

**City of Temple
Monthly Council Meeting
December 4, 2017, 6:30pm
Temple City Hall**

Call to Order:

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

Council Members Present:

Richard Bracknell, Penny Ransom, Todd Rothwell, Howard Walden, Thomas Wallace

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lester Harmon.

Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council Meeting, as presented:

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the agenda, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 5-0.

Public Comments:

Mr. Avanti Helton was scheduled to speak during this time, but he was not present. There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes:

November 6, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve by Councilmember Walden, second by Councilmember Wallace. Vote 4-1, Ransom abstained.

November 27, 2017 Joint Special Called Meeting with Planning Commission

Motion to approve by Councilmember Walden, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-1, Ransom abstained.

November 27, 2017 Special Called Meeting.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Walden, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-1, Ransom abstained.

November 29, 2017 Special Called Meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-1, Ransom abstained.

Old Business:

1. Report concerning the possible operation of a Farmer's Market in the City of Temple for a more extended period of time in 2018.

Councilmember Rothwell stated at the last meeting the council members were given applications and information on the process of starting a farmer's market. He said that City Attorney Mike McCrae was going to get information on the farmer's market in Rockmart. Attorney McCrae said that you would need to determine if it is a city sponsored event or an activity of a group. He said most that he is aware of are on municipal property and regulated by a group, such as a DDA. Councilmember Walden had questions regarding who will run it, what about liability insurance, business licenses, etc. He said there are already businesses in town that sell produce and they have a license, collect tax, pay for water, etc. and he is not in favor of taking away sales from them. Councilmember Ransom suggested that the group could apply to waive the fees. She also stated that if we want to make it a level playing field, the Senior Center has meals every day for a dollar, but there are restaurants around town that pay taxes, etc. She also mentioned that some people want to purchase food that is non GMO, or other items that you can not buy in local stores. Councilmember Rothwell stated that the market will happen no matter what. He wants to do something for the citizens of Temple, and we should be putting the community first. He has gotten a lot of positive feedback from citizens about the market and he wanted to continue the discussion since there were so many questions last month. Mayor Harmon stated to keep working on it.

New Business:

1. Rescind the November 6, 2017, action by the City Council to move the Monday, January 1, 2018, City Council organizational meeting to Tuesday, January 2, 2018, due to the New Year's Day holiday

City Administrator Bill Osborne said the Temple Charter states that if the first meeting of the year falls on a holiday, it is to be held on the second Monday of the month. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to rescind the action of moving the meeting to January 2, 2018, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 5-0.

2. Announce that as required by Section 2.9 of the Temple City Charter, the City Council's 2018 organizational meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2018, since Monday, January 1, is the New Year's Day holiday.

City Clerk Kristin Etheredge announced that the City Council's first organizational meeting of 2018 will be held at 6:30PM on Monday, January 8, 2018.

3. Report the results of the City of Temple's November 7, 2017, election.

City Clerk Kristin Etheredge reported on the certified elections results from the Carroll County Board of Elections, Mr. Michael Johnson was elected as Mayor, Ms. Terron Bivins and Mr. Howard Walden were elected to serve as council members.

4. Report on a possible Georgia Department of Transportation project at the intersection of Georgia Highway 113 and U. S. Highway 78 to improve traffic safety and traffic movement, with GDOT requesting the City of Temple to donate 15 feet of additional right of way on the east side of Highway 113 adjacent to the City Police Station as well as providing a temporary easement for grading at this location.

City Administrator reported that he, Mayor Harmon and Dwayne Eberhart met with GDOT about the intersection of Highways 78 & 113 which needs to be improved for traffic safety. A few weeks ago they

got the indication that GDOT is working on this. The district engineer said that a small amount of right of way needs to be transferred from the City to GDOT; he asked for the council to provide this to GDOT at no cost. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to donate the land for this project to GDOT, second by Councilmember Wallace. Vote 5-0.

5. Consider approving the employment of an individual to fill the new job slot created by the City Council during last month's regular meeting for the position of Public Works Technician in the Public Works Department.

Mayor Harmon stated that they will not be moving forward with this at this time.

6. Consider approving the employment of an individual who is certified law enforcement officer to fill a vacant Patrol Officer position in the Police Department.

Chief Creig Lee introduced Justin Jordan who is a candidate for this position. He explained that he has been in law enforcement for 7 months and was an explorer in Villa Rica for several years. He has completed all background checks. Mayor Harmon stated that Mr. Jordan is his recommendation for this position. There was a motion by Councilmember Rothwell to hire Mr. Jordan, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

7. Staff report and recommendation concerning the stormwater management situation in the Windy Mill residential subdivision on Creek Run Place, and possible action to be considered by the City Council pertaining to this situation.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that afternoon, he, Dwayne Eberhart and City Attorney Mike McCrae were on sight and spoke to Mr. Avanti Helton and his neighbors about the stormwater management situation in Windy Mill. He said at the moment, the attorney's office is looking into some legal aspects of this matter, then we will determine what our options are; he does not want any action to be taken at this time. Councilmember Ransom also expressed her concerns as she mentioned she had addressed with Mr. Osborne two weeks ago; it has become a bigger issue in the neighborhood and some sewer easements are now knee deep in water. Mayor Harmon asked for Mr. Osborne to continue working on this.

8. Second reading of a proposed ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 General Fund Operating Budget.

City Administrator Bill Osborne read the ordinance. After reading it, Mayor Harmon pointed out that the sentence in section four is incorrect and does not read as the charter states it should.

Councilmember Ransom questioned how some of the SPLOST money was transferred. *****

9. Approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 General Fund Operating Budget.

There was a motion to adopt the 2018 General Fund Operating Budget by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-1, Ransom opposed.

10. Second reading of a proposed ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 Capital Fund Budget.

City Administrator Bill Osborne completed the second reading of a proposed ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 Capital Fund Budget. At the end of the reading, Mayor Harmon stated that section four in the proposed ordinance is incorrect and it needs to be written as the charter says.

11. Approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 Capital Fund Budget.

There was a motion to approve the ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 Capital Fund Budget by Councilmember Walden, second by Councilmember Bracknell. There was a brief discussion with Councilmember Ransom's concerns about the budget. Vote 3-2, Ransom and Rothwell were opposed.

12. Adopt a resolution identifying the local streets in the City of Temple to be resurfaced under the Georgia Department of Transportation's LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant) matching fund program for fiscal year 2017 and for fiscal year 2018.

Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart explained that he had a spreadsheet for the elected officials which showed a list of the streets and all estimates including asphalt, striping, and labor. The list of streets included a total cost of \$89,000. Councilmember Walden suggested going with the list as presented. City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that if an extra \$7,000-\$10,000 was needed they could look to see what might be available. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the resolution identifying the streets to be resurfaced under LMIG, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 5-0. Councilmember Bracknell asked if the resolution needed to be read, City Attorney Mike McCrae confirmed since it is a resolution it does not have to be read and it is now approved.

13. Second reading of a proposed ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 Water and Sewer Fund Operating Budget.

City Administrator Bill Osborne read the ordinance to adopt the City's 2018 Water and Sewer Fund Operating Budget. Upon completion of the reading Mayor Harmon stated that section four of the proposed ordinance is incorrect and should be written as the charter states.

14. Approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 Water and Sewer Fund Operating Budget.

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the City's 2018 Water and Sewer Fund Operating Budget, second by Councilmember Walden. Councilmember Ransom stated her concerns about the budget, and how money has been transferred.

Vote 3-2, Ransom and Rothwell opposed.

15. Review of actions taken during the past year by the Carroll County Water Authority (CCWA) that have resulted in increased operating costs for the City of Temple, including a 20 percent increase in the wholesale rate of water sold to the City by the CCWA and the surcharge on the Rainey Road water intake meter.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that we should expect some additional rate increases. Along with the 20% increase, CCWA will charge us a \$150 surcharge a month on our intake meters and an additional .48 per 1,000 gallons that come through the Rainey Road meter. He mentioned they have seen some progress in reducing the flow through the Rainey Road meter, but we have more work to do at the first of the year. He said that we need to continue the water rate study and we will be coming to the new council at the beginning of the year on that. He also expects Bill Camp of Raymond James to make contact with the Mayor and Council next year.

16. Report to present information on the City of Temple's account balances as of October 31, 2017, as well as on the 2017 revenues and expenditures for the Backpack Program and the Shop with a Cop Program.

City Administrator Bill Osborne provided the elected officials with a report on the balances in the Backpack Program and Shop with a Cop Program. He stated that if anyone had questions, Cynthia Geyer, Financial Services, can answer them.

17. Authorize the City Administrator to advertise for sealed bids for 2018 Recreation Field Maintenance services in the City of Temple's park.

City Administrator Bill Osborne requested that the Council authorize to allow him to advertise for sealed bids for 2018 Recreation Field Maintenance services in the City of Temple's park. Councilmember Walden asked if we wouldn't use them as much since the Recreation Department was planning on hiring a third full time employee; Mr. Osborne confirmed that was correct. There was a motion to authorize the City Administrator to advertise for sealed bids for the 2018 Recreation Field Maintenance Services, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

18. Consider approving a resolution to provide for payments to each member of the City of Temple Planning Commission for attendance at said Commission's meetings.

Councilmember Richard Bracknell explained that the planning commission does not receive any compensation and he would like to provide them \$50 a month to pay for their time and gas. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the resolution to provide payment to the Temple Planning Commission members, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 3-2, Council Members Ransom and Rothwell are opposed.

19. Report on the City of Temple's December 2 Christmas parade and other activities.

Mayor Harmon thanked Councilmember Bracknell for organizing the Christmas parade and tree lighting since he was not available to attend. Councilmember Bracknell said that everyone had a good time at the event.

20. Adopt a resolution concerning plans to remember and honor former City of Temple employee Gerald (Red) Henry.

Mayor Harmon asked City Clerk Kristin Etheredge to read the resolution in honor of former City employee, Red Henry. After the reading, there was a motion to adopt the resolution by Councilmember Walden, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

21. Report on followup actions now underway in response to the results of the November 27 joint meeting of the City Council and the Temple Planning Commission pertaining to the former "agricultural" zoning district in the City of Temple, including the Planning Commission's recommendations.

City Administrator Osborne gave a brief report on the joint meeting of the planning commission and city council. He said he met with the City Attorney today regarding this and when they have specific plans they will be back in touch with an updated report.

Closing Comments:

Chief Creig Lee- he gave the elected officials a report from the police department. He stated there were no major incidents in November and asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Rothwell asked if the new officer is up and running, and Chief Lee confirmed that he is. Councilmember Bracknell let the Chief know that the officers that worked the Christmas parade did an excellent job.

Bill Osborne- reported that Jeremy Ralston in the Recreation Department resigned and that Tuesday is his last day.

Tom Wallace- none

Todd Rothwell- none

Richard Bracknell- Merry Christmas

Howard Walden- Merry Christmas. I am looking forward to working with the new administration.

Penny Ransom- none

Mayor Harmon- stated that this is not goodbye, he shall return. It is a temporary leave of absence because his wife's cancer has returned. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Wallace. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.