

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 1, 2022  
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson  
Council Members Present: Bracknell, Miller, Russom, 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 to approve the published agenda by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

**Approval of Minutes:**

July 11, 2022 City Council Meeting: There was a motion by Council Member Walden to table the July 11, 2022 minutes, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0. Council Member Bracknell abstained; he did not attend the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Public Comments:** N/A

**Announcements:** N/A

**CONSENT AGENDA**

There was a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes items 1-5 listed below, by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

1. Due to GFL Environmental Services' decision to terminate its residential recycling program, agree to delete recycling services from the City of Temple's current agreement with GFL after collections have been completed on Thursday, August 25.

2. Approve a new City of Temple schedule for tap fees and remove recycling from the schedule of garbage fees.

3. Authorize the City Finance Director to reimburse the sum of \$3,250.00 to four different individuals who recently were charged by the City of Temple the plan review fee for a residential subdivision (\$3,500.00) instead of the fee for a plan review of one single-family residence (\$250.00).

4. Authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed agreement with Turnipseed Engineers for design engineering services pertaining to the upgrade of approximately 9,100 linear feet of water lines located adjacent to East Johnson Street and Sage Street, with the scope to include assistance with the bid process and with construction contract administration and with the cost of these services to be equal to 7.5 percent of the bid construction cost.

5. Approve City Hall Expansion Change Order #10 in the amount of \$6,585.83, with payment to be made with funds from the 2021 SPLOST.

6. Approve the City Hall landscape excavation proposal from Chip's Lawn Care in the amount of \$7,670.00, with funding from the 2021 SPLOST.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. (Tabled from meeting of July 11, 2022): Consider taking action on the request for the Preliminary Plat approval on a 110.74-acre tract of land zoned DCD (Design Concept Development) located on Harmon Road (Parcel T02 0110042) in Land Lot 114, District 6, being Azalea Hills Phase 4. Application by Trey Robinson of Prime Construction and Michael Forlaw of Southeast Civil Group

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to take this item off of the table, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

There was a motion by Council Member Russom to vote no on this request because there was no one present to speak on this request, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the proposed Lakeshore Development Agreement from Trademark Quality Homes.

Mayor Johnson explained that based on a request by Trademark Quality Homes that this item be postponed until the August 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2. Adopt the resolution, prepared by the Haralson County Board of Commissioners, regarding the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement for the continuing collection and distribution of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) proceeds for the next ten years among the governments of Haralson County, Bremen, Buchanan, Tallapoosa, Waco, and Temple

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the LOST resolution, contingent on the County first passing it and pending legal review by the City Attorney, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

3. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the governments of Haralson County, Bremen, Buchanan, Tallapoosa, Waco, and Temple for distribution of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) proceeds for the next ten years, with the City of Temple to receive 0.27 percent of said proceeds

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the LOST Intergovernmental Agreement, after the county passes it and contingent on the review of the City Attorney and to authorize the Mayor to sign it, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

4. Announce the City of Temple's millage rate for the 2022 tax year will be considered for adoption in a special called meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 29, in conjunction with the regular monthly series of meetings of City Council committees; and announce required public hearings will be held on Monday, August 22 and 29

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the number of public hearings depends on what the Council wants to do with setting the millage rate. He has planned for the public hearings regarding the millage rate to take place on August 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. He explained that there would be a Special Called Meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> and that the millage rate would be adopted at that time.

5. Receive and discuss a report from Finance Director Ken Abidde pertaining to the City of Temple's 2022 Digest and 5-Year History of Levy.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that we are seeing the results of the new construction that has taken place in recent months. Both Council Member Russom and Bracknell wanted to clarify that if the City rolls back the millage rate, that means that we are taking in more taxes, therefore, we are lowering taxes going forward. Council Member Bracknell wanted it to be clear that the intentions are to roll back.

6. Discuss and then either decide on the City of Temple's proposed 2022 tax millage rate or schedule a special called meeting of the City Council with the purpose of deciding on the City's 2022 tax millage rate

It was determined that there will be a Public Hearing at 5:30PM on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and this will be further discussed at the meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

7. Discuss and then consider approving in separate City Council actions certain proposed amendments to the City of Temple's FY2022 Operating Budgets for the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund and for the FY2022 Capital Budget Fund

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Finance Director Kenneth Abidde has done a good job providing the budget amendment information to everyone. He stated at the committees meeting a week ago, there were no questions or comments regarding the information that was presented. He stated that no action needed to be taken tonight, but it can be discussed further at the next committees meeting, or at a future Special Called Meeting. Mr. Abidde stated that workers compensation insurance and group insurance have both recently been increased and that will need to be looked at further.

8. Consider approving the startup this fall by the City's Recreation Department of the new PlayBallFriends program for preschool-age children

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the startup this fall by the Recreation Department of the new PlayBallFriends Program for preschool-age children, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

9. Review the request from the City Recreation Department for approval of a once-a-month Farmer's Market at the Luke Pavilion in the City Park, with the City Council's discussion of this request to include a review of the April 2, 2018, resolution adopted by the City Council pertaining to the conduct of a Farmer's Market in Temple

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the Farmers Market Resolution that was adopted in 2018 was in the book for the council to review. After a brief discussion, it was determined that everyone agreed that there is not a problem with selling fruits and vegetables, but there were concerns about selling animals. The resolution that was adopted in 2018 includes the sale of fruits and vegetables, but not animals. The person that is requesting to have a farmer's market has been given the resolution and the application which explains all of the requirements. It was agreed that having a farmers market will be dependent on the applicant's willingness to meet and follow the requirements that are outlined in the resolution and application.

10. Discuss and then consider approving an agreement with the Carroll County School System for certain public safety and security services provided by the City of Temple during the 2022-23 school year, including through a new School Resource Officer (SRO)

Mayor Johnson explained that they were originally told that the Sheriff's Office would not be able to provide a School Resource Officer for the upcoming school year. About an hour ago, he was informed that they do have someone in place to serve as the School Resource Officer. He stated that he

recommends that this put on the agenda for the August 29<sup>th</sup> Committees meeting so that we can get the relevant information needed and discuss this matter further.

11. Discuss and then consider adopting a Code of Ordinance which is design to parallel Carroll County's Septic Code

City Attorney Carey Pilgrim explained that the relevant ordinance did not have the word septic tank in it, so he added it so that section can be enforced. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the ordinance which is parallel to Carroll County's Septic Code, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

12. Discuss and then consider authorizing the Mayor to communicate with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) concerning options and requirements for improvements to the sidewalk on Georgia Highway 113 (Carrollton Street) adjacent to the Temple United Methodist Church property in the downtown area

Mayor Johnson received from Public Works Director, Hal Burch, a copy of what GDOT wants the City to agree to concerning improvements to the sidewalk on Highway 113 adjacent to the Methodist Church property. He is going to review the information and see if he can get some assistance regarding this. Council Member Wallace also explained that GDOT is requiring a five foot sidewalk and it is currently two feet.

13. Review, discuss, and consider taking action on several requests from RTS pertaining to implementation of certain aspects of that company's successful proposal for providing and installing the City of Temple's new water meters, with funding through the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA)

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that staff is continuing to work on this. No action needs to be taken at this time.

**Closing Comments**

Hiley Miller- She stated that this year she has had only three successful recycling pick ups from GFL. She would like for GFL to refund the recycling fee to the residents who paid for it, since they paid for a service that was not provided. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that he would like to get together some information on this and report back to the Council He said that from talking with Regina Shaw who is over the water department, there have been a number of people who have had that charge refunded on their bill and he would like to get that information together. He acknowledged that it has been a problem. Mayor Johnson stated that could be a potential item for the next Special Called Meeting.

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

**Adjournment** : There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.