

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 2023
5:00PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Mayor Michael Johnson. Mayor Johnson explained that this meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2023, but due to the storms and the power outage in Temple, this meeting was rescheduled for today, August 9, 2023.

Council Members Present: Richard Bracknell, Alexis Boles, Howard Walden, Casey Russom

*Tom Wallace arrived 10 minutes late and was not present to vote until after item #2 under old business was taken off the table.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Michael Johnson

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

Mayor Johnson explained that there were a couple of proposed amendments to the agenda:

- In item #2 under New Business, it is proposed to read "adoption of" instead of "announce".
- It is proposed to move item #12 under New Business to be item #13, and for the new item 12 to read:
In accordance with the resolution promoted by the Georgia Municipal Association and adopted by the Temple City Council on April 10, a brief presentation on the third and fourth "resolve" pledges in this resolution: the third pledge being aimed at having that open, honest, and transparent communication which is vital for cultivating trust and relationships; and the fourth pledge being focused on treating colleagues, staff, and members of the public in a professional and respectful manner, especially when you are not in agreement.

Approval of Minutes:

July 10, 2023 Council Meeting:

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the July 10, 2023 Council Meeting minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

July 31, 2023 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the July 31, 2023 Special Called Meeting minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

Public Comments= N/A

Announcements: City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that we are changing the way that we are doing the workbooks. The information that was received for tonight's meeting should be placed in the workbook from the previous Committee's meeting, and placed in the appropriate committee tab.

OLD BUSINESS

1. (Tabled from meeting of May 1, 2023): Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the request to the City of Temple from Mike Meshkaty of Blue River Development for approval of the annexation and rezoning of a 48.03-acre tract of land adjacent to the north side of U. S. Highway 78 in Haralson County adjacent to Carroll County and the corporate limits of the City of Temple, being Parcel #01170039B in Land Lot 175, District 6, from A5 (Agricultural) in unincorporated Haralson County to R-4 (Single-Family Detached Residential) in the City of Temple.

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There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to take this item off the table, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

Mayor Johnson explained that this item was on the agenda for the Monday, August 7th Council Meeting which had to be postponed due to the thunderstorm and power outage. Because a public hearing has to be advertised 15 days in advance, we will have to re-advertise this public hearing and this item will need to be tabled until the September City Council Meeting.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to table this item until the September Council meeting (the date of this meeting will be decided in item #13) second by Council Member Boles. Vote 4-0.

2. (Tabled from meeting of July 31, 2023): Authorize the Mayor to sign a License Agreement with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company granting to the City of Temple approval, upon payment of a \$59,005.75 one-time license fee, to install and construct a 10-inch and 12 -inch water pipeline on railroad right of way from a point just north of the Rome Street / James Street grade level crossing and extending to a point just south of the wider grade level railroad crossing near the intersection of Sage Street and Carrollton Avenue, thereby enabling the City of Temple to move forward with construction of its top priority water system improvement project adjacent to Sage Street between the campus of Temple High School and College Street.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to take this item off of the table, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

Mayor Johnson explained that City Attorney Carey Pilgrim said that the licensing agreement with the railroad is likely a uniform agreement for permitting and that the railroad is unlikely to accommodate any requested legal changes to this agreement. Mr. Pilgrim did state that there are three items of concern: 1. The indemnification/risk is in the railroad's favor unless the railroad is 100% at fault. 2. The license permit term is for 20 years. 3. The railroad right of termination allows the Railroad Superintendent to terminate this agreement at any time if they decide to change the elevation or direction of the railroad. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that this project needs to be done and the railroad controls the land. He recommends that the Council take action so that we can move forward.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Mayor to sign the license agreement with Norfolk Southern, pending approval of the City Attorney, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report to the City Council concerning the required information to be published in the Carroll County's legal organ (The Times – Georgian) concerning the City of Temple's five-year history and other information pertaining to the tax digest, millage rates, and related information

Financial Consultant Rick Hartley explained that if there is no increase we just need to schedule a meeting to adopt the millage rate; if there is an increase we have to schedule three public hearings. If public hearings are needed, we have to have at least one of those meetings commence between 6:00pm and 7:00pm. He stated this is not a formal adoption, it is just tentative. We will still have to complete and advertise the five year history and if there is an increase we have to do a public notice and press release along with the public hearings.

2. Adoption of the City of Temple's tentative millage rate for the 2023 tax year which will be considered in a special called meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, August 24; and announce the required public hearings will be held on Thursday, August 17, at 11:30 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m., as well as on Thursday, August 24, at 4:45 p.m

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to tentatively set the millage rate to 4.299 for Carroll County, subject to any legal requirements for public meetings, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to tentatively set the millage rate to 3.977 for Haralson County, subject to any legal requirements for public meetings, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

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3. Authorize Turnipseed Engineers, on behalf of the City of Temple, to pursue with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) and with the appropriate Federal government agencies possible funding options pertaining to lead service line replacements, including a combination of loans, principal forgiveness, and grants
It was explained by Mayor Johnson that this was discussed last week at the committees meeting.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize Turnipseed Engineers to pursue with the GEFA possible funding options pertaining to lead service line replacements, including a combination of loans, principal forgiveness and grants, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

4. Authorize Turnipseed Engineering to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction of the Williams Mill Creek Sewer project, aka the Park Circle project
There was a motion by Council Member Walden to authorize Turnipseed Engineers to issue an RFP for construction of the Williams Mill Creek Sewer project, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

5. Authorize the City Administrator to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for preliminary engineering on the City's major sidewalk project, which will extend from the public school campuses on Rainey Road to the City of Temple's downtown business district via Rome Street
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator to issue a RFQ for preliminary engineering on the City's major sidewalk project, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

6. Authorize Sewer Treatment Plant Director Jimmy Jenkins to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the removal and subsequent replacement of the filter disk component at the City's plant
There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to authorize the Sewer Treatment Plant Director to issue an RFP for the removal and replacement of the filter disk component at the City's plant, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

6. Authorize the City Recreation Director to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a City Park Security System
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Recreation Director to issue an RFP for a City Park Security System, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

7. Authorize the City Recreation Director to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a restoration project of the City park's tennis courts
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Recreation Director to issue an RFP for a restoration project of the park's tennis courts, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

Council Member Walden asked if this was in the Capital Budget; it was confirmed that it is and will be paid with 2021 SPLOST.

8. Authorize the creation of one new position with the current job title of Building and Codes Inspector, with this position to include certain inspection responsibilities dealing with residential construction in the City of Temple
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to table this item to the September meeting until some questions can be clarified, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

9. Authorize the incorporation of amendments into the current Recreation Assistant job description, in the City's Recreation Department, with the job title being changed to **Administrative Assistant/Athletics** to reflect changes in the staffing responsibilities; the position remains at a pay grade 11.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the amendments to the current Recreation Assistant job description, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

10. Authorize the creation of one (1) new Administrative Assistant position in the Recreation Department, **Administrative Assistant/Recreation**, to include the City Museum component of this department; the position will be at a pay grade 11.

There was a motion by Council Member Boles to authorize the creation of one new Administrative Assistant position in the Recreation Department, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

11. Adopt an Ordinance to identify and clarify certain types of housing which are deemed to be appropriate or which are deemed to be inappropriate within the corporate limits of Temple

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to table this item until we have the proper wording in the ordinance, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

12. In accordance with the resolution promoted by the Georgia Municipal Association and adopted by the Temple City Council on April 10, a brief presentation on the third and fourth "resolve" pledges in this resolution: the third pledge being aimed at having that open, honest, and transparent communication which is vital for cultivating trust and relationships; and the fourth pledge being focused on treating colleagues, staff, and members of the public in a professional and respectful manner, especially when you are not in agreement.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that everyone can read the civility pledges at their leisure.

13. Consider changing the City Council's regular monthly voting meeting in September 2023 from the first Monday to a date later in the week, due to the Labor Day holiday.


There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to change the September meeting to Tuesday, September 5th, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 4-0.

Closing Comments

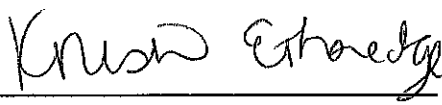
Howard Walden- He has a new addition to his family, a healthy baby boy, Dawson Allen.

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 5:55PM.



Mayor Michael Johnson



City Clerk