

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 11, 2022
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

Council Members Present: Howard Walden, Casey Russom, Hiley Miller, Tom Wallace, Richard Bracknell. (Council Member Bracknell arrived at 6:35PM and was not present to vote on the approval of the agenda and minutes)

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Michael Johnson.

Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council meeting, as presented:

City Administrator Bill Osborne requested that an additional item be placed on the agenda. He stated that due to the construction, City Hall will need to be closed to the public on next Monday and Tuesday (April 18th & 19th) due to interior painting being done, along with flooring being installed and other construction issues. He would like an additional agenda item that would extend the deadline for paying a utility payment without a late charge from Wednesday April 20th to Friday April 22nd. Mayor Johnson stated if this item is approved to be added it would be agenda item number 18.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the agenda with item 18 being added, regarding extending the date for paying a utility bill without a late fee from April 20th to April 22nd, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

Approval of Minutes:

March 7, 2022 City Council Meeting

There was a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 4-0.

March 14, 2022 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion to approve the March 14, 2022 minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 4-0.

Public Comments :

Melissa Perkins (64 Bradley Street) stated that she has lived here since 2018. Since she has lived here there have been seven occurrences, where her home was flooded with sewage due to the lift station. It has destroyed flooring and caused damage in her home; she has videos and pictures of the damage. This has resulted in major home owner's claims. The last time this happened was last week, she was working from home and had a shop vac to help contain it, otherwise it would have been much worse. Sewage is a toxic biohazard. When this happens they don't have a working toilet, which is imperative for their daughter who has Chron's disease. She stated that they have brought this to the attention of the City several times. She is aware it is expensive to fix, but this can't take years. We can't handle the citizens we have now. She is all for a museum, but those funds should go to infrastructure. She said her family's health is at risk, it is affecting her neighbors also and she is concerned about leaving her home when it rains. She's not sure if sewage is going into the lake/stream behind her home. She feels this is urgent and the lift station needs to accommodate the capacity. They put a bandaid on her problem, a back water valve. She is holding her breath until the next time it rains.

Gary Pack (309 Dean Court) He lives in the Lakeland Park Subdivision. He said the City has been made aware of the flooding issues, they also have pothole issues and he believes the two problems are related. He stated the water overflows in the manhole cover at the top of the hill and floods towards the bottom. It has come closing to getting in the homes at the bottom of the hill. He stated he has tried to talk to the representative of the home builder, and they blame the City for this problem and said the City was supposed to build a retention pond. He is hoping something can be done. He thinks it affects the neighborhood below him, but it also affects the road conditions with potholes. He wanted to thank Chief Lee and his force, they recently did a welfare check on him when he accidentally set off an alarm. He also appreciates the Council working on the garbage issues of last year.

Tiffany Tubens (116 Garner Way) She stated that they are at the bottom of the hill in Lakeland Park. She said twice in the last six months the sewage streams have collapsed. The water goes into her porch area. She has pictures. She said it has been two years that she has been trying to talk to the builder about this. She agrees with everything Gary Pack said.

Announcements

CONSENT AGENDA:

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the consent agenda, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

1. Authorize the Temple City Administrator's Office to issue a request for proposals for a painting/flooring project to upgrade specific areas of the Temple Senior Center, with the deadline for submission of proposals being 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 6, and with the funding source being the 2021 SPLOST.
2. Approve the demolition of the former residential structure located on a 1.3-acre lot owned by the City of Temple at 7 Matthews Street, which is adjacent to the 2.8-acre adjacent tract on which the City's Public Works Department's headquarters, storage area, and repair facilities are located, so that in the future the City can place a modular building on this tract for the department's use.
3. Adopt an amendment to the City of Temple's 2022 Capital Fund Budget to include additional revenue of \$18,641.46 resulting from a payment by Ivory Spear, a property owner in that part of the City of Temple located in Haralson County; and then approve the expenditure of the \$18,641.46 to pay for the labor and materials to extend the existing six-inch water line adjacent to McClure Road by 650 linear feet in order for water services to be available to this property owned by Mr. Spear.
4. Approve change orders for the Temple City Hall Expansion Project with Prime Construction for: (a) repainting of four existing offices at a cost of \$1,600.00, and (b) placement of an exterior drive-by drop box which would be secured on a newly constructed concrete pad at a cost not to exceed \$5,700.00.
5. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with software company iWorQ to implement the TextMyGov service in order to provide City of Temple residents and businesses with two-way text message capability, enabling service requests and comments to be sent to this local government and also enabling notifications to be sent to local residents and businesses; and authorize payment of the

\$2,150.00 annual fee for the TextMyGov service to be paid from the current Computer Services line item in the Administration Department's operating budget.

6. Authorize the Mayor to sign an advertising contract with Georgia Trend for a half-page advertisement at a cost of \$6,140.00 to be included in the "Carroll County Area Focus" section of this publication's July 2022 issue, in order to promote economic and industrial growth and development in Temple; and authorize payment from the current Advertising/Public Relations line item in the Governing Body's operating budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the request from the City of Temple for approval of the rezoning of a 1.54-acre tract of land at 598 Sage Street, being Parcel T04 0040011 in Land Lot 172, District 6 from R-2 (Single-Family Detached Residential) to G (Government) and being the location of the City's Museum.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against this request. The public hearing was closed.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to rezone the property at 598 Sage Street to Government, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

2. Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the request from the City of Temple for approval of the rezoning of a 1.30-acre tract of land at 7 Matthews Street, being Parcel T02 0050011 in Land Lot 173, District 6 from R-2 (Single-Family Detached Residential) to G (Government) and now being part of the City's Public Works Department property.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against this request. The public hearing was closed.

There was a motion by Council Member Miller to rezone the property at 7 Matthews Street to Government, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

3. Presentation by Turnipseed Engineering pertaining to the findings of its Hydrology Study for the City of Temple in the Lakeland Park Residential Subdivision off Bar J Road; discussion with City officials.

City Engineer Greg Ashworth was present at the meeting to present the findings of its Hydrology Study in the Lakeland Park Subdivision. He stated that many in the room are aware of the issues in Lakeland Park and have seen photos and heard stories of how residents are being affected. They have surveyed ditches, manhole pipes, the stream, etc. and what they found behind 224 Shelton Circle is that the pipes are installed reverse of the way they are supposed to be installed, so it doesn't work. Water has to flow downhill unless you have a pump attached. Turnipseed modeled what the storm water run off would be prior to the existence of the neighborhood, what it is currently, and then they modeled it seven different ways to repair this. He stated that a lot of the stormwater is coming off of the City's spray field, and that in some ways this field is already acting as a detention pond.

He stated that it is flooding on Dean Court and on Lake Ridge Drive which is out of the City limits. It appears that something is blocking one of the cross pipes causing it to back up in ditches along Lakeridge Drive. They evaluated seven alternatives. Of these options, Turnipseed is recommending alternative seven which is to increase the size of the pipes, getting them flowing in the correct direction, and upgrading the ditches. There was a brief discussion about the flooding issue on Garner Lane that was mentioned by a citizen during public comments; Mr. Ashworth stated that appears to be more of a

builder issue with grading. He also mentioned that the best route would be to coordinate with the County to work on this issue and for the City to let him know who they want to be involved in these discussions so that the proposals can be worked on together. Council Member Bracknell emphasized that time is an issue and the project needs to start immediately; the citizens have been extremely patient.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to have City Engineer Greg Ashworth continue with this project, and to proceed with option number seven and to include consulting with the Carroll County engineer and to begin this process tomorrow, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

4. Presentation by Turnipseed Engineering concerning the annual MS4 report.

City Engineer Greg Ashworth explained as a permitted MS4 the City is required to submit an annual report every January. One requirement is to make a presentation to the public and Council, to let them know what we are going to protect the streams and state waters in Temple. A lot of the requirements, Turnipseed is doing on the City's behalf. There is a stormwater brochure available at City Hall and we have to keep up with how many brochures are given out. Every five years, someone from your City, or a consultant, has to walk every stream in the City. Turnipseed did five stream walks as of last week. It is about 15 days of work. They have to inspect the outfalls when it hasn't rained for at least four days to make sure there is no illicit discharge. The City's Development Code is up to date. This meeting tonight is a requirement, along with an annual training of staff which took place this morning. He asked if there were any questions; there were none.

5. Consider approval of a change order pertaining to the Temple City Hall Expansion Project contract with Prime Construction, providing for the replacement of the existing light fixtures in the newly constructed offices in the current City Hall building with LED lights at a cost of \$10,670.00.

Assistant City Administrator Lisa Jacobson clarified that this cost would only include installation of LED lights in the new office portion of the existing City Hall building only.

There was a motion by Council Member Russom to deny purchasing the LED lights, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-1. Council Member Bracknell abstained because he missed part of the discussion.

6. Staff report concerning the \$131,000.00 line item for City Hall Furniture and Fixtures included in the City's adopted FY2022 Capital Fund Budget and concerning preparation of a request for additional funds as this project is completed, including furnishings and displays in this new City Hall building which will emphasize certain historic events in Temple's growth and development.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Council Member Bracknell and the design committee have been working on the design and displays for the new City Hall building. At this time \$131,000 is budgeted. At this time there is no need for a budget amendment.

7. Staff report concerning the final identification of the expenditure of 2015 SPLOST funds in accordance with the components of this program, such as streets, parks and recreation, economic development, and water and sewer facilities.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there is a report in the Council book dealing with capital items.

8. Approve the purchase and installation of a replacement Screw Screen Augur in the City's Sewer Treatment Plant at the cost not to exceed \$13,000.00, with funding for this project being with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds included in the City's adopted FY2022 Capital Budget.

Sewer Director Jimmy Jenkins explained that he needed to replace a Screw Screen Augur in the Sewer Treatment plant. When asked about the different options, Mr. Jenkins explained that the stainless steel option would have a longer life span.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to purchase the stainless steel screw screen augur at a cost of \$15,329.68 with the funding to come from the American Rescue Plan Act, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

9. Staff reports concerning stormwater issues in the City of Temple, including during the rain events last week, as well as concerning some particular situations in the area served by the Bradley Street Sewer Lift Station.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that at the start of the meeting, Ms. Perkins spoke about this issue. He understands the predicament her family is in and wanted to bring it to the Council's attention. Public Works Director Hal Burch explained there has been an issue for some time at the Bradley Street lift station. They have put in new pumps, upgraded the control panels, walked and opened every manhole between the lift station and Webster Lake and have yet to identify where the intrusion is. He said they know it's inherent to rain events, not necessarily the level of the lake. He explained that capacity studies have been done and the pumps on the lift station are cycling every four minutes; that is too much and needs to be upgraded. He said they are aggressively putting together a comprehensive plan to a problem that we have inherited. He also mentioned that he spoke to a plumber and now code requires that the end home on a sewer line has to have a back flow preventer, this was installed at the affected house last week. It should have been installed when the house was built. Mr. Burch stated that the Centerpoint, Billings and Villa Rosa lift stations are all stretched to capacity and need to be upgraded. Mr. Burch explained that he has created a preventative maintenance plan for the lift stations. They have all been cleaned and tested. We have to wait for the water and sewer capacity study to be completed so that we can put a plan in place.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that once the water meter project is completed, this will be the next project. It will be far larger and more expensive. He stated the City can use some of the American Rescue Plan funds for this project, and we plan to apply for grants as well.

10. Report on the key actions taken by the 2022 session of the Georgia General Assembly of particular importance to municipal governments in Georgia.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained there is information in the book regarding the action taken at the 2022 session of the Georgia General Assembly.

11. Updated staff report concerning the placement of signage and other steps being taken by the City of Temple to increase motorists' awareness of potential safety issues on Rainey Road east of the two public school campuses and near the city limits signage.

Chief Creig Lee explained that Public Works Director Hal Burch has ordered additional signs (curve ahead, arrows, and more speed limit signs); these signs will be placed in both directions. Three signs were installed after last month's meeting.

12. Brief updated staff report concerning the continuing efforts by the City of Temple to deal with safety and potential congestion issues caused or worsened by individuals who park on various residential streets in Temple.

Chief Creig Lee explained they haven't had any complaints in the last week or so regarding parking. They have issued a couple of tickets and warnings but at this time, most everyone is in compliance. They will put up more signs if needed.

13. Discussion of the placement and enforcement of various posted signs and other safety measures on residential streets in the City of Temple.

Council Member Walden explained that Chief Lee touched on a lot of this during the last two agenda items. He did mention that on Piedmont Court there are two cars that have been parked in the street for a very long time. After a brief discussion, Chief Lee stated that he will go to Piedmont Court and speak to the resident that lives there regarding the cars that are parked in the street, and not in the driveway.

14. Brief review of this local government's restrictions on soil disturbance, requirements for erosion control, and warnings and possible enforcement measures with violators; also, an updated report concerning the situation on the south side of Billings Road to the west of the Pilot Travel Center.

Assistant City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that there is information in the book regarding the City's codes and there is one property where she is working with a soil erosion issue.

15. Updated staff report concerning the 2022 edition of Georgia Cities Week and concerning plans in the City of Temple to highlight this special week to be observed statewide on April 24 – 30.

City Clerk Kristin Etheredge explained that as discussed in the last meeting, there are plans to have a Clean Up Day and also a Forum at the Senior Center to give a demonstration and explanation of the new service TextMyGov which the City will be utilizing soon. We will also be sharing information on the City's website and facebook page related to the elected officials and City departments.

16. Brief status report concerning work to be completed on the City of Temple's 2021 Audit, so it can be transmitted to the State of Georgia prior to the June 30 deadline.

Finance Director Kenneth Abidde explained that all of the documents requested so far have been submitted to Mauldin and Jenkins. They will be asking for additional information and we are still on schedule.

17. Brief status reports concerning: (a) the individual evaluations done by several qualified local residents of the recent sealed bids from some consulting engineering firms who responded to the City of Temple's request for proposals to provide and install replacement residential and non-residential water meters throughout this municipality; and (b) plans for a meeting where City of Temple elected officials can review and discuss these evaluations and then select the company to provide and to install new water meters in this community, and to do so prior to the spring meeting of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), where this State agency will decide what financial assistance might be provided to Temple for its new Water Meter operation.

Assistant City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that four citizens evaluated the bids. There will be a meeting later this week with Keck and Wood to see what the recommendation to the City will be. We hope to have that information by the end of the month.

18. (this item was added to the agenda) Due to construction at City Hall, and the building being closed to the public on Monday April 18th and Tuesday April 19th, the City would like to extend the deadline to pay utility bills from Wednesday April 20th to Friday April 22nd at 4:00PM.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to extend the deadline for utility payments to Friday April 22nd at 4:00PM, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments

Howard Walden- Wanted to thank City Administrator Bill Osborne for all of the information on the lift stations, house bills, etc.

Executive Session, if needed:

Mayor Johnson explained there was a need for Executive Session for litigation and real estate. There will be no action taken afterwards.

There was a motion to go into executive session by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. They went into executive session at 8:38PM.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to come out of executive session, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM