

**MINUTES**  
**Special Called Meeting**  
**January 3, 2022**  
**6:30 PM, Temple Senior Center**

**Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Johnson.  
Council Members present: Howard Walden, Tom Wallace, Casey Russom  
Council Members absent: Hiley Miller, Richard Bracknell

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance-** led by Mayor Michael Johnson

**Approve published agenda of this date's Special Called Meeting, as presented-** There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the agenda, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 3-0.

1. Swearing-in of Re-elected Mayor Michael Johnson Mayor Michael Johnson was sworn into office by Probate Judge Edith Haney.

2. Swearing-in of Re-elected Councilmember Howard Walden Council Member Howard Walden was sworn in by Probate Judge Edith Haney.

3. Swearing-in of New Councilmember Casey Russom Council Member Casey Russom was sworn in by Probate Judge Edith Haney.

4. Comments by Councilmember Casey Russom Mr. Russom looks forward to serving everybody and hopes to meet the requirements of the job.

5. Comments by Councilmember Howard Walden Mr. Walden stated he is going on his third term on the Council and he is deeply honored and grateful to serve the City of Temple. He thinks we have gotten a lot done in the last four years and he looks forward to completing the projects that are currently in process. He said as much as Terron Bivins will be missed, he knows that Casey Russom brings a lot of expertise to the table and will do a great job.

6. Comments by Mayor Michael Johnson It is an honor and a privilege to be in an elected position to serve the citizens of the City of Temple. When I became a resident here in 1984 I made an intelligent decision to marry Donna Conaway, at that point I would have never envisioned where I am today. That's what makes life so interesting, you just never know. I feel very privileged and honored to be in this position. We are living in exciting times, a lot is going on in both a residential standpoint and a business standpoint. We are trying to improve our operations and the quality of life for our citizens. I am anticipating great things. I am honored to be a servant in this position for the next four years. Thank you so much to our citizens.

7. Election of Mayor Pro Tem for 2022 There was a motion by Council Member Walden to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell to continue being the Mayor Pro Tem, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0.

There was a motion to close the nominations by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0.

8. Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell was not present at the meeting.

9. Announcement by Mayor of his Appointments to City Council Committees

Personnel – Bracknell (Chair), Walden (Member)

Budget & Finance- Miller (Chair), Walden (Member)

Recreation/ Senior Center- Bracknell (Chair), Miller (Member)

Public Safety- Walden (Chair), Russom (Member)

Public Works/ Wastewater- TW RB Wallace (Chair), Bracknell (Member)

Community Development- Russom (Chair), Wallace (Member)

10. Planning Commission nominations by each of these three elected officials, and appointments made by the City Council

Council Member Russom nominates Gary Thomas. There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to approve the appointment of Gary Thomas, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

Council Member Walden nominates Greg Doster. There was a motion by Council Member Russom to approve the appointment of Greg Doster, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0.

Mayor Michael Johnson nominates Troy Curtis. There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to approve the appointment of Troy Curtis, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

11. Decide whether to prohibit the annual automatic 1.50 percent increase in water and sewer tap fees from being implemented at the start of calendar 2022.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that in the fall new water and sewer tap fees were implemented for both non residential and residential customers. At a recent meeting there was a motion made not to change anything on water or sewer usage rates, to leave them as they are until things are squared away on our bills. There was a motion by Council Member Walden that we do not implement the 1.5% increase on the water and sewer tap fees (this would permit the 1.5% inflationary increase to continue uninterrupted) , second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0.

12. Announcement by Mayor that on Monday, January 10, the City Council will hold its monthly series of committee meetings, followed on this date with the regular monthly voting meeting of the Temple City Council. (Starting time TBA) This announcement was made. It was proposed that the Committees Meeting start at 4:00PM; at the conclusion of the Committees Meeting, the regular council meeting would continue.

**Closing Comments- N/A**

**Executive Session, if needed- N/A**

**Adjournment** There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Wallace, second by Council Russom. Vote 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.

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Mayor Michael Johnson

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City Clerk