

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 7, 2022  
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson.  
Council Members present: Richard Bracknell, Hiley Miller, Casey Russom, Tom Wallace, Howard Walden

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Mayor Michael Johnson

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

September 12, 2022 Council Meeting (tabled from October 3<sup>rd</sup>)

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the September 12<sup>th</sup> minutes, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 3-0. Council Members Miller and Bracknell abstained.

October 3, 2022 Council Meeting

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the October 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

November 1, 2022 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the November 1<sup>st</sup> minutes, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0. Council Members Bracknell and Miller abstained.

**Public Comments:**

Adrian Alvarez- He is a new resident to the City of Temple. He has signed a commercial lease at 326 Rocking D Road. He wanted to share his ideas. He and his partner, who is with the USDA, are planning a farmers market for one week in December. He wanted to see if there was any support in the City for this. In the long term, he plans to put a soccer field there and create an athletic adult social club.

**Announcements- N/A**

Conduct the second required Public Hearing on the proposed City of Temple Capital Budget for the 2023 fiscal year.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. In accordance with the recommendation from the City's consulting engineering firm, Turnipseed Engineers, approve the bid proposal from Geosystems Engineering, Inc., for development of a groundwater potentiometric surface map, as required by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), at an estimated cost of \$59,000 to \$65,000.

2. In accordance with changes made by the State of Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), the City of Temple authorizes and requests the Geology Program at the University of West Georgia to discontinue collection of fecal coliform data under the current contract for stream water quality testing and assessment in Temple's watershed because the continuing collection of this information duplicates the Geology Program's current activities which meet the State's requirement for data collection and testing for E. coli.

3. Authorize the Mayor to sign a new one-year agreement with the Georgia Department of Human Resources for the City of Temple's continuing participation in the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) in calendar year 2023, enabling an eligible resident to apply for fiscal assistance with his/her existing water bill.

4. Pending the City Attorney's approval of the Master Service Agreement, authorize the Mayor to sign a contract renewal with Darnel, Inc., for the collection of funds due the City of Temple from delinquent and defaulted accounts.

5. Adopt a new ordinance to increase the City of Temple municipal license fee that is charged to insurance companies transacting business within Temple's corporate limits, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 33-8-8 and based on the increase in this incorporated municipality's population; also to direct the City Clerk to file a copy of this new ordinance with the Georgia Insurance Commissioner.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Set the date for the next monthly series of City Council committee meetings, to be at 5:30 p.m. on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, November 28, 29, or 30; and hold the first public hearing on the proposed FY2023 Operating Budget in conjunction with these committee meetings.

It was agreed that the date for the City Council committee meetings would remain on Monday, November 28, 2022.

2. Schedule a special work session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14, with the agenda to include a discussion of water rates and sewer rates for 2023.

It was agreed to put this special work session on the calendar.

3. In accordance with the City Council action taken during the special called meeting on November 1, announce the November 2 purchase of a Ford F350 truck for the Public Works Department from Scott Evans Dodge in Carrollton at the authorized price of \$78,660, using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and funds from the Public Works Department's operating budget as approved by the City Council during said November 1 meeting.

Public Works Director Hal Burch stated he would be picking the truck up tomorrow.

4. Discussion of the three quotes obtained by Sewer Treatment Plant Director Jimmy Jenkins, and then selection of the company to provide bushhogging and forestry mulching services in conjunction with the operation of groundwater wells on the acreage where the City of Temple's Sewer Treatment Plant and related facilities are located.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Sewer Director Jimmy Jenkins did get three quotes, however he said each of the bids were handled a different way. Mr. Osborne said that he would rather the Council not take action on this at this time so that we can do an RFP and get quotes that are "apples to apples" comparison.

5. Report on the planned followup regarding the key points from the City Council public hearing on the proposed FY2023 Capital Fund budget, including plans to adopt this budget during the City Council's regular voting meeting on December 5.

Council Member Bracknell recommended that \$7,500 be added to the budget to replace furniture in the Senior Center lobby. There were no other comments or recommendations.

6. Report on the contacts made by the City of Temple with the Carroll County Water Authority (CCWA) pertaining to the report and recommendations from the Turnipseed Engineers, including working together to reach an agreement to increase the maximum amount of water that could be purchased by the City of Temple from the CCWA.

Council Member Walden is on the CCWA Board. He said he talked with Matt Windom and he seemed a little shocked from the recommendation by Turnipseed to purchase a million gallons of water per day. He said we are currently between about 425,000-450,000 gallons per day and would be reluctant to request that much. Council Member Walden suggested maybe starting with a 25% increase, that would bring us up to about 750,000 gallons a day. It sounds like CCWA will provide whatever we need. Mr. Walden also suggested that we may need to have a formal agreement with CCWA regarding the cut offs in the Windy Mill subdivision. Council Member Russom asked if Turnipseed's recommendation is based on future growth, and we think that it is. City Administrator Bill Osborne mentioned that the current contract will expire at the end of this year and we will need to take action so that CCWA can extend the contract. This will be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

7. Report on the recent letter from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources commending the City of Temple Recreation Department on its use of Land and Water Conservation (LWCF) funds in accordance with the program's guidelines.

Assistant City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that we received information from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources that they commend the Recreation Department on its use of the LWCF funds. Once every five years the site is inspected.

#### **Closing Comments:**

**Council Member Bracknell-** Reminded everyone of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner which will take place on Thanksgiving day from 11:00am-2:00pm. He also mentioned the Cornhole Tournament and Fall Festival that was held at the Recreation Department last weekend. On November 19<sup>th</sup> JAM in the park will take place, it is an effort to bring the resources of the community and country together. The event is geared towards children and will be held in conjunction with Providence Elementary, Temple Elementary and the Rec Department.

**Council Member Walden-** Reminded everyone to get out on vote.

**Mayor Johnson-** On December 1<sup>st</sup> we will have the annual Christmas parade and festivities. The Parade will take place at 5:30PM, the tree lighting will take place at 7:30PM. We have community support from churches and organizations.

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

**Adjournment:** There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:04PM.