

**City of Temple**  
**Monthly Council Meeting**  
**June 5, 2017 6:30pm**  
**Temple City Hall**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Lester Harmon.

**Council Members Present:**

Richard Bracknell, Penny Ransom (present via phone call), Todd Rothwell, Howard Walden

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lester Harmon.

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

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to amend the agenda to add an item to appoint someone to the seat on the Carroll County Water Authority Board that was formerly held by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Ransom opposed.

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

**Visitors:**

**Patrick Cline-** he called to inform the City that he would not be able to make it to the meeting and wanted to reschedule for the next month.

**Public Comments:**

**Mr. Conway-** He wanted to commend the council, it takes a lot of time and effort to do the job and he appreciates their public service. He said he had concerns over the past four or five years because spending money on audits that don't turn up anything, drama that is shown on tv, lawsuits, he's been told that children and teams traveling to other cities are made fun of because they are from Temple. He said the citizens deserve better and he asked that some of this stuff is put aside so that we can have more pride in our City.

**Dawn Adkins -** She wanted to clarify that the City is not going to court in June; that she and Mr. Bracknell are going to court.

**Jim Locata-** He has been a property owner since 2012. He has a piece of property on Rocking D, there is no way to access the property. He said for five years the City told him they would make it passable. He has had two businesses there and both have moved out. It is a safety hazard; he and his tenants have talked to the City but nothing has been done. The Mayor stated that he wasn't aware of this situation.

**Approval of Minutes:**

May 1, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

There was a motion to approve by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Ransom. Vote 4-0.

May 25, 2017 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion to approve by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

**Old Business:**

1. Tabled from May 25, 2017, Special Called Meeting: Consider approving a three-year lease agreement with Synovus Bank for the Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) location at 240 Carrollton Street, which is the site of the Temple City Hall.

City Attorney Mike McRae commented that he could not recommend that the City approve this lease agreement. He stated that the City would be responsible if there were issues with the electronic equipment, and that other cities that he represented with similar agreements charged at least \$1,000 a month and the bank took all responsibility for the equipment. After a brief discussion, there was a motion by Councilmember Ransom to not enter into the contract, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0.

2. Authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals for grounds maintenance services at City Hall, the Police Department, the Branch Library, the Senior Center, and the Welcome to Temple sign area on Georgia 113 near Interstate 20 to be effective August 1.

After a brief discussion, there was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to authorize the issuance of the RFP for grounds maintenance services, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

**New Business:**

1. Approve the Agreement for Consulting Services with Hughes-Ray Company, Inc., for compiling the 2016 MS4 Annual Storm Water Monitoring Report for the City of Temple and for submitting said report to the State of Georgia Environmental Protection Department (EPD) at a lump sum fee of \$12,500.00.

Howard Ray explained that this is a report that has to be submitted every year. June 22nd is the submittal date. Councilmember Ransom stated she was told money for this was already in the budget and she wanted to know where it was coming from. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there is a line item in public works, under professional services with \$32,500 and \$12,500 is for this project. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the \$12,500 agreement with Hughes-Ray, second by Walden. Vote 4-0.

2. Approve the Agreement for Consulting Services with Hughes-Ray Company, Inc., for the re-creation of the City of Temple's current Zoning Map and for work with the Mayor and City Council, the City Planning Commission, and appropriate City staff members on creation of a Future Land Use map and Development Code at a lump sum fee of \$20,000.00.

Howard Ray explained that several years ago HRC assisted the City with a future land use map, but it sort of died off. The zoning map is really old and we don't have an up to date record. He wants to work with the City on a new zoning map for the council to adopt, then work with the city and council for

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future land use, and the development code (which will be based on the City of Douglasville) so that everything is up to date. Councilmember Ransom wanted to clarify that the lump sum would not exceed \$20,000, for example, if something doesn't pass. She wanted to make sure the City would not incur any more fees. Mr. Ray stated that was correct. There was a motion by Councilmember Walden to approve the \$20,000 as long as it is in the budget, second by Councilmember Bracknell, Vote 4-0.

3. Approve the Agreement for Consulting Services with Hughes-Ray Company, Inc., for the continuation and completion of the required project for mapping of the Storm Drain System for the City of Temple by the February 1, 2018, deadline in accordance with MS4 requirements at a lump sum fee of \$30,000.00.

Howard Ray explained that this is tied to the MS4 permit; it is the final phase of mapping of the storm water system. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the Public Works Department has \$32,500 in the budget for this, \$12,500 for the other report, \$20,000 for this one. He said the report is not due until next February, therefore, the final \$10,000 would come out of the 2018 fiscal year budget. Councilmember Ransom asked where would the \$20,000 for the zoning come from; Bill Osborne stated from professional fees/administration. Councilmember Ransom asked they he double check that there is a line item for this, he stated there should be a line for zoning and auditing. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the agreement with Hughes Ray, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

\*City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that before we move to the next agenda item, they want to make a report to the council on the Villa Rosa situation. Howard Ray said that on Wednesday, May 31st, there was an event where both pumps went down; it appears they were hit by lightning. We went into emergency response with a bypass pump and have been battling it for several days. The appropriate steps of contacting the EPD were followed.

4. Staff report concerning the joint meeting of the Carroll County Board of Commissioners with the elected officials from the City of Temple and the other municipalities in Carroll County at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, in the Historic Court House in Carrollton for the purpose of discussing the possible initiation of an Energy Excise Tax for those local governments who sign an intergovernmental agreement.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that it will be likely that Carroll county will implement an energy excise tax. If that action takes place, municipalities will have the opportunity to agree with an intergovernmental agreement. We will come back to you with whatever our attorneys agree to.

5. Staff report on recent and current activities pertaining to the City of Temple's water and sewer services, including billing operations for the months of May and June; as well as the explanatory information sheet being included in the customers' current bills.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that a letter was written to the water/sewer customers explaining issues that have been taking place with the water and sewer bills. He said that going forward we will be looking at more consistency with our meter reading and in the next 2-3 years we need to deal with replacing old water meters and going to automatic read.

6. Approve the payment of \$2,225.00 to Caselle for the balance due on two additional concurrent licenses for the City of Temple, with \$1,475.00 from the General Fund budget and with \$750.00 from the Water and Sewer Fund budget.

City Administrator Osborne explained that the City needs three additional licenses for Caselle so that more users are able to access the system at one time. Councilmember Ransom stated that she thought the point of partnering with Villa Rica was to keep costs down but the City keeps paying extra fees and

wanted to know if the intergovernmental agreement was ever abolished, would we still have the same rates with Caselle. Bill Osborne stated that he is working on a report that will show the cost for Caselle without partnering with Villa Rica would have been much more expensive; he is not sure if Villa Rica severs the agreement if our costs would be the same. There was a motion by Councilmember Walden to approve the additional Caselle licenses, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Ransom opposed.

7. Authorize the Mayor to sign a new intergovernmental agreement with the Carroll County government for the Sheriff's Office to provide inmate crew services after the current agreement expires on June 30, 2017.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated we did not get anything from Sheriff Langley prior to the meeting, so we won't take action on this item tonight. He said the sheriff indicated he is comfortable with keeping the agreement in place for the rest of the calendar year, possibly the next 12 months.

8. Authorize the Mayor to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Haralson County Board of Commissioners for the assessing, billing, and collection of municipal ad valorem property taxes on those parcels within the corporate limits of the City of Temple which is located in Haralson County, with said agreement to be in effect through December 31, 2010, and with the City of Temple paying a total of \$6.00 per parcel for said services.

City Attorney Mike McRae stated he made revisions in the packet to include extending the agreement any time you want without having to approve a new agreement; the revisions were approved by the Haralson County Attorney. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve to have the Mayor to sign the intergovernmental agreement, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

9. Report on preliminary plans for the 2017 Founder's Day celebration.

Councilmember Todd Rothwell reported that Founder's Day will be held on Saturday, September 23rd. We hope to have the applications online for the vendors and parade soon.

10. Staff report on balances in the City of Temple's bank accounts.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he provided information from Ms. Hefty on all of the City's bank accounts & their balances.

11. Change the date of the City of Temple's regular monthly meeting from Monday, September 4, 2017, to Thursday, September 7, or to Monday, September 11, due to the Labor Day holiday.

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to move the date to Monday, September 11th, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

12. Appoint someone to the Carroll County Water Board

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that he talked to Matt Windom, Director of the CCWA, and the appointment is a non voting position. Councilmember Simmons was on the board for a number of years. Councilmember Bracknell nominated Councilmember Walden; this died for a lack of a second. Councilmember Ransom nominated Councilmember Rothwell; this died for a lack of a second. Councilmember Rothwell suggested that they nominate a citizen. Councilmember Walden made a motion to table this until the July 6th meeting, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0.

**Closing Comments:**

**Rothwell- thanked** everyone for coming to the meeting

**Bracknell-** mentioned that the City participated in the Grand Opening of Bojangles. The Biker Care Unit, lead by Coach David Grimley, gave out food to those in need over the weekend. He was impressed with the community coming together for the event. Ruth Holder Library had a summer read program over the weekend with activities for the kids. The Public Works guys are doing good things. Caselle is having a photo contest; we want to get the community involved. There will be details on our Facebook page. On Friday night, there was a death of a local 5 month old baby. He wanted to commend our police department and officers Thompson, Thorne and Latanzio for the way they handled the situation.

**Walden-** Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting; there are a lot of new faces. He wanted Mr. Osborne to make sure to get back with the gentleman that had issues with the road on his property.

**Osborne-** He said that he expected the two modular units to be moved from the old Police Department property soon. He and the Mayor and Mr. Eberhart met with GDOT and Representative J. Collings regarding a left turning lane at the intersection of Hwy 78 and Hwy 113. Pumps have also been ordered and we hope to have them installed in the next couple of weeks.

**Chief Lee-** He stated that traffic enforcement is up because of fatalities on I-20. They are not setting up speed traps, but they are doing all they can to focus on traffic and lower accidents. There was a huge drug bust today and they are working on some other potential drug spots. They need to fill two vacant positions. A car wash is planned for August with the proceeds to go to Shop With A Cop.

**Adjournment:**

There was a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:39PM.

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Mayor Lester Harmon

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City Clerk