

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 2021
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson
Council Members Present: Bracknell, Miller, Wallace
Council Members Absent: Bivins, 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 move item number 27 to item seven, and to approve the agenda with this update, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

Approval of Minutes:

May 3, 2021, Regular Council Meeting- There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the minutes with a minor typo that the City Clerk corrected, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 3-0.

May 24, 2021 Special Called Meeting- There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 3-0.

Public Comments- N/A

Announcements- City Administrator Bill Osborne announced that the GMA annual conference is August 6-10. We will need everyone's registration forms by Monday, because the registration opens on Tuesday, June 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hold a public hearing concerning proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Temple for the purpose of establishing the rates of pay of the Mayor and Council members for their roles on the City Council and as members of their respective committees, to be effective as of January 1, 2022.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against the ordinance. Mayor Johnson read the ordinance; this was the second reading.

2. Consider taking action concerning the proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Temple for the purpose of establishing the rates of pay of the Mayor and Council members for their roles on the City Council and as members of their respective committees, to be effective as of January 1, 2022.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Temple for the purpose of establishing the rates of pay for the Mayor and Council, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 3-0.

3. Hold a public hearing concerning: (a) the application to rezone from CG General Commercial to R-6 Single-Family Attached and Multi-Family Residential the 1.22-acre tract of land located on the south side of U.S. Highway 78 and the east side of the Windy Mill residential subdivision entrance, being Tax Parcel

T04 0080090 in Land Lot 170, 6th District; (b) the request for a 25-foot stream buffer variance on this 1.22-acre site; and (c) a request for no impervious buffer on this 1.22-acre site. Applications by Luckie Equity, LLC.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. Mike Pordal, a representative for this project was present at the meeting. He explained the land has been zoned commercial for quite some time, they would like to have it re-zoned residential so that they can build seven townhomes. They would adhere to the State variance of 25 feet for a buffer. It was asked if the HOA would maintain the proposed shared driveway and he said yes. No one else was present to speak for or against this request. The public hearing was closed by Mayor Johnson.

4. Consider taking action concerning the requests to: (a) rezone from CG General Commercial to R-6 Single-Family Attached and multi-Family Residential the 1.22-acre tract located on the south side of U.S. Highway 78 and the east side of the Windy Mill residential subdivision entrance, being Tax Parcel T04 0080090 in Land Lot 170, 6th District; (b) approve a 25-foot stream buffer variance on this 1.22-acre site; and (c) approve there being no impervious buffer on this site. Applications by Luckie Equity, LLC.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve, second by Council Member Bracknell Vote 3-0.

5. Hold a public hearing concerning the application to rezone from R-1 Single-Family Detached Residential to CG General Commercial the 16.16-acre tract of land located on the north side of Billings Road and adjacent to the CG-zoned property which extends eastward to Carrollton Street (Georgia 113), being part of Tax Parcel T04 0070019 in Land Lot 141, 6th District. Application by Hugh Bass.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. Hugh Bass was present at the meeting and explained that they would like to rezone this tract of land from Residential to CG General Commercial. There was no one else present at the meeting to speak for or against this request. Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing.

6. Consider taking action concerning the request to rezone from R-1 Single-Family Detached Residential to CG General Commercial the 16.16-acre tract located on the north side of Billings Road and adjacent to the CG-zoned property which extends eastward to Carrollton Street (Georgia 113), being part of Tax Parcel T04 0070019 in Land Lot 141, 6th District. Application by Hugh Bass.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the rezoning request from R-1 Single Family Residential to CG General Commercial, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

7. Hold a public hearing concerning the application to rezone from CG General Commercial to IL Light Industrial the 17.41-acre tract of land located at 423 East Highway 78 on the south side of this highway east of Oak Shade Road, and being Tax Parcel T04 0060057 in Land Lot 171, 6th District. Application by TAG Trans, Inc.

Mayor Johnson explained that we do not need to have a public hearing on this item tonight. The attorney for this project asked that the item be tabled until the July Regular Council Meeting. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to table this item and the following item (public hearing and action) until the July Regular Council Meeting, second, Council Member Miller. Vote 3-0.

8. Consider taking action concerning the request to rezone from CG General Commercial to IL Light Industrial the 17.41-acre tract located at 423 East Highway 78 on the south side of this highway east of Oak Shade Road, and being Tax Parcel T04 0060057 in Land Lot 171, 6th District. Application by TAG Trans, Inc.

No action was taken because item seven was tabled.

9. Hold a public hearing concerning the request for a sign height variance at 625 Carrollton Street (Georgia Highway 113) on a site owned by PFJ Southeast, LLC, and being Pilot Travel Center #417, with the current sign being at a height of 135 linear feet and located near the western edge of this property adjacent to the Interstate 20 property and with the proposed new sign being at a height of 175 linear feet and located near the eastern edge of said property close to the I-20 – Georgia 113 interchange. Application by Integrated Image, Duluth, Georgia.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. A representative from Pilot, Dick Cody, was present at the meeting. He said the existing structure has become obstructed by trees. Because the current sign is so old, they can not raise it. The proposed signage would allow customers to see the gas prices, along with the Subway and Wendy's sign. The square footage is being lowered but they are asking for an increase in height and a different location. There was no one else present at the meeting to speak for or against this request. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

10. Consider taking action concerning the request for a sign height variance at 625 Carrollton Street (Georgia Highway 113) on a site owned by PFJ Southeast, LLC, and being Pilot Travel Center #417, in order to increase the sign's height from 135 linear feet up to 175 linear feet, with the requested new location of the sign to be near the Interstate 20 property and closer to the I-20 – Georgia Highway 113 interchange. Application by Integrated Image.

There was a motion by Council Member Miller to approve the request for a sign height variance for Pilot Travel Center, to increase the height from 135 linear feet to 175 linear feet, with the location of the sign to be moved closer to the I-20/Hwy 113 interchange, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0.

11. Report on the May 25 bid opening for the Water Drainage project near the City Park gymnasium, which includes demolition of an existing retaining wall and construction of a new replacement structure. Recreation Director, Ingrid McKinley, reported that there was only one bid submitted for this project; the bid was from Southern Pro in the amount of: \$57,834.

12. Consider approval of the only contractor who submitted a proposal in response to the City of Temple's May 25 solicitation of bids for demolition of the old retaining wall near the gymnasium in the City Park and for the subsequent construction of a new retaining wall and related water drainage improvements, with the bid amount of \$57,834 to be funds from the City's 2015 SPLOST program which currently are designated to be expended on parking lot improvements in the City Park.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the bid of \$57,834 from Southern Pro, with the funds to come from the 2015 SPLOST, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

13. Authorize the City Recreation Department to provide access to the pavilion and to the gymnasium restrooms for a scheduled 7:00 a.m. bicycle ride rest stop in Temple on Sunday, July 11, for the non-profit Twice Baked Century Ride.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Recreation Department to provide access to the pavilion and gym restrooms for a 7:00am bicycle rest stop on Sunday July 11th for the non profit Twice Baked Century Ride, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 3-0.

14. Review of the City Council's decision during a special called meeting on May 24 to select GFL Environmental to provide garbage collection and disposal services in the City of Temple starting July 1, 2021, including the monthly rates to be charged to the City of Temple government for these services to residential and commercial customers.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the Council selected GFL to take over trash services in the City beginning July 1st, for two years. He stated he will be following up with a meeting on June 7th with GFL to discuss the transition and a meeting with Waste Pro to discuss the phase out of their services.

15. Staff report concerning the current monthly rates being charged residential and commercial customers in the City of Temple for collection and disposal services being provided at this time by Waste Pro USA and for related administrative services being provided at this time by the City of Temple government.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that in Spring 2019, when the City used Waste Industries for sanitation services, we were being charged \$11.79 for a 95 gallon cart and the City added .71 to cover administrative charges, which was a total of \$12.50 charged to the customer. Waste Pro gave us a bid of \$10.50 for a 95 gallon cart, we charged .75 bringing the monthly charge to \$11.25. Last summer there some increase by Waste Pro, they went up by .30, the City went up by .20 bringing the total to \$11.75 a month for one garbage cart. Recycling was provided at no charge by Waste Pro. Businesses were given six month to transition into using Waste Pro and they were charged a 7% sur charge.

16. Review and discuss options for monthly rates to be charged to residential and commercial customers in the City of Temple starting July 2, 2021, with GFL Environmental becoming responsible for garbage collection and disposal within this municipality and with the City of Temple government continuing to be responsible for related administrative services.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the three quotes the City received for residential garbage are as follows: Waste Pro- \$14.57, GFL- \$12.95, In-House- \$14.50. He recommended going with GFL and making the monthly rate be \$14, that would be adding \$1.05 to GFL's cost to cover administrative expenses. He recommended continuing the 7% sur charge on commercial and industrial accounts. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to raise the garbage rate to \$14 per month and to continue with the sur charge for commercial and industrial customers, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 3-0.

17. Reports on the City Council's consideration during its Community Development Committee meeting on March 29 of a Temple Planning Commission recommendation pertaining to Phase I Lots 5 – 17 of the Lakeshore subdivision on the north side of East Johnson Street and on the City Council's further consideration of this situation during a special called meeting on May 24.....Bill Osborne

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Phase I Lots 5-17 in Lakeshore subdivision. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the final plat did not approve these lots and City Attorney Carey Pilgrim stated that the only thing before them is the approval of these lots. There's a preliminary plat out there that the Council and Trademark has seen which shows a phase two but it was never approved. These lots ended up in phase two instead of phase one and tonight we are only looking at the request to approve the final plat for Phase I lots 5-17. The Attorney for Trademark, Steven Jones was also present at the meeting. He stated Trademark has a vested interest in those lots and the infrastructure is already there; he said they check the boxes that the ordinance requires to move forward with those lots, and he would like all parties to come together and meet regarding future phases of Trademark to work towards a plan that everyone can support.

18. Consider Trademark Quality Homes' request for approval of the final plat for Phase I Lots 5 – 17 of the Lakeshore subdivision on the north side of East Johnson Street, which is zoned Design Concept Development (DCD).....Mayor Michael Johnson
Council Member Bracknell made a motion, based on legal advice discussed at the meeting, to accept the plat for Lots 5-17 in Lakeshore subdivision, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

19. Notify the Three Rivers Regional Commission that the City of Temple has no objection or comments pertaining to recent amendments to the Carroll County government's update of its Comprehensive Plan.....Bill Osborne
City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the only real change to the Comprehensive Plan is broadband. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to notify Three Rivers Regional Commission that the City of Temple has no objection or comments pertaining to the recent amendments made to the Comprehensive Plan, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 3-0.

20. Authorize the City Administrator to advertise for sealed bids for the purchase and installation of a new Grit System at the City of Temple's Sewer Treatment Plant.....Mayor Michael Johnson
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator to advertise for sealed bids for the purchase and installation of a new Grit System for the Sewer Treatment Plant, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

21. Adopt a new Job Classification and Pay Scale for full-time City of Temple employees.....Richard Bracknell
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt a new Job Classification and Pay Scale for full time City of Temple employees, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 3-0.

22. Change the date of the City Council's 6:30 p.m. regular monthly meeting in July from Monday, July 5, to Tuesday, July 6, due to the Independence Day holiday weekend.....Kristin Etheredge
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to change the day of the City Council's regular meeting in July from Monday, July 5th to Tuesday July 6th, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 3-0.

23. Brief staff reports on some current activities by the City of Temple pertaining to stormwater issues and stormwater management.....Bill Osborne, Hal Burch
City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that there are some issues in Lakeland Park that everyone is familiar with. We may still want to do a shallow detention pond; the City is still looking into this. The issues in Perennial Park have subsided, but they are still dealing with some swimming pools that have problems. There are some stormwater issues on Rippling Court in Lakeshore subdivision that need to be dealt with and we will come back to you with a recommendation.

24. Report by the Police Department concerning current plans for restricting parking on various specific streets in the City of Temple.....Chief Creig Lee
At this time, the City is holding off on doing anything on Holder Street. Chief Lee is going to get together with Public Works Director Hal Burch to purchase signs. Mr. Burch stated it would take a couple of weeks to get the signs provided there is not a metal shortage. Chief Lee distributed a memo that outlined a plan for restricting parking on the streets in some subdivisions. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the plan for restricting parking on various specific streets in the City of Temple, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

25. Authorize the City Administrator to notify the engineering consulting firm of Keck & Wood that the bid opening date on the Water Meter Replacement Project can be extended from June 22 to not later than Monday, July 19, if the City's 2018 and 2019 Audits have not been completed by the CPA firm of Mauldin & Jenkins before mid-June.....Mayor Michael Johnson
City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that we extended the bid opening to June 22nd and he would like to have the authority to have it as late as July 19th. This afternoon Mauldin and Jenkins notified the City that they are sending us a draft version of the audit to review and we will plan a special work session to meet with the auditors regarding this. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator to notify Keck and Woods that the bid opening date for the Water Meter Replacement Project may occur as late as July 19, 2021, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

26. Authorize the City Administrator to transmit a written notification to the Haralson County Commission Chairman of the request from property owner Ivory Spear to annex into the City of Temple certain property fronting on McClure Road in Haralson County and being adjacent to the current corporate limits of Temple.....Bill Osborne
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator to transmit written notification to Haralson County of the request from Ivory Spear to annex his property into the City of Temple, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 3-0.

27. Adopt a resolution notifying Spectra Gutters that the current structural integrity of Billings Road from Carrollton Street (Georgia 113) to the western boundary of this site on the south side of said road is acceptable in its current condition to handle the loaded trucks entering and leaving this new industrial site, and that within two years after the company's opening the City will analyze traffic volume and traffic safety records to determine if a need exists for road modifications which could include construction of an additional lane for a limited distance on Billings Road.....Bill Osborne
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt a resolution notifying Spectra Gutters of the structural integrity of Billings Road, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 3-0.

Executive Session, if needed- N/A

Closing Comments- N/A

Adjournment- There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adjourn, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM