

**City of Temple
Monthly Council Meeting
December 5, 2016, 6:30pm
Temple City Hall**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Lester Harmon.

Council Members present constituting a quorum:

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

Council Members Absent:

Todd Rothwell

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Lester Harmon gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council Meeting, as presented- Motion to approve by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

Visitors:

Ms. Tiana Moore- Ms. Moore expressed continued concerns over her property on Lee Street and the culvert not being repaired properly. After some discussion it was suggested that Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart go back out to the property to assess the situation and report back to the Council.

Public Comments:

Debbie McIntosh- Ms. McIntosh stated that after being present for the budget workshop, she had concerns about some of the statements that were made. She has been looking at the City's budget for the past eleven years and she believes it has not been a fiscally responsible council and the City is not financially stable because of it. In the past three years she believes some Council has been responsible trying to make other members aware the City is in a bind, but they refuse to listen and we are therefore in a worse situation.

Olan Williams- His wife and daughter own a flower shop in Temple and are considering buying a building here. They are concerned because their water bill will be going up \$200 a month. He also had concerns about the shop smelling like a sewer.

Matt Roden- Mr. Roden has a business in downtown Temple and expressed concerns about his water bill going up to \$300; he also stated there is a sewer smell in his building. He understands that a bond needs to be paid, however, he feels like there has to be a better way and the City needs to find ways to promote growth in Temple possibly by providing a tax break, selling packaged liquor, or providing incentives for businesses to come here.

Approval of the Minutes:

November 7, 2016 Regular Council meeting- Motion by Councilmember Simmons to approve, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

November 17, 2016 Special Called Meeting- Motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve, second by Councilmember Simmons Vote 3-1, Councilmember Ransom abstained.

November 28, 2016 Special Called Meeting- Motion by Councilmember Simmons to approve, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Ransom abstained.

Old Business:

1. Tabled from November 7, 2016. Consider/approve a memorandum of understanding from the State Attorney General.

City Attorney Mike McRae stated they have submitted changes to the Attorney General's Office and as of tonight they have not yet gotten a response. He suggested this item not be put back onto the agenda until we receive their comments back. Councilmember Ransom stated she was not aware of the changes and asked if she could receive a copy; Attorney McRae said for her to call him and he could provide it to her. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to take this item off the table until we hear back from the AG's office, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

2. Tabled from October 3, 2016. Adopt a resolution to authorize the payment of additional compensation of City of Temple employee Creig Lee for the 11 weeks he served as Interim Police Chief while continuing to be paid the same salary he had been receiving as a Police Major.

Councilmember Bracknell motioned to table this item until February 2017, second by Councilmember Walden. Councilmember Simmons asked why we are tabling until February, and Councilmember Bracknell said it was the advice of counsel. Councilmember Ransom stated that she was confused, Mayor Harmon stated he was also. Councilmember Walden stated it was the advice of legal counsel. Vote 3-1. Councilmember Ransom opposed.

New Business:

1. Change the date of the City Council's 6:30 p.m. regular monthly meeting in January 2017 from Monday, January 2, to Monday, January 9, due to the New Year's holiday schedule.....Bill Osborne

2. Second reading of a proposed ordinance to rezone approximately 4.12 acres at 268 and 282 Carrollton Street designated as Carroll County tax map and parcel numbers TO 40060003 and TO 40060067 from Single-Family Detached Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (CG) with certain conditions.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.

3. Adopt and approve an ordinance to rezone approximately 4.12 acres at 268 and 282 Carrollton Street designated as Carroll County tax map and parcel numbers TO 40060003 and TO 40060067 from Single-Family Detached Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (CG) with certain conditions.

Motion by Councilmember Bracknell to adopt and approve the ordinance, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

4. Report on the proposals received by the City of Temple in response to its solicitation to contractors for bids for re-roofing of the Senior Center with architectural shingles or three-tab shingles, select one of the responding contractors to do said re-roofing in accordance with the job specifications and with the project's funding to be from the 2008 SPLOST program.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that bids from five different companies were submitted. Mayor Harmon asked if this money is in the 2008 SPLOST and Mr. Osborne confirmed that it was.

Councilmember Walden made a motion to table this until the next meeting so they could get more information regarding the make of the shingle and warranty information. Second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 3-1. Councilmember Ransom opposed.

5. Second reading of a proposed ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2017 Fiscal Year Capital Budget.

City Administrator Bill Osborne read the proposed Ordinance. Mayor Harmon noted that he thinks the last sentence is incorrect.

6. Approve an ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2017 Fiscal Year Capital Budget.

After a brief discussion, there was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the ordinance, second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 3-1. Councilmember Ransom opposed.

7. Second reading of a proposed ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2017 Fiscal Year General Fund's Operating Budget.

City Administrator Bill Osborne read the proposed Ordinance. Mayor Harmon noted that the last sentence is incorrect and should read effective when signed by the Mayor.

8. Approve an ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2017 Fiscal Year General Fund's Operating Budget.

Motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the Ordinance, second by Councilmember Simmons. Mayor Harmon questioned the money for the travel team. City Attorney Mike McRae stated that before any money of the \$2,000 is spent for the travel team a request needs to come before the Council to make sure that it is legally spent; he stated the motion should reflect that. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Ransom opposed.

9. Consider authorizing the Police Department to purchase new firearms and tasers for its certified police officers at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00, with funds from the department's 2016 Fiscal Year budget.

After some discussion, there was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to authorize the purchase of new firearms and tasers at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.

10. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a Letter of Intent for Underwriting/Placement Agent Services for the Carroll County Water Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds, for City of Temple Projects.

City Attorney McRae explained that the letter authorizes this City to hire Mr. Bill Camp to provide advice on how to fix the water and sewer problem. In order for you to use someone to get advice on debt service, you have to authorize it; you are not obligated to use his services. You are authorizing to review your financials and debt service fund; this is the first step in solving the problem.

Motion by Councilmember Bracknell to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of intent for Underwriting/Placement Agent Services, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

11. Authorize the City Clerk to advertise for applicants for the vacant position of Field Maintenance Supervisor in the Recreation Department.

Motion to authorize advertisement for the position of Field Maintenance Supervisor by Councilmember Simmons, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

12. Authorize the City Administrator to advertise for sealed bids for 2017 Recreation Field Maintenance services in the City of Temple's park.

Motion to authorize the City Administrator to advertise for bids for 2017 Recreation Field Maintenance Services by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.

13. Authorize Blue Beacon International, Inc., to replace the concrete pavement for the exit drive from said company's truck wash business at 578 Carrollton Street, including that part which is located on City of Temple street right of way, with the specifications and completed work to be inspected and approved by the City Public Works Director.

Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart stated that the business wants to repave the exit drive; most of it is their land a small portion is on City right of way. He stated he will be supervising and making sure it's 8 inches concrete and 2.5 inches asphalt. City Attorney McRae suggested that the City provide a short letter to Blue Beacon with the specs and that they will hold the City harmless and to add that to the motion. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to authorize Blue Beacon to replace the concrete pavement for the exit drive and the City will provide a letter with the specs and state the City shall be held harmless; second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

14. Amend the City of Temple personnel policies and procedures so probationary employees will be compensated on City holidays in the same manner as employees who have completed their probationary period.

After some discussion, City Attorney McRae stated this is something that he needs to provide everyone with an opinion in writing. He will get with Mr. Osborne to understand the details and will provide a memo on this later. It can not be taken care of until after the first of the year. He also confirmed that any personnel policy needs to be done by ordinance. This item was taken off the table until the City can provide an opinion.

15. Consideration of a City of Temple employees' holiday season party.

Mayor Harmon talked to several employees and listed various restaurants that were recommended by them. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to buy pizza and have it at the senior center with a budget of \$300; second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 2-2, Councilmembers Ransom and Simmons opposed. Mayor Harmon broke the tie and voted with those opposed; Attorney McRae stated to record as motion failed. Councilmember Ransom made a motion to have the dinner at El Tapatito's since it is a local business, let the employees choose the date, with a budget of \$500 since that was the amount last year and since money was left in the budget for this dinner. Vote 2-2; Councilmembers Bracknell and Walden opposed. Mayor vote and the motion carried. 3-2.

16. Discussion of proposed electronic sign for the Temple Branch Library.

The sign will cost \$20,097.60 to come out of the SPLOST money that was designated money from the County to the library. Vote 4-0.

17. Selection of the street or streets to be improved through the Georgia Department of Transportation's 2017 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program.

Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart stated he needs suggestions for streets that need improvement. Councilmember Ransom suggested Little Vine, Councilmember Walden suggested Sage Street from the pharmacy to wood products, Wells Avenue and Rocking D, North of Villa Rosa Rd up to the laundry mat.

18. Authorize Highway Services, Inc., to do striping and pavement markings on Billings Road at a cost of \$1,729.60, not including the cost of removing any existing striping.

Public Works Director Eberhart stated this is a dangerous intersection and the City needs to address it as soon as possible. Motion by Councilmember Walden to approve this project, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

19. Report on plans to update the list of approved vendors and contractors which the City of Temple can contact in situations such as occurred on Thanksgiving weekend with a broken water main.

City Administrator Osborne reported he will be getting together with the Public Works Director to make sure the City has a list of businesses/firms that the City can call of in times of trouble. He has been told a list is in place, but with turnover in the City information has not always been passed on.

20. Consider authorizing payment to Sarah Hefty for fiscal services to the City of Temple in excess of the anticipated amount of time to provide the scope of services in the City of Temple's intergovernmental agreement with the City of Villa Rica.

City Administrator Osborne explained that Sarah Hefty has been working long nights and weekends working on the transfer from TBS to Caselle. He stated that Villa Rica's City Manager said that she could not continue doing this work under the intergovernmental agreement. Councilmember Ransom stated she did not have a problem paying someone for work done, but questioned why we tabled the item on the pay of the City's Police Chief, why would we table one employee's salary and not the other? City Attorney McRae explained it was due to present litigation and the settlement. No action taken.

21. Report on payment by the City of Temple to the Internal Revenue Service of \$3,842.84 in additional payroll taxes for calendar year 2013.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Sarah Hefty looked into this and we had to make the payment to the IRS. It has now been taken of. No action taken.

Council Comments:

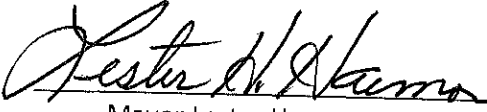
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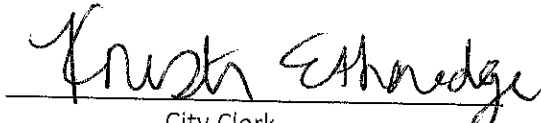
Public Comments:

Ms. Debbie McIntosh- stated that she would like to give a donation to help pay for the employees' Christmas party so that their spouses could also attend the party. Other business owners in the audience also stated that they would like to make a contribution.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Ransom, second By Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM


Mayor Lester Harmon


City Clerk