

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 2023
4:00PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM by Mayor Michael Johnson.
Council Members Present: Richard Bracknell, Casey Russom, Howard Walden, Tom Wallace.
Council Member Hiley Miller arrived at 4:07PM. (was not present for items 1-5)

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 as presented, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

Approval of Minutes:

December 5, 2022 Council Meeting:

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes with a minor addition that was given to everyone, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 4-0.

Public Comments- N/A

Announcements:

City Administrator Bill Osborne announced that the GMA Winter meeting is coming up in Atlanta on January 20th- 23rd. If anyone is interested in attending, let Kristin know in the next couple of days. Our next committees meeting will be on January 30th. Law Enforcement Day is today, we appreciate our law enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Comments by the Mayor:

Mayor Michael Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said that 2022 was a good year, but the unfortunate aspect of it was we lost a lot of folks in Temple that made great contributions to our community with the life they lived and the things they did with their life. We appreciate and are thankful for the memories they left behind and their contributions to our community.

2. Election of the Mayor Pro Tem for 2023:

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. There was a motion by Council Member Walden to close the nominations and nominate Richard Bracknell, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0. (Council Member Bracknell abstained)

3. Comments by the Mayor Pro Tem:

Council Member Bracknell thanked everyone for the confidence that they have placed in him; he sees all of them working together for the best interest of Temple. He thanked them for the opportunity.

4. Announce his 2023 appointments of the Chair and the other members of each of the six City Council committees.

Mayor Johnson stated that the most significant change on the committees list, is the date 2023, otherwise the list is the same. He appreciates everyone's service on the committees. The Council has done an excellent job of balancing being fiscally conservative yet recognizing the need to upgrade and improve the services that we offer the citizens of Temple and he appreciates that very much.

5. Adopt a resolution to set the qualifying fees for the 2023 City of Temple election on November 7 for the positions of City Council member from Ward 3, City Council member from Ward 4, and City Council member from Ward 5

City Clerk Kristin Etheredge explained that the qualifying fees are 3% of the annual salary, which makes the fee \$135. Once this is voted on, the Carroll County Elections Office will be notified as this has to be published by February 1st. There was a motion to approve the resolution by Council Member Wallace, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

6. Approve the City of Temple's 2023 updated list of approved vendors and contractors

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the 2023 updated list of vendors and contractors, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

7. Report concerning the annual automatic 1.50 percent increase in water usage rates and sewer usage rates, and possible action by the City Council to keep this rate change from becoming effective with the start of the next monthly billing cycle

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the Council recently took action where we would not do the 1.5% increase on tap fees. Effective with the February billing cycle each year there would be a 1.5% increase in the usage rates unless you take action for it not to become effective, or if you take action to do something else. If there is no action by the Council that would prevent the increase from taking place, we would have a 1.5% increase for inflationary purposes beginning with the February billing cycle. Council Member Walden clarified that if no action is taken tonight, the increase is for water usage only. No action was taken.

8. Recess this City Council meeting for the purpose of holding meetings of some of the six City Council committees.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to recess the regular meeting and to go into the Council Committees meeting, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0. The meeting recessed at 4:16PM.

9. Following completion of part of these meetings of City Council committees, reconvene this City Council meeting.

10. Executive Session

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to go into Executive Session for Legal and Real Estate, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to come out of Executive Session, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to reconvene the regular voting meeting, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

11. After reconvening the City Council's regular monthly voting meeting, consider amending this meeting's agenda to include possible action by the City Council on certain items discussed during the January 9 committee meetings and on which the City Council wants to make a decision at this time, with the specific items being those set forth in this agenda item as well as other items to be identified and approved by the City Council:

- (a) Having received no response to the City's recent Request for Proposals for renovation work in the Villa Rosa community park, authorize the City Administrator and Recreation Director to obtain two or more quotes from qualified businesses pertaining to each of the different components of this proposed project and then to select to do this particular part of the project that business which submitted the best bid.
- (b) Authorize the Mayor to sign an Expedited Enforcement Compliance Order (Consent Order) with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, as the result of exceeding Biochemical Oxygen Demand rules and the City's permit limitations on five occasions between November 2019 and October 2022, and authorize payment of a penalty of \$2,004.00 by January 14, 2023.

Mayor Johnson explained that part A was discussed during the Committees meeting.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Mayor Mayor to sign an Expedited Enforcement Compliance Order (Consent Order) with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and authorize payment of a penalty of \$2,004.00 by January 14, 2023, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

12. At 6:30 p.m., hold the public hearing on the application from Bhavika Patel, president of B & J Mart, LLC, doing business as Temple Super Thrift at 182 West Highway 78 in the City of Temple for the retail package sale of alcohol beverages (beer and wine).

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. Mr. Patel, the applicant, stated that this is a current business that they are taking over. There was no one else present to speak for or against this request. The public hearing was closed.

13. Following the conclusion and adjournment of this public hearing, consider approval of the application from Bhavika Patel, president of B & J Mart, LLC, doing business as Temple Super Thrift at 182 West Highway 78 in the City of Temple for the retail package sale of alcohol beverages (beer and wine). Bhavika Patel, registered agent.

Council Member Walden asked if all documentation has been submitted; City Administrator Bill Osborne confirmed that it had. There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the application from Bhavika Patel for the retail package sale of alcoholic beverages at Temple Super Thrift, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments:

Tom Wallace- Go Dawgs

Casey Russom- What time does the game start?

Howard Walden- I have had complaints about the phones not being answered at City Hall or not getting returned calls when they leave a message. Please find out what the problem is. He stated he had names and addresses. City Administrator Bill Osborne asked for that information so that he could check into this issue.

Mayor Johnson- wanted to commend City Staff, Hal and his team, for the Christmas decoration. Chief Lee as well, the decorations looked great at the recreation department and museum too. He appreciates everyone's enthusiasm. He stated we have a new Temple sign at the travel intersection and it looks great!

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.



Mayor Michael Johnson



City Clerk