

## **CITY OF TEMPLE MINUTES**

**November 5, 2007**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Temple City Hall**

Mayor Ford called the regular meeting of the Temple City Council to order at 6:30 pm with the following Council Members present: Councilman Larry Estvanko, Councilman Larry Mann, Councilman Jerry Robinson, Councilman William Simmons and Councilman/Mayor Pro tem Gene Yearty.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the consent agenda second by Mr. Robinson unanimous by Council.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the October 1, 2007 meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Robinson second by Mr. Simmons unanimous by Council.

The Minutes from the October 11, 2007 special called meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Estvanko second by Mr. Simmons unanimous by Council.

**Planning and Zoning and Old Business** was the next two items on the agenda with nothing to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The first item under new business was the police department. Mr. Yearty questioned why the police department had so much overtime. He also had questions about the drug dog, blackberries, and the police budget. He encouraged the Mayor and Council to really look over their reports when they get them.

The purchase of new Christmas lights for the city was next on the agenda. Mayor Ford informed the Council that he had received calls from citizens/taxpayers stating our Christmas lights were in bad condition and in need of replacing. After looking at the budget he recommended spending around \$2000.00 to \$2500.00 out of the miscellaneous line item of the budget for the new lights. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve \$2500.00 for the purchase of new Christmas lights second by Mr. Simmons unanimous by Council.

After the reading of The Outdoor Watering Ban Resolution by C.A. Thomas; Mr. Mann made a motion to adopt the resolution second by Mr. Yearty unanimous by Council.

Mr. Thomas read The SPLOST Resolution/Dump Truck Purchase. Mr. Simmons made a motion to adopt the resolution second by Mr. Robinson unanimous by Council.

The water tank maintenance item was postponed so the contract could be evaluated further.

Water Conversation Mandated by E.P.D. was next under old business. Sam Russell told the council that effective November 1, 2007 EPD is requiring the city to reduce our water usage by ten percent. He gave information to the council including a letter he will be sending out to businesses. He also gave them a sample letter that could be sent out to all of our water customers informing everyone of the mandated water conservation. Mr. Yearty said he would like to wait until everyone has been made aware of this and then take a look at the water bills to evaluate how much of a reduction we have before sending the letter out.

Sam also advised the council that the city could purchase water conservation kits for \$5.39 each which would help with the reduction of water usage. After discussion, Mr. Estvanko made a motion to purchase 100 kits for \$539.00, distribute them out on a first come first serve basis and make it known that the city is in the water conservation business. The motion was not approved due to lack of a second. Mayor Ford opened the floor up for public comment. The following spoke under public comment: Lynn Cole, Teresa Estvanko, Ben Sinclair, Vicki Gover, Liz Pecor, John Morris, Sam Russell and Melody Pruner. After public comment; Mr. Estvanko made another motion to purchase 100 kits for \$539.00 and offer them to our Sr. Citizens and our handicap citizens. Mr. Yearty said his suggestion was to look at the water consumption first and see if we are making the ten percent reduction before we purchase the kits. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Ms. Amy Vollrath with Westside Towing wanted to know what the procedure was for them to be added to the wrecker rotation list for the City of Temple. Mr. Thomas explained all she needed to do is send the Mayor and Council a written request asking to be added to the list and it could be address at the December 3, 2007 meeting.

Gayla Bearden was next asking the Mayor and Council to consider the removal of Mr. Bracknell from the ethics committee. She explained that she feels it is unethical for him to run for city council and also work at the \*county election polls located here in the city. Mayor Ford opened the floor up public comment and the following spoke; Sonya Dobbs, Sandra Stillwell and Teresa Estvanko. A motion to remove Mr. Bracknell from the ethics committee was made by Mr. Estvanko but the motion died due to a lack of a second.

Lynn Cole which was listed under public comment requested to be on the agenda because her request was to be put on the agenda not under public comment. After consulting with Mr. Thomas they agreed to let her speak on the agenda. She explained to the Mayor and Council she was there requesting a traffic light at the intersection of Sage Street and Hwy 78. She said students, parents as well as buses are not able to get in or out of this intersection. She said she would also like to see turn arrows in all direction at the intersection of Hwy 113 and Hwy 78.

Next Ms. Cole spoke on the attack that had taken place in her neighborhood. She wanted to know what is being done about the attack and why a neighborhood meeting was not called to inform everyone about the attack. Chief Repetto advised her of what had been done to this point and he was going to set up a meeting with Ms. Cole to answer any more questions.

Under public comment the following spoke: Lynn Ford, Vicki Gover and Liz Pecor.

Mr. Mann made a motion to adjourn in order to go into executive session at 8:10 pm seconded by Mr. Robinson unanimous by council.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to return to regular session at 9:09 pm seconded by Mr. Mann unanimous by council.

A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Yearty at 9:15 pm seconded by Mr. Simmons unanimous by council.

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Rick Ford, Mayor

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Kim Pope, City Clerk

\*Amendment to the November 5, 2007 City of Temple Minutes of the regular council meeting per motion by Mr. Mann second by Mr. Yearty which passed on a vote of 4 in favor 1 against. Councilman Estvanko voted NO.

Mr. Mann asked for the minutes to be corrected to clarify that Mr. Bracknell was working the polls for the county elections and not the city elections.