

**City of Temple
Monthly Council Meeting
March 5, 2018, 6:30pm
Temple City Hall**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson.

Council Members Present:

Terron Bivins, Richard Bracknell, Todd Rothwell, Howard Walden, Thomas Wallace

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Michael Johnson.

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

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to move item number five in new business to come before old business, second by Councilmember Bivins. Vote 5-0.

Public Comments:

Matt Gailey was present to talk about the Temple Farmer's Market. He said that he has decided to privatize the market because there is too much going on with this council. He said that the behavior has been childish, just because it was one person's idea to have the market. Because of this, he said that he is going to go ahead and privatize the market.

Approval of Minutes:

February 5, 2018, Regular Council Meeting

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

February 13, 2018, Special Called Meeting

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

February 26, 2018, Committee Meeting

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

February 26, 2018, Special Called Meeting

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.....Richard Bracknell

1. Adopt a resolution to recognize and honor former City of Temple Councilmember William Simmons, including designating May 4 as a special day of remembrance of City Councilmember Simmons with the activities to include a special event at City Hall.

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Mayor Johnson read the resolution. There was a motion by Councilmember Walden to approve the ordinance designating May 4th as a day of remembrance for William Simmons, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

2. Adopt a resolution to approve the promotions and position changes in the City of Temple Police Department for the following individuals: Patrol Officers Sheralee Foughty and Jonathan Adkins to the rank of Private First Class and Corporal Tina Hendrick to the rank of Sergeant, and approve the transfer of Officer James Wheeler to the Investigations Division with the rank of Detective.

Mayor Johnson read the resolution. There was a discussion regarding these promotions and also job descriptions. Councilmember Rothwell was prepared to make a motion but questioned whether it was legal to do these promotions if there were not job descriptions for positions that employees were being promoted to. City Attorney Rob Monroe confirmed that you are giving your department head the ability to establish positions that he needs and that it is legal. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to approve the resolution, and at the next department head meeting to make sure that directors are aware that job descriptions need to be done, second by Councilmember Bivins. Vote 5-0.

3. Approve the creation of a temporary part-time position of Office Clerk at City Hall, primarily to assist with Utility Billing Services; approve a job description for this position; and authorize the City Clerk to advertise for applicants for this job.

Councilmember Bracknell reported that hiring a temporary part time position would help to free up the utility billing clerk to do more research on our water bills and to make sure they are accurate. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to hire this part time temporary position at \$10 an hour; it will come out of the administration budget and will be up to 30 hours a week and no more than 70 hours a month, second by Councilmember Bivins. Vote 5-0.

4. Staff report concerning the City of Temple's activities to fill one current vacant job slot for the position of Field Maintenance Supervisor in the Recreation Department and of Public Works Technician in the Public Works Department, respectively.

City Administrator reported that the person that was approved for the Public Works Technician position did not get clearance from the background check. Going forward when the Mayor is ready to make a recommendation we will have them take these tests first. He also reported that we had someone to take the field maintenance position, but, they decided to take another job. The new Athletic and Leisure Coordinator will start work on March 19th.

BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE..... Terron Bivins

1. Approve a modification in the City of Temple's Contract Services Agreement with Fiscal Services Consultant Cynthia Geyer to continue said agreement for an additional 90 or 120 calendar days.

Councilmember Bivins reported that they would like to put this item on hold and it will be discussed further at the Budget Committee Meeting at the end of the month.

2. Staff report concerning the City of Temple's use of revenue recovery agencies to collect debts owed to this local government.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that at the work session the councilmembers were given information on companies that do debt collection. Financial Director Cynthia Geyer favored Penn Credit because it is a part of GMA recovery and they do not charge us as much. We are planning to send some business to Penn Credit and see how they do; if we have good results, we will keep using them. No action is needed tonight.

3. Staff report concerning the current balance in the 2008 SPLOST account and the planned use of 2008 SPLOST funds to pay for facilities and related work in the City Park where the new ballfields have been built.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that everyone has a memo which shows what the City still has in 2008 SPLOST; we are going to use most of that on improvements in the park. He stated that we have to go through the process of adopting a budget amendment ordinance, so he wants to hold off on this until the new ordinance process is in place. No action is needed tonight.

4. Schedule a public hearing for 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, on a proposed amendment to Temple's City Charter providing for elimination of the requirement that ordinances be read at two meetings of the City Council prior to said ordinances being adopted.

City Attorney Rob Monroe read the proposed amendment. After some discussion, it was suggested by Councilmember Walden that there needs to be a time frame added to the amendment, 72 hours was suggested and agreed upon; this would give the councilmembers time to do research on any proposed ordinance. City Attorney Rob Monroe confirmed that no action needed to take place on this tonight, but to let him know of any changes that need to be made.

5. Adopt a resolution to provide for meetings of City Council committees on the last Monday in the month, in order to prepare for the regular monthly meeting of the City Council which normally is held on the first Monday of the following month.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that City Attorney Mike McCrae told him that if a resolution is approved, the City does not have to run an ad in the legal section for each meeting. Mayor Johnson read the resolution. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to adopt the resolution to provide for meetings of the City Council Committees to be on the last Monday in the month, second by Councilmember Wallace. Vote 5-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.....Todd Rothwell

1. Consider making additional appointments to the Steering Committee for development of an update of the City of Temple's Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Rothwell stated that it wasn't very clear on if their appointments had to be within the council members' ward and it was said they don't have to live in the city if they have business interests. City Administrator Bill Osborne clarified that you need to have representation from various geographic parts of town, recognition of diversity, sex, etc. He said Councilmember Bivins and Walden each had one more appointment to make, Councilmember Rothwell had two.

Councilmember Bivins made a motion to appoint Karen Powell to the Steering Committee, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Councilmember Walden made a motion to appoint Chase Croft to the Steering Committee, second by Councilmember Bivins. Vote 5-0.

Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to appoint Randy Williams to the Steering Committee, second by Councilmember Bivins. Vote 5-0.

Councilmember Rothwell made a motion to appoint Councilmember Wallace to the Steering Committee, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 5-0.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that the first Steering Committee meeting will take place on Monday, March 19th at 5:45pm at the Senior Center. The first public hearing will follow at 6:30pm.

2. Report on some special activities planned in the City of Temple on Easter Weekend, March 31 – April 1.

Mayor Johnson reported that at the last meeting tentative plans had been made, but it has since become known that one of the local churches, Verve Church, is doing something on the same day at Providence Elementary. He stated since the Easter celebration is being planned by the church, that the City will not pursue having their own event.

3. Updated report concerning the operation of a Farmer's Market in the City of Temple.

Councilmember Rothwell stated that we heard from the Market Manager from the fall market during public comments. The five week trial was a huge success. He said he introduced bringing the market back in December but the City was not interested. As someone who wanted to see it happen, he said he moved forward and was working with the High School and the FFA. The school eventually backed away after getting phone calls about the market. Councilmember Bracknell said he thinks it is something the City wants and he discussed using the Rockmart model and said that we were waiting on the City Attorney to create an ordinance, and the plans were to have it at the Rec Department. He said they planned on developing a citizen committee where each councilmember would appoint someone from their ward. Councilmember Rothwell suggested reestablishing the Downtown Development Authority or forming a committee of volunteers that want this to happen. City Attorney Rob Monroe stated that the farmer's market was done without an ordinance last year, and it would not be needed now; they are willing to help in any way. Councilmember Walden suggested that the farmer's market is something that the new steering committee can discuss.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.....Howard Walden

1. February report from the Police Department.

Chief Lee reported that there was going to be a meeting tomorrow to discuss the traffic on I-20 and the emergency crossover. Chief Lee also mentioned that he is getting a decal for the Code Enforcement Officers vehicle. Councilmember Walden reported that for two years in a row Temple has been listed in the 50 safest cities in Georgia.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....Tom Wallace

1. Updated staff reports on the City of Temple's Water and Sewer Rate Study.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that he thought he would have had more information from Mr. Read to present at this meeting, but we do not have that information yet.

2. Setting the dates for two public hearings to be held during the month of March concerning possible changes in the rate structure, billing procedures, and operation of the Water Services and Sewer Services provided by the city of Temple.

City Administrator Bill Osborne proposed that the first public hearing be held on Thursday, March 15th at 6:30PM at the Senior Center. He stated that the first public hearing is not to talk about specific rates, but to talk about the current situation in Temple, changes that need to be made in operations, and listening to citizens complaints and comments. He proposed that the second public hearing take place on March 29th at 6:30pm. There was a motion by Councilmember Wallace to have the first public hearing on March 15th, the second public hearing on March 29th, both to take place at the Temple Senior Center at 6:30pm, there was a second by Councilmember Bivins. Vote 5-0.

3. Staff report on recurring problems with Harris TBS in the printing of the City of Temple's monthly utility bills, and staff recommendations concerning possible City Council action to make alternative arrangements for the printing of these utility bills.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that on Friday there was another issue with Harris and an error in the bills; Samantha was able to figure out the problem and Harris was able to process the bills correctly. Because we continue to have problems with Harris, he stated we need to make a change in who is handling the bills. He said we are trying to get information from other governments to see who does their billing and we will look at options of using different billing companies. No action needs to be taken tonight.

4. Monthly report from the Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart reported that the Public Works report is in the book. Councilmember Rothwell thanked Mr. Eberhart for ordering the flags for the two elementary schools. He said that the principal wants to present the flags to the school at an assembly. Mayor Johnson stated that an anonymous donor is paying for the two flags.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.....Richard Bracknell

1. Updated report on the refurbishing and improving the signage in the City park which calls attention to the Hot Shots Girls Softball team from the Temple Recreation Department.

Councilmember Walden reported that he is getting prices for replacing the Temple Hot Shots signs. He also stated that an intern journalist at the "Times-Georgian", Virginia Gray, is dedicated to doing a story about the Hot Shots softball team and will be talking to the players and coaches for her story.

2. Status report on options for increasing the storage, freezer, and refrigeration space at the Senior Center.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that they have been trying to improve the storage and freezer and refrigerator space at the senior center. He said they have talked about using the remaining funds from the library project; there should be \$170,000 left. They estimate the cost of the work in the senior center to be \$88,000. No action needs to be taken at this time.

3. Monthly report from the Senior Center.

The monthly report from the Senior Center is in the book.

4. Monthly report from the Recreation Department.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Wallace- appreciates everyone for coming to the meeting.

Rothwell- n/a

Bracknell- n/a

Walden- thank everyone for coming. Welcome to the camera man from the University of West Georgia.

Bivins- n/a

Osborne- We want to go to Bremen next week to visit SynchGlobal.

Mayor- The City has a slogan contest going on, email your slogan ideas to Kristin:
ketheredge@templega.us.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Bivins. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Mayor Michael C. Johnson

City Clerk