

**City of Temple
Special Called Meeting
May 18, 2016, 5:00 pm
Temple City Hall**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Mayor Lester Harmon.

Council Members present constituting a quorum:

Richard Bracknell

Todd Rothwell

Howard Walden

Council Members Absent:

Penny Ransom

William Simmons

Mayor Harmon introduced Mr. Tim Bearden who was present at the meeting and stated he served as a State Representative for seven years and he would be honored to serve district 68. Mayor Harmon also introduced Mr. Ricky Watts who is the City's new Codes Enforcement Officer.

Old Business:

1. Updated Reports concerning renewal of the City of Temple's commercial insurance policy for the 12 month period starting May 31, 2016:

The City of Temple's commercial insurance policy is up for renewal on May 30, 2016. Mr. Preston Hagler of J. Smith Lanier was present at the meeting to discuss the details of the policy along with the premium rates for the upcoming year. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there would be an approximately \$4,000 increase in the premium of which about \$2,500 is law enforcement liability; this increase came about because the number of police officers was reported incorrectly the previous year. Mr. Osborne stated he would work with Chief Lee to complete a transfer within the department's budget to cover this increase. There was discussion about the two former police department buildings being covered for \$280,000 and either taking them off of the policy or reducing their value. Mr. Osborne stated he would like to leave them on the policy and will work with the City Attorney to determine a lower, more reasonable figure which would slightly reduce the premium. No action taken.

2. Updated staff report and recommendations on the subject of infrastructure issues in unfinished residential subdivisions in the City of Temple:

City Administrator Osborne stated the City needs to come up with funds to do the final topping on streets in the unfinished subdivisions in Temple. He has proposed a 45 day moratorium on issuing building permits so that the Elected Officials can look at alternatives and decide if the City wants to do something to generate income to do the final topping on some of these streets. An option is for the City to have an additional roadway and

infrastructure and improvement fee to be included as part of the building permit. A similar fee has been added in both Villa Rica and Paulding County. Mr. Osborne stated we are seeing new activity in construction and we don't want a developer to come in and purchase a bunch of permits before the City decides what to do regarding the road improvements. Mr. Walden stated he brought this up two years ago and now it is time to take action.

New Business:

1. Authorize the purchase of a new or used truck for the City of Temple Public Works Department, being a F-350 with a Crew Cab or being an equivalent model:

City Administrator Osborne stated that \$40,000 was put into the budget knowing that a truck needed to be replaced; the doors are falling off of the current truck. Quotes for new trucks were received from Pioneer, Don Rich and Hardy. Mr. Eberhart also looked to see if he could find a used truck, but the only one he found was a 2016 and it was one of the most expensive quotes received. Mr. Eberhart is requesting a diesel engine for durability. The lowest quote received was from Hardy for \$45,365. City Administrator Osborne explained the City could pay for this by using the \$40,000 budgeted and moving \$5,365 out of the Capital Projects line in the Public Works Department. There was discussion among Council Members as why a diesel was needed, when a gas engine would be \$8,500 less. It was also mentioned since they will be hauling equipment they need something dependable, but does the department really need a brand new truck. It was determined that the Council would like to ask Mr. Eberhart additional questions regarding the truck before making a decision. Councilmember Bracknell voted to table this until the next City Council meeting in June, 2nd by Councilmember Walden.

2. Authorize the employment of an individual to fill the vacant position of Field Maintenance

City Administrator Osborne stated the City has interviewed 3 applicants and they need to check references and have more discussion before making a decision on who to hire. The job was posted on the website, in City Hall, and with the Georgia Department of Labor. Councilmember Bracknell motioned to table this until the next meeting, 2nd by Councilmember Walden. Vote 3-0.

3. Approve the continuation of the City of Temple's commercial insurance policy with Selective Way Insurance Company for a 12 month period starting May 31, 2016.

Motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve with the revisions on the value of the former Police Department facilities, 2nd by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 3-0.

4. Adopt a resolution to impose a 45 day moratorium on the issuance of residential building permits by the City of Temple:


Councilmember Bracknell questioned what the timeline for the moratorium would be and if the City would have a public hearing. Mayor Harmon stated the Council has 45 days to determine what they want to do. City Attorney Parian confirmed they have 45 days to make sure everyone is on the same page with these eight unfinished subdivisions. City Administrator Osborne stated we are talking about taking action prior to June 5th. Councilmember Bracknell stated the first read needs to be ready by the next Council

meeting. Councilmember Walden stated once the moratorium is lifted, we need to be ready to go and that it will do nothing but benefit the taxpayers. Councilmember Rothwell stated that he has talked to citizens who do not want to wait 45 days. He also stated Councilmember Walden brought this up years ago and it was tabled and now the City is trying to change the game mid stream. Mayor Harmon stated that the City has the authority to have a 45 day moratorium; the City would have a resolution that has to be read and publicized and re-read. There was discussion of patterning the fee after Villa Rica's model and having the first read ready to go at the next Council meeting on June 6th. Councilmember Rothwell stated that citizens don't want to wait 45 days and questioned if the City is going to act, why wait so long?

Mayor Harmon asks the City Attorney to read the resolution. After the reading, Councilmember Walden asked if the last paragraph included infrastructure. City Attorney Parian stated we are talking about everything, gutters to swimming pools and everything in between. Mayor Harmon asked if there was a motion to approve. Councilmember Walden motioned, 2nd by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 2-1, Councilmember Rothwell opposed.

Discussion followed with Councilmember Bracknell asking Councilmember Rothwell if it was the moratorium he had a problem with. Mr. Rothwell questioned why the City needs to hold off for 45 days and said it is basically spitting in the builder's face. There was discussion about the possibility of builders coming in and buying up all the permits and then when citizens move into these subdivisions they will be requesting that the City pave the streets and the funding would have to come out of the taxpayer's dollars. City Administrator Osborne asked Councilmember Rothwell if he would agree to a 30 day moratorium. Rothwell stated it could turn into 90 days of two years. Mayor Harmon stated the City has to have a first read and a public hearing and then wait two weeks for a second read where the City can vote to adopt. City Attorney Parian stated that if Councilmember Rothwell withdrew his vote, there would still need to be a 30 day moratorium. Councilmember Bracknell stated they could agree to the 45 day, but move it up and Mr. Rothwell would have to trust us to meet Tuesday and lift the moratorium. Councilmember Rothwell said if they are willing to lift the moratorium by June 6th, then he will retract his vote. He stated he is against the moratorium. Councilmember Rothwell withdrew his nay vote. Vote 3-0. There was an agreement to have a Special Called Meeting Monday at 5:00p.m. for the first read.

Motion to adjourn at 6:21p.m. by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden


Lester Harmon, Mayor



City Clerk