

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020
6:30PM, Via Teleconference**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Mayor Michael Johnson.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Richard Bracknell, Hiley Miller, Tom Wallace, Howard Walden
Council Member Terron Bivins arrived late

Report concerning the declaration of this meeting as an Emergency Session:

City Clerk Kristin Etheredge announced that pursuant to Local, State, and Federal Orders in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this council meeting is taking place via teleconference, and this meeting meets all requirements and is being declared as an emergency session.

Action by the Mayor and City Council to declare this meeting to be an Emergency Session:

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to declare this meeting an emergency session, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0 (Council Member Bivins was not present for this vote)

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

There was a motion to approve the published agenda as presented by Council Member Wallace, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0. (Council Member Bivins was not present for this vote)

Report on scope of meeting and participation by City Council and the public:

Mayor Michael Johnson reported that the public will be allowed to offer comments or questions at the end of the meeting. He asked everyone to put their phone on mute, and explained that all votes will be taken by a roll call.

New Business

1. Authorize the City Administrator to solicit bids for certain improvements to four ballfields in the City Park, using 2015 SPLOST Program funds

Council Member Bracknell, Chairman of the Recreation Department Committee, explained that the City has a five year plan in place and while no one is currently on the field, we need to get the fields in shape. Council Member Bracknell made the motion to authorize the City Administrator to solicit bids for certain improvements to four ball fields in the City park using 2015 SPLOST funds, there was a second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0. (Council Member Bivins was not present for the vote)

2. Select an engineering firm to review and evaluate plans to be prepared and presented by the Hughes-Ray Company for a stormwater detention pond on the grounds of the City of Temple's Water Treatment Plant; review any subsequent changes made in these plans; and verify that said final plans should enable this new stormwater detention pond to accomplish its purpose

Mayor Johnson explained that the terminology is a detention pond because the water will only be there temporarily. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that this situation was created 15-20 years ago and with the development that has occurred, some modifications are needed. City Attorney Mike McRae recommended two engineering firms that can take a look at this: Keck and Wood and Turnipseed. Turnipseed expressed a willingness to do the project at an hourly rate; there will be no cost to the City, Hughes-Ray Company will pay for it. There was a motion by Council Member Tom Wallace to have Turnipseed oversee the project, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0 (Council Member Bivins joined the meeting during this item)

3. Receive a report concerning possible hazardous duty compensation for certain City employees for their work during the COVID – 19 crisis

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there has been some discussion of hazard duty pay for employees that are on the front lines. This item will be included on the agenda for the regular voting meeting in May.

4. Receive a report concerning planned City of Temple office operations and department activities during the month of May

Senior Center Director Sandra Stillwell explained that they are only doing delivery and to go plates for meals. When seniors come to pick up their meals, they have make sure that they stand in line six feet apart. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that we are almost back to full staff at the Police Department. Decisions on Municipal Court will be made soon. At City Hall the lobby is still closed, payments are made in the drive thru and by phone. We will look at getting back to a more routine operation soon. He said that the Public Works Department has been operating as usual during the pandemic. Recreation Department Director Lisa Jacobson explained that the Silver Sneakers group is anxious to start back. We have to wait until the shelter in place order has been lifted for that to continue.

5. Set the City Council meeting dates for the month of May

Mayor Michael Johnson explained that he is proposing the regular May Council meeting to be held on Monday May 18th and the Committees Meeting on May 4th. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the dates of May 4, 2020 for the Council Committees Meeting and May 18, 2020 for the Regular Council Meeting, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments

Tom Wallace- Thank you for the water and sewer employees for keeping things running

Terron Bivins- Thank you to all of our employees, everyone has pitched in and we appreciate their efforts

Howard Walden- echoes what they both said. He especially appreciates the Police Department and he is glad to see we have a new water line on Sage Street in downtown.

Mayor Johnson- We are living in unusual times, new changes are happening day to day and we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:05PM

Mayor Michael Johnson

City Clerk