

**City Council Meeting
March 3, 2025
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson
All Council Members are present: Richard Bracknell, Alexsis Boles, Hiley Miller, Casey Russom,
Howard Walden

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Michael Johnson

Public Comments: N/A

Award the Certificate of Achievement to Mayor Michael C. Johnson from the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute: Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell presented the award to Mayor Johnson.

Approval of Agenda, as presented:

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

Approval of Minutes:

February 3, 2025 City Council Meeting

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the February 3, 2025 Council Meeting minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

February 10, 2025 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the February 10, 2025 Special Called meeting minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson announced that the GMA Conference registration will open on March 26th. All elected officials were given the registration form and a copy of their class transcripts. The Spring Clean Up Day will be March 29th from 9:00am-2:00pm; we have started advertising for this event.

Mayor Johnson stated that they are waiting on a response from the Simmons family, but we will potentially have the dedication ceremony for City Hall on April 14th. If they are available on that date, the regular Council meeting will take place in the new Council Chambers at 6:30PM.

Old Business

1. (Tabled 2/03/2025) Public Hearing followed by council action on the Variance Request presented by Alex Vautin with Southeast Civil Group to eliminate the five-year sunset clause on the Special Use Permit on 100 E. Luke Road/Mad Properties, Parcel T04 0060712, as presented to the Planning Commission on January 21 with their recommendation to council to approve (A5-0).

Council Member Bracknell made a motion to take this item off of the table, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

Mayor Johnson stated that the applicant requested to have this item tabled until the May 5th City Council meeting. The applicant was advised that this would be the last opportunity for this item to be tabled.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to table this item to the May 5th Council Meeting, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

New Business

1. Receive information from Financial Consultant Scott Akins on (a) debt-to-service ratio, and (b) money market details.

Financial Consultant Scott Akins provided the Council with debt to service ratio information and details about money market accounts; this information was provided in the books. After a brief discussion, it was agreed upon that we should not pursue the option of a money market account at this time, due to concerns about it not being FDIC insured. It was also determined that the best option for the funds needed for the Williams Mill Creek Interceptor project would be from the Water Fund account. The Council also mentioned that they would like to receive a check register every month of what we are paying out of the water fund account and to also be provided with a balance of all accounts each month.

2. Authorization of two CDs maturing this month with the option to invest into a money market account.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to keep the funds in CD accounts and to let Financial Consultant Scott Akins and City Administrator Lisa Jacobson determine the best rate and term, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson stated that the two CDS that matured in February are being moved to Southern States Bank, into two 12 month CDs with an interest rate of 3.9%.

3. Authorize the Change Order for the Williams Mill Creek Interceptor project in the amount of \$500K and consider the funding options: (a) approve Greg Ashworth, Turnipseed Engineers, to request a 10% increase on GEFA loan CW2022034 and the remaining 1% to be funded from the Water Fund

Operating budget, (b) finance the entire \$500K from the Water Fund Operating budget, (c) use CDs in the amount of \$500K, or (d) any combination of options.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to go with “option b”, and to take the funds from the water fund account, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

4. Nomination of GMA District 4 Officers for the 2025-2026 year.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to move forward with the nomination of GMA District 4 Officers as presented, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

5. Authorize Cornerstone to complete the SBR 1 influent valve replacement in the amount of \$23,750.00 with funding from the 2025 Capital Budget.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize Cornerstone to complete the SBR 1 influent valve replacement in the amount of \$23,750 from the Capital Budget, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

6. Adopt a Resolution Agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) to participate in the 401a Defined Contribution Plan.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt a Resolution Agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association to participate in the 401a Defined Contribution Plan, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments by Mayor and Council

N/A

Executive Session, if needed

Mayor Johnson stated that there was a need for an executive session and that there would be no action afterwards. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to go into executive session, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to come out of executive session, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.