

Minutes
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 7, 2019
6:30PM, Temple City Hall

Call to Order.....Mayor Michael Johnson

Council Members Present: Richard Bracknell, Terron Bivins, Tom Wallace, Howard Walden

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.....Mayor Michael Johnson

Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council Meeting, as presented.....Mayor Michael Johnson

There was a motion to approve the agenda by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

Public Comments:

N/A

Approval of Minutes:

December 3, 2018 Regular Meeting.....Mayor Michael Johnson
There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0

December 5, 2018 Special Called Meeting.....Mayor Michael Johnson
There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

Appointment of the Chair and Other Members of City Council Committees.

Mayor Johnson explained that there would be no changes submitted to the structure of the City Council Committees. He did state that there is an open spot on the Recreation Department Committee, and that spot would be determined by the Special Election in March. Tom Wallace is currently the Chair of the Community Development Committee, whoever fills the vacant District 3 council seat will take over this in March.

Election of a Mayor Pro Tem for 2019

Mayor Johnson asked that the Council make a recommendation for this position. There was a nomination and motion by Council Member Walden to have Council Member Bracknell continue serving as Mayor Pro Tem, there was a second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 3-0. Council Member Bracknell abstained.

New Business:

1. Appoint Charlene Thomas as the Temple representative on the West Georgia Regional Library Board for a term extending through June 30, 2021.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to appoint Charlene Thomas to the West Georgia Regional Library Board, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

2. Report by Villa Rica City Councilmember Leslie McPherson regarding certain revisions to the current Animal Control Ordinance which the Carroll County government and the municipal governments in Carroll County may be considering in the coming weeks.

Villa Rica City Council Member Leslie McPherson thanked everyone for allowing her to have time to speak at the meeting. She stated that Carroll County is looking at some proposals which will make changes to the animal control ordinance, specifically to domesticated animals/dogs. She said that there are two main concerns that they will be looking at: extreme weather conditions and tethering. Carroll County is the only county in the area that currently allows tethering 24/7; right now the dog can be tethered four times its length; the ordinance also says the area should be clean and sanitary which is usually not the case. The county takes care of all of us, and they would like input from everyone. Once the proposed changes are available to be reviewed, she will let everyone know.

3. Adopt a resolution to set and publish the qualifying fee for the City of Temple general election to be held on November 5, 2019, for the office of City Council Member in three City Council Wards.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the resolution to set and publish the qualifying fee for the City of Temple General Election to be held on November 5, 2019, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

4. Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with River Bottom Farm for field and maintenance services in the City Park in calendar 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$13,754.00 and in accordance with the scope of work set forth in the City of Temple's request for sealed bids for said services.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that River Bottom Farm was the only company that submitted a bid for the field and maintenance services in City Park for calendar year 2019. This bid was distributed to the Council at the Committee meeting last Thursday. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with River Bottom Bottom Farm, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

5. Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Acosta Fence, Inc., of Carrollton for the purchase and installation of fencing at various ballfields in the City Park in accordance with the scope of work set forth in the City of Temple's recently issued request for sealed bids for said services and installation; or reject the bid from Acosta Fence, Inc., and direct the City Administrator to re-issue the request for sealed bids for said scope of work.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that there is an updated memo regarding the bid from Acosta fence. The fencing bid was a little under \$40,000, however, there was a question regarding the gates. On Friday Bill Osborne and Recreation Director Joe Wilson met with Mr. Acosta; Mr. Acosta felt that some of the current poles were in good shape and could be re-used. There is a new breakdown of cost per field which totals \$55,000 and includes new gates and the pipe for the gates. Council Member Bracknell stated that they have been talking about this project and it needs to be completed before the season starts. Council Member Bivins stated this new amount is \$15,000 over the original figure; she also stated that it does not include fencing around the pond. After a brief discussion, there was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Acosta Fence, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-1. Council Member Bivins opposed.

6. Announce that in accordance with the Temple City Ordinance adopted September 4, 2018, entitled "An Ordinance Revising Water and Sewer Service and for Other Purposes for the City of Temple, Georgia", a 1-1/2 percent volumetric rate increase in all scheduled water and sewer fees will be effective with the February 2019 billing cycle.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there was discussion about this at the committees meeting. The ordinance requires that the City have a rate increase in February each year, unless the Council takes action to have a higher rate or no rate change at all. Mr. Osborne stated that according to the ordinance, the City will notify customers that there will be a 1.5% inflationary rate increase.

7. Increase from \$1,000.00 up to a new figure of \$1,500.00 for the deposit fee charged by the City of Temple for the use of a fire hydrant meter by building construction companies or other parties, which is refundable upon the undamaged return of said meter to the City of Temple.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the cost of new meters has gone up, therefore the deposit needs to be increased and be the value of the meter itself. A new meter has been ordered. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to increase the meter deposit fee to \$1,500, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

8. Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Hughes Ray for the preparation of a new Zoning Map for the City of Temple which incorporates all rezoning actions approved by the City Council in calendar 2018.

City Administrator, Bill Osborne explained that the City Clerk would review the minutes and come up with a list of zoning changes that were approved during 2018; Howard Ray said the cost for this project should not be more than \$2,000. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Huges Ray for updating the zoning map with all actions that were approved in 2018, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

9. Authorize the expenditure of an additional \$27,969.98 in 2015 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) revenues to complete the City of Temple's required local government fiscal contribution for the current cooperative Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) program with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell that they authorize the expenditure of an additional \$27, 969.88 for the LMIG project, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

10. Award the contract for the purchase of two Police Department patrol vehicles based on the comparative quotes from automobile dealers as presented to the City Council by the Temple Police Chief, with funding included in the City's 2019 Capital Fund budget.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that we currently have two quotes for the patrol vehicles and Chief Lee is getting a third. There will be a Special Called Meeting on January 17, 2019 to deal with this. The Council will have all of the quotes prior to the meeting for their review.

11. For calendar 2019 approve a continuation of the grading scale established by the City Council in February 2018 to determine the percent of the merit increase which a City of Temple employee could receive in his/her salary based on an annual performance evaluation.

Council Member Bracknell explained that this was discussed at the Committees meeting. Council Member Bracknell made a motion to continue using the grading scale established in February 2018 to determine merit increases, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

12. Set the maximum percent increase which a City of Temple employee could receive in calendar 2019 in his/her annual salary based on that employee's merit evaluation at 3.00 percent of his/her current annual salary; and set the cost of living increase in said employee's annual salary at 1.50 percent, which would be effective on his/her anniversary date.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to set the maximum merit increase at 3.00 percent and the cost of living increase at 1.50 percent, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

Executive Session, if needed

N/A

Closing Comments

Howard Walden- wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

Mayor Johnson- Let's go home and see which neighbor wins the football game. Let the best team win.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

Mayor Michael Johnson

City Clerk