any suggestions on how to promote SPLOST, please share your ideas with us.

**Executive Session, if Needed:** There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to have an Executive Session to discuss economic development and real estate, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0. Mayor Johnson explained that there will be no vote after the Executive Session. Executive Session started at 7:55PM.

There was a motion to come out of Executive Session by Council Member Bracknell at 8:11PM, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

## Closing Comments

**Mayor Johnson-** We had a food box giveaway last Thursday and there will be another one this Thursday at 9:45am at the Temple Senior Center. The inmate crew will be present to assist us. We would like to give a shout out to SONOCO for sending an employee with a fork lift and pallet jack to assist us with the distribution.

**Adjournment:** There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:14PM.

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Mayor Michael Johnson

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City Clerk