

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
November 14, 2022
Temple Senior Center
5:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Mayor Michael Johnson
Council Members Present: Richard Bracknell, Hiley Miller, Casey Russom, Howard Walden, Tom Wallace.
(Ms. Miller arrived at approximately 5:10pm and was not present for the vote on the published agenda or the vote to go into Executive Session)

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Michael Johnson

Approve published agenda of this date's Special Called Meeting as presented:

Mayor Johnson requested that the Executive Session (needed for a personnel matter) be moved in front of item number one. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the published agenda with the requested change of moving the Executive Session for personnel matters before item number one, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

There was a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel matters by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

At 5:36PM, there was a motion to come out of Executive Session by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

1. Receive staff reports concerning City of Temple water and sewer revenues and expenditures during the past five years.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that if the Council is ready they can set the new water and sewer rate schedule which will become effective on December 1, 2022.

2. Discussion of this information by the Mayor and members of the City Council, as well as a discussion of possible changes in current water rates and/or sewer rates which would be effective with the start of the December billing cycle.

Council Member Walden stated that he didn't think we should change the water and sewer tap fees since those were recently updated. It was explained by the City Administrator that the Carroll County Water Authority will be going up on their rates by 10%. Council Member Bracknell explained that in February the rates will automatically be raised per the ordinance. Council Member Bracknell stated that he is not interested in changing the rates until the new water meters are in the ground and we have accurate readings; he will not vote for an increase until this happens and we have been waiting five years. He asked when the projected start date for the project is. Mayor Johnson explained they can't have a start date until the meters arrive and they have been told the arrival date for the meters is supposed to be November 15th. Council Member Bracknell suggested waiting until three months after the meters have been installed and then they can make a more educated decision on whether the rates need to be updated. Mayor Johnson suggested at the committees meeting each month that the Council

receive a report that shows the difference between how much we pay for water and how much revenue we receive for water so that we can monitor it and analyze how much we are coming short.

3. Consider setting the water rates schedule and the sewer rates schedule for the City of Temple, to be effective with the start of the City's December billing cycle.

Mayor Johnson stated if they are not in favor of making changes to the rate schedule then there is no action to take. Council Member Bracknell said that with the 1.5% automatic increase that will take place next year he does not want it to be on the water and sewer tap fees. Mayor Johnson explained if they want to exclude something, it will have to be done before the automatic increase takes place. City Administrator Bill Osborne said that this could be discussed at the January meeting because it is not on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to leave the water and sewer rate as is, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments- N/A

Executive Session, if needed: Executive Session was moved to before item number one.

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:07PM.