

City of Temple, Georgia  
Regular Council Meeting  
December 7, 2015  
6:30 PM

Council Member Present

Mayor, Lester Harmon  
Richard Bracknell  
Howard Walden  
Hiley Miller  
Penny Ransom  
William Simmons

I. Call to Order:.....Mayor Lester Harmon  
Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

II. Invocation:.....Mayor Lester Harmon

Motion to Amend the Agenda so that we could hear an update on the library by  
Council Member Bracknell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Simmons, Vote: 5-0.

III. Approval of the Minutes:

1. November 2, 2015.....Mayor Lester Harmon  
Motion to accept Minutes from November 2, 2015 by Council Member Simmons, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
by Council Member Walden, Vote: 5-0.

2. November 10, 2015.....Mayor Lester Harmon  
Motion to accept Minutes from November 10, 2015 after correction of grammatical  
error by Council Member Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Ransom, Vote: 5-0.

3. November 16, 2015.....Mayor Lester Harmon  
Motion to accept Minutes from November 16, 2015 Special Called Meeting by  
Council Member Walden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Bracknell, Vote: 5-0.

4. November 30, 2015.....Mayor Lester Harmon  
No vote needed

IV. Visitor:

1. Temple Library.....Roni Tucksberry  
Mrs. Tewksbury gave a status on the Library. A very successful sneak peek was held  
on December 5, 2015 after the Christmas Parade. An estimated 150 to 250 people  
attended. The Library has collected 5,000 to 6,000 books. Carrollton civic women's  
club made a large donation of books. A \$10,000.00 grant for children's books was  
received from the Community Foundation of West Georgia, and other donations came  
from libraries around the area. Schedule is Monday and Thursday 1-7, Tuesday and  
Friday 10-5 Saturday 10-3 closed on Wednesday and Sunday. Construction to date  
has cost \$117,298.00. Children's room desk and chairs cost \$15,840.00 and 12

computers, receipt printer and barcode scanners cost \$10,707.00. Have hired 2 part time employees at 19 hours per week and they are now training for their positions. \$180,000 is left in the budget.

2. Temple Historical Society.....Misty Walker and Tonya Anderson  
Mrs. Anderson provided each Council member a binder of their proposed plans for the Historical Society. Mrs. Anderson asked the Council members to look over the information, and if they have questions please feel free to ask. The main focus is restoring the store front. Mrs. Anderson says that they are having a chili cook off fund raiser.
3. Martha Wilder (did not show) Motion to Remove her item from the agenda by Council Member Bracknell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Simmons, Vote: 5-0

V. Public Forum/Citizen Comment Time\* None

VI. Old Business:

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read- Of an Ordinance to Adopt an Amendment to the Operating Budget City of Temple, Georgia for the 2014 Fiscal Year-Vote to Adopt the Ordinance to Amend the Operating Budget for City the Temple, Georgia for the 2014 Fiscal Year: Motion to approve the ordinance by Council Member Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Simmons. Vote: 5-0 signed at 6:55pm
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read- Of an Ordinance to Adopt an Amendment to the Operating Budget of the City of Temple, Georgia for the 2015 Fiscal Year- Vote on an Ordinance to Adopt an Amend to the Operating Budget of the City of Temple, Georgia for the 2015 Fiscal Year: Motion to approve the ordinance by Council Member Bracknell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Miller. Vote: 5-0 signed at 7:00pm
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read- Of an Ordinance to Adopt the 2016 Budget for the City of Temple Georgia- Vote to Approve the Ordinance to Adopt the 2016 Budget for the City of Temple, Georgia: Motion to approve the ordinance by Council Member Bracknell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Walden. Vote: 5-0
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read- Of an Ordinance for 2016 Capital Budget for the City of Temple Georgia-Vote to Approve the Ordinance to Adopt the 2016 Capital Budget for the City of Temple, Georgia: Motion to approve the ordinance by Council Member Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Bracknell. Vote: 5-0
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read-Ordinance for Purpose of Zoning.....Attorney Cade Parian
6. Recommendation from Planning Commission for Rezoning of 31 Hwy 78 (Parcel Number T04-0020043)

7. Vote on an Ordinance for the Zoning of 31 Hwy 78 (Parcel Number T04-0020043). Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission for Rezoning of 31 Hwy 78 (Parcel Number T04-0020043) by Council member Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council member Simmons. Vote: 5-0  
 In discussion Council Member Walden: Asked the reading of the Ordinance to reflect that it is going from O and I back to R14, because this is in direct conflict with the ordinance. Zoning Board needs training and we need to budget for this training. Council Member Walden said at one time the city had a zoning administrator that would compile the documents and present them to the Council. Also agreed that the Planning Commission is not properly trained.
8. Vote to Adopt the Ordinance to Change the Zoning Currently C3 Commercial back to R3 Residential. Motion to approve the Ordinance to change the Zoning previously read C3 commercial back to R3 Residential to the corrected Ordinance of O and I Commercial to R14 Residential by Council Member Ransom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Simmons. Vote: 5-0

VII. New Business:

1. Motion to amend the agenda to add the request to get somebody to train zoning board and council on how to do zoning by Council Member Bracknell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Simmons. Vote: 5-0  
 Motion to get someone to train the zoning board and Council at the same time by Council Member Bracknell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Walden. Vote: 5-0
2. Discussion of Employee End of Year Pay/Christmas Party:  
 Motion to give employees end of year pay by Council member Simmons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council member Bracknell. Vote: 5-0  
 Motion to amend the end of year pay bonus to give all full time employees (40 hour) and Part time employees (30 hours) one week's pay if they have been her more than 6 months and for employees that have been here less than 6 months full time and part time they will receive ½ weeks pay for end of year bonus by Council Member Bracknell , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council member Simmons. Vote: 4-1 Council member Ransom opposed  
 Motion to give all employees based on full time and part time a week's pay if Sarah Hefty determines there is enough money by Council Member Ransom 2<sup>nd</sup> by.....motion died for lack of second.  
 Motion to give all employees a gift card of \$15 and a Christmas party at Senior Center by Council Member Bracknell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council member Miller. Vote: 4-0. Council member Ransom abstain  
 Motion to let Council Miller be in charge of Christmas party planning by Council member Bracknell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council member Walden. Vote: 5-0.
3. City Attorney To Clarify Charter Powers of City Council.....Penny Ransom

Discussion on what the City Charter sets forth concerning the Council member and the City employee roles. The City Council wants to have a training class concerning the City Charter. Councilmember Ransom asked that the City Attorney clarify what the City Charter says concerning these respective roles, and that City employees receive updated Employee handbooks. City Attorney Parian said he was waiting until the new City Administrator was on the job before proceeding with these initiatives.

4. Update on Hiring a City Clerk.....Penny Ransom  
Charter states there is to be city clerk, and we do not have a city clerk, this has caused extra work on other city employees, and currently on the city staff no one with any Human Resources experience. Asked that the Council repost to hire a city clerk, and to look for a city clerk with Human Resources experience.
5. Hiring Recommendation for a Waste Water Treatment Operator (Jimmy Jenkins).....Vernon Harris  
Motion to accept the recommendation to hire Jimmy Jenkins contingent on pay and background check by Council Member Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Walden. Vote: 5-0
6. Ordinance for Assembly and Parades.....Richard Bracknell  
Motion to Table by Council Member Bracknell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Simmons.  
Vote: 5-0.
7. Open Sealed Bid for Office Furniture.....Mayor Lester Harmon  
KERC Restoration Group Matthew Roden \$325.00  
Carolyn Miller \$300.00  
Jerry Collins \$201.01  
Motion to accept the highest bid (KERC Restoration Group) by Council Member Walden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Miller. Vote: 4-0.  
Council Member Bracknell abstained from vote because he is related to one of the bidders

VIII. Department Heads:

1. Sandra Stillwell: Announced the Chorus will be performing December 13 at 7pm at the Temple United Methodist Church
2. Chief Craig Lee: Gave out monthly report to each Council member. Chief Lee asked that in the future please give 2 weeks' notice prior to parades or any event that would shut down roads because they must get permission from GA DOT.
3. Dewayne Eberhart : EMC and Georgia Power all street lights should be on. Also ask them to look over the National League of Cities information. Council Member Walden asked this be put on January agenda for vote.

IX. Council Comments

William Simmons: Likes the way Council table is set up, but city needs to invest in PA system.

Richard Bracknell: The Historical Society is doing a chili cook off on Saturday and would like for the council to wave the fees of the Senior Center.

Motion to amend the agenda to wave the fees for Senior Center for the Historical Society Chili Cook off by Council Member Bracknell, 2<sup>nd</sup> By Council Member Simmons: Vote: 5-0.

Motion to allow The Historical Society to use the Senior Center for the Chili Cook-off by Council Member Bracknell , 2<sup>nd</sup> by council Member Miller. Vote: 5-0.

Council member Bracknell: Would like to have a work session on Tuesday January 5, 2016 at 6:30 City Hall to get the department heads and Council together to get a vision of the year.

Council Member Ransom asked the Mayor if he could send a letter to the Carrollton Civic Women Club and Community Foundation of West Georgia to thank them for their donations to the library.

City Council Presented Council Member Hiley Miller with a plaque for her years of service and devotion to the City of Temple.

X. Adjourn

There being no more discussion a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Simmons. Vote: 5-0

Meeting adjourn at 8:45pm

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Lester Harmon, Mayor

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William D. Osborne, City Clerk