

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 7, 2022**  
**6:30PM, Temple Senior Center**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson. All council members are present: Richard Bracknell, Hiley Miller, Casey Russom, Howard Walden, Tom 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 to approve the published agenda by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

**State of the City Address-** Mayor Michael Johnson gave the State of the City Address

**Approval of Minutes:**

January 3, 2022 Special Called Meeting- There was a motion to approve by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0, 2 abstained (Bracknell & Miller)

February 7, 2022 Council Meeting- There was a motion to approve by council Member Walden, second by Council Member Miller. 4-0, 1 abstained (Wallace)

February 17, 2022 Special Called Meeting- There was a motion to approve by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0, 2 abstained (Miller, Bracknell)

February 28, 2022 Special Called Meeting- There was a motion to approve by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden, Vote 4-0, 1 abstained (Russom)

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Morgan- Stated there have been four attempts at his life and he is being gang stalked. He said this is when people from the internet stalk and follow you. He said he has proof of this. He said the Police Department is followed by the same people, one of them is a convicted murderer and one is a meth addict. He said that two of the attempts that are on his life are on record. He stated his mother lived at 49 Milner St and there was a man who walked up and down Sage Street. She tried to help him, but the man assaulted her because she wouldn't buy his bulldogs. He made a call to 911 and then leaped on the man to protect his mother. The officers present knew what was going on. He said he was sorry to be so aggressive.

Jessica Simino- (626 Rainey Road)- She stated she was coming to the Council with something emotional. There is a sharp curve in Rainey Road with no signs or warnings. There have been so many accidents there and just in the past week there were two within two days of each other. One person lost their life, and she stayed there holding his hand until help arrived. She was required to put up a fence by the City because she has dogs; two days later someone ran into her fence. He was trapped in his car, another day a lady with a child in her car lost control and ran off into an embankment. She holds her breath coming out of her driveway because it is so dangerous. She stated something has to be done about the curve, it drops off on both sides. There are also power lines down, and snapped power poles that have not been cleaned up.

## **Announcements- N/A**

### **NEW BUSINESS, PART ONE**

1. Adopt a Resolution to provide that a City Council regular monthly meeting agenda and a special called meeting agenda can include a Consent Agenda, with City Council action pertaining to all items on said agenda be taken simultaneously.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the City Attorney prepared the resolution. If the Council adopts this, they can then implement the consent agenda that follows in a single action. There was a motion to adopt a resolution to provide that the City Council regular monthly meeting agenda and a special called meeting agenda can include a Consent Agenda, second by Council Member Miller.

Vote 5-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Michael Johnson explained that if any council member has concerns about any of the item on the consent agenda, this is their opportunity to express those concerns. There were no concerns. Mayor Johnson read all of the consent agenda items.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve all of the Consent Agenda items (1-6), second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

1. Reappoint Charlene Thomas to the West Georgia Regional Library Board as the representative from the City of Temple, for a term which expires on month day, 2024.

2. Grant permission to the Atlanta Gas Light Company to enter and cross property owned by the City of Temple at 240 Carrollton Street, being Parcel T04-006-0066 in Land Lots 149 and 172 of the 6<sup>th</sup> District, for the purpose of making a survey of a pipeline right of way.

3. Authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the City of Temple's current intergovernmental agreement with the Haralson County Board of Commissioners for receipt of funds being collected under that County's new Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST), which is expected to result in some \$8,000.00 in additional revenue during the life of said TSPLOST

4. Change the date of the City Council's regular monthly voting meeting from Monday, April 4, to Monday, April 11

5. Authorize the Mayor to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Carroll County Board of Commissioners pertaining to the proposed closure of two dirt sections of Oak Shade Road, with the first closed section to be from immediately west of the entry drive to the City of Temple Sewer Treatment Plant a short distance from Oak Shade Road's intersection with Bar J Road and extending to the intersection with Etheredge Road and with the second closed section to be the dirt section extending westward to Steadman Road; and in conjunction with the Board of Commissioners to plan and hold a public hearing regarding the proposed closing of these two dirt sections of Oak Shade Road due to littering and other law enforcement issues

6. Approve the content and the use by the City of Temple of: (a) a one-page Agreement for Water and/or Sanitary Sewer Service, to be signed the customer and a City representative; (b) a Request for Rate Adjustment form; and (c) a Resident Complaint Form

## **NEW BUSINESS, PART TWO**

1. Consider accepting the February 28 proposal Number 8130 from Magnum Paving Company for street repairs and resurfacing in the Perennial Park community in the City of Temple at a total cost of \$200,954.13, with said work to be completed by March 31, 2022

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he thinks this is a good proposal. If approved, the work should be completed by the end of this month. This proposal was discussed at the Committees Meeting last week. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept proposal Number 8130 from Magnum Paving for street repairs and resurfacing in the Perennial Park subdivision at a total cost of \$299,954.13 with the work to be completed by March 31, 2022, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$200,954.13 for street repairs and resurfacing in the Perennial Park community, with \$88,997.58 being from Roadway Infrastructure and Improvement Fees paid by the residential builders in the Perennial Park community and with the remaining \$111,956.55 to be paid from 2021 SPLOST funds

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200,954.13 for street repairs and resurfacing in Perennial Park with \$88,997.58 being from Roadway Infrastructure and Improvement Fees paid by the residential builder in Perennial Park, with the remaining \$111,956.65 to be paid from 2021 SPLOST funds, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

3. Appoint up to five qualified local residents individually to review and evaluate the sealed bids the City of Temple will open on Tuesday, March 22, in response to the City's solicitation of bids from qualified companies seeking to be selected to provide and install new water meters throughout the City's Water System, with each person's responses to be submitted to the City Administrator's Office by 12:00 noon on Monday, April 4

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson has come up with a list of five individuals to review and evaluate the bids for the new water meters. She is going to check with the residents on the list and see if they are willing and available to participate in this project; she will let the Council know if they are available.

4. Discuss and then make a decision on the scope of Temple Senior Center minimum building cleanup requirements following a dance or any similar-type event, as well as identifying the party to have the financial responsibility for said cleanup

This topic was discussed at the Committees Meeting last week. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell that the City pay for the cleaning after all dances (twice a month) through the month of June and then reevaluate, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

5. Approve the expenditure of up to \$8,000.00 from the 2021 SPLOST funds included in the City of Temple's 2022 Fiscal Year Capital Fund budget for the Recreation Department for electrical repairs and lighting replacements on Fields 1, 3, 4, and 7

Recreation Director Ingrid McKinley explained that this will allow us to use field 4 at night and it will get the Recreation Department up and running properly to have this done. There was a motion by Council

Member Bracknell to approve the expenditure of \$8,000 from the 2021 SPLOST funds for electrical repairs and lighting replacements on Fields 1, 3, 4, and 7, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

6. Discuss the possible installation of a drop box and the location of outlets/data ports for the City Council's table as part of the City Hall expansion and renovation project, with two decisions by the City Council being made not later than Monday, March 28

Assistant City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that Prime Construction gave us information on a drop box which would cost approximately \$5,700. This has been requested from the citizens, so that they can drop their utility payments off at any time without having to come into the building. The drop box will be secure. There was also discuss about the outlets/data ports that will be needed in the Council chambers. There was miscommunication and the outlets were not built into the floor as originally requested, but this was not documented on the plans. It will cost approximately \$6,000 to dig up the concrete and install them. Another option would be running a cord and incorporating plugs into the tables. A decision was not made on how to proceed, the Council has until March 28<sup>th</sup> to decide on the drop box and data ports.

7. Staff report concerning the request for approval to move forward with the receipt of bids for the Sewer Treatment Plant's Filter Disc and Control Replacement, which is included in the City of Temple's FY2022 Capital Fund Budget

Sewer Department Director Jimmy Jenkins explained that the filter disc and control replacement is needed and very important for the maintenance of the sewer plant. Council Member Bracknell asked if this was already budgeted in the Capital Budget, City Administrator Bill Osborne confirmed that it will be paid from ARPA funds. There was a motion by Council member Bracknell to approve this request and move forward, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

8. Brief follow up discussion from the City Council's February 28 meeting pertaining to certain bills pending in this year's session of the Georgia General Assembly which could have significant impact on future growth and development in the City of Temple

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that this was discussed at the Council Committees meeting last week. Information from GMA was given to the Council Members regarding 11 bills which could have a significant impact on local governments. Mr. Osborne stated that the City could contact our local delegation and give input on these bills. Mayor Johnson suggested it would be more impactful if each Council Member contacted the delegation directly; he stated that he would share the contact information for our delegation to whoever needs it.

9. Updated staff report concerning City of Temple actions to reduce the current public safety problems in various residential communities primarily caused by vehicles parked on street right of way

Chief Creig Lee stated that the Police Department spent time last week going through the different subdivisions and putting stickers on cars that were parked in the streets and knocking on doors and letting residents know that they can not leave their vehicles parked in the streets, per the City parking ordinance. There have been issues, where emergency vehicles, buses, etc. have a difficult time getting through some neighborhoods due to all of the cars in the streets. The City will be also adding some no parking signs in some of the subdivisions.

10. Monthly report from Finance Director Ken Abidde.

Finance Director Kenneth Abidde gave the Council a two page spreadsheet with information on the General Fund and Water and Sewer Fund.

**Closing Comments:**

Howard Walden- wanted to address what was brought up on Rainey Road. He asked if we need to put signs up or do something about the curve? He appreciated Ms. Simino bringing this to the Council's attention. There was a brief discussion about putting up more signage and possibly guard rails. Public Works Director Hal Burch and Chief Creig Lee will investigate the area and determine what is needed.

**Executive Session, if needed – N/A**

**Adjournment** – There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:14PM.