

**City Council Meeting**  
**January 13, 2025**  
**6:30PM, Temple Senior Center**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Johnson  
Council Members Present: Richard Bracknell, Alexis Boles (by phone), Hiley Miller, Casey Russom, Howard Walden.

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

**Public Comments:**

Larry Gamel is a realtor who was present representing Mike Shannon. Mr Shannon has property located at 65 West Johnson Street. He has been there for 18 years and owned it for 12. He stated that the property was zoned for working on heavy trucks and that is what he has been doing. He is in the process of selling the property and has a buyer that wants to use it for the same purpose, but he is now being told that it can not be used for working on heavy trucks.

Mike Shannon, owner of the property, was also present. He said he wants to know what changed. He stated that the former City Administrator told him and other potential buyers that this property could be used for repairing heavy trucks. He said he is now being told that the property would need to be re-zoned. He said when the building was initially built by Mr. Parrish, it was used solely to work on dump trucks.

Approval of Agenda, as presented:

Mayor Johnson explained that there are two amendments to the agenda that he is requesting. He would like for the following to be added to the agenda as items 7 & 8:

7. Authorize a change order with FS Scarbrough LLC on the Williams Mill Creek Project in the amount of \$17,219.27 to be paid from SPLOST 2021 to perform required utility work on outside drop on MH-16.

8. Adopt a resolution declaring a 90-day moratorium on the approval of new residential development plats for the City to investigate its water supply to ensure water availability for its citizens.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the agenda and add items 7 & 8 listed above, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

**Election of Mayor Pro Tempore to serve for 2025:**

There was a motion by Council Member Miller to nominate Richard Bracknell as Mayor Pro Tempore to serve for 2025, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 4-0. Council Member Bracknell abstained.

Mayoral appointments to City Council Committees: There were no changes to the appointments.

**Approval of Minutes:**

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the December 2, 2024 minutes with the changes that were noted, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

**Announcements:**

Mayor Johnson acknowledged the Police Department and Public Works for assisting with the one way traffic issues on Otis Street in front of the elementary school. For a time, all of the residents of Otis Street were locked in, but this has been rectified now and the one way begins at the school campus property.

**New Business**

1. Approve the 2025 list of vendors/contractors.

There was a motion by Council Member Miller to approve the 2025 list of vendors/contractors, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

2. Adopt a resolution to set the qualifying fees for the 2025 City of Temple election on November 4, 2025, for the positions of City Mayor, City Council Member from Ward 1, and City Council Member from Ward 2.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt a resolution to set the qualifying fees for the November 4, 2025 City of Temple Election, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

3. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Spectrum Enterprise for internet services pending legal review.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a contract with Spectrum Enterprise for internet services contingent upon legal review, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

4. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for the karate program beginning this quarter.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for the karate program beginning this quarter, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

5. Adopt a resolution to become a member of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) and participate in GIRMA's funds for the PTSD program.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt a resolution to become a member of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA), second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

6. Authorize a change order in the amount of \$6,000 with LCS for the E. Johnson/Sage Street waterline replacement project.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize a change order in the amount of \$6,000 with LCS for the E. Johnson/Sage Street waterline replacement project, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

7. Authorize a change order with FS Scarbrough LLC on the Williams Mill Creek Project in the amount of \$17,219.27 to be paid from SPLOST 2021 to perform required utility work on outside drop on MH-16.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize a change order with FS Scarbrough LLC on the Williams Mill Creek Project in the amount of \$17,219.27 to be paid from SPLOST 2021, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 4-0.

8. Adopt a resolution declaring a 90-day moratorium on the approval of new residential development plats for the City to investigate its water supply to ensure water availability for its citizens.

There was a motion by Council Member Russom to adopt a resolution declaring a 90-day moratorium on the approval of new residential development plats, this is an emergency situation because the City needs to ensure water availability for its citizens, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments by Mayor and Council- N/A

Executive Session, if needed- N/A

Adjournment:

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adjourn, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.