

**CITY OF TEMPLE MINUTES
TEMPLE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013 @ 6:30 PM
TEMPLE CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Rick Ford called the regular scheduled Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm with the following members present constituting a quorum: Council Member Hiley Miller; Council Member Larry Mann; Council Member Richard Bracknell; and Terron Bivins

Council Member William Simmons was not in attendance.

- ❖ Mayor Ford recognized State Representative Dustin Hightower
- ❖ Principal of Temple Middle School, Gail Parmer

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Mayor Rick Ford

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mayor Rick Ford opened the floor for citizen's comments:

- ❖ **Richard McIntosh**, 206 James Allen Place spoke on the Business License. Wanted to know if the business license fee would be going up to \$400. Mayor Ford advised that this would be discussed during meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

Public Safety: Agenda Item

Community Development: Agenda Item

Recreation: No Report

Personnel: Agenda Item

Senior Center: No Report

Financial: Agenda Item

Public Works: Agenda Item

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes approval, Budget, Community Development, Public Safety, Recreation, Senior Center and Financial: Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) **Change of days and times for Temple Municipal Court:** 1st two Friday's of each month, will be held at the Temple Senior Center. Chief Tim Shaw brought this item to the Committee Meeting, so the recommendation comes from the Public Safety committee. Council Member Hiley Miller motioned to approve the new days and times for the Temple Municipal Court; seconded by Council Member Terron Bivins. Motion carries 4-0
- 2.) **Ratification of employment:** Public Works Director and Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement officer has been with us a couple weeks and our Public Works Director just reported to work today. Council Member Terron Bivins motioned to approve the ratification of employment; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. Motion carried 4-0
- 3.) **Discuss the Occupational Tax License Fee:** Council Member Richard Bracknell stated the way the ordinance currently suggests that the license fee be raised to \$400 and he does not feel this is the time to increase the rates, we are still on the tail end of the recession. He would personally like to see the City have a smaller base line fee and change the fee structure. The motion would then state from Council Member Richard Bracknell that the base entry level fee from \$0.00 - \$150,000 be changed to \$ 75.00 plus gross receipts, and from \$150,001 and above stay at the \$125 plus gross receipts. This includes everyone even professionals. Council Member Bracknell also wanted removed from the ordinance Section 32-48. Professionals classified in O.C.G.A. § 48-13-9©(1) through (20) shall elect as their entire occupation tax one of the following:
 - (1) The occupation tax based on gross receipts combined with profitability ratios as set forth in Section 32-44(b);
 - (2) A fess of \$400 per practitioner who is licensed to provide the service, such tax to be paid at the practitioner's office or location; provided, however, that a practitioner paying according to this paragraph shall not be required to provide information to the local government relating to the gross receipts of the business or practitioner. The per-practitioner fee applies to each person in the business who qualifies as a practitioner under the state's regulatory guidelines and framework.
 - (3) This election is to be made on an annual basis and must be done by March 1 of each year.

Sec. 32-49. Practitioners exclusively practicing for a government.

seconded by Council Member Terron Bivins. Motion carried 4-0

 - (a) **Discuss removing the Residential Occupational License Fee:**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mayor Ford: Council Member William Simmons is improving.

Miller: No Comment

Mann: No Comment

Bracknell: No Comment

Daley: No Comment

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to adjourn at 6:37pm; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. Motion carried 3-0

Rick Ford - Mayor

Attest:

Lynn Nixon—Interim Asst. City Clerk