

**City Council Meeting
July 1, 2024
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES**

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Michael Johnson

Public Comments: N/A

Approval of Agenda, as presented:

Mayor Johnson proposed that the following amendments be made to the agenda: to eliminate item #6, to modify item #7 to adjust the time instead of being 10:00am for it to be 8:00am and instead of 8:00pm it would be 7:00pm and to add item 12 “to authorize the Police Department to sell two drug seizure vehicles: A Ford Taurus and a Saturn”. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the agenda with the changes listed above, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

June 3, 2024 City Council Meeting

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the June 3, 2024 meeting minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that there was a customer billing issue that is being handled by staff. It is an issue with two services that we use: Caselle and Xpress Bill Pay. Some of our customers were double billed; we are working to resolve this issue. Finance Accountant Regina Shaw explained there were approximately 30 accounts that were double billed. It mostly affected customers that were set up on auto pay. Regina will follow up in the morning with Xpress and Caselle and make sure the bills are corrected and taken care of.

Consent Agenda – N/A

New Business

1. Hold a public hearing on the possible one-way directional traffic change to Bell Street and a portion of Rome Street.

Mayor Johnson explained that these changes would make a) Bell Street a one way going East from West Johnson to Rome St , and b) Rome St. a one way going south from Driver Street to West Johnson Street. This public hearing will be for citizens offering their point of

view. Citizens can have up to three minutes to speak at the public hearing. Mayor Johnson opened up the public hearing for comments.

Calvin Waters (426 River Bluff) He thinks this is a good idea. Traffic on Rome has gotten much heavier. What is GDOT and road signage going to do and he wanted to know when this would go into effect.

Public Works Director Josh Smith explained he would like to have the transition complete before school starts. We would let the School Board know well in advance for the bus routes, etc. Once this is approved, we will order signs and start advertising.

There was no one else present to make comments for or against this proposal. The public hearing was closed.

2. Consider adopting the one-way directional traffic changes to Bell Street (going East) and Rome Street (going South from Driver Street to West Johnson Street).

There was a motion by Council Member Miller to adopt the one-way directional traffic changes to Bell Street and Rome Street, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

Josh Smith, Public Works Director, explained we can start advertising next week. They have a good bit of signs on hand already; he will need to set up striping. Mayor Johnson has given the school system a heads up that this might happen, and will let them know that the directional change has been approved. Josh has also reached out to other municipalities to potentially rent a digital messaging sign. He also mentioned that with his GDOT background, you never want to do a change like this on a Monday.

3. Authorize Change Order No. 3 with F.S. Scarbrough, LLC, on the Williams Mill Creek Interceptor project to include paving a section of Villa Rosa Road in the amount of \$190,190.71, to be funded with the 2024 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) and Local Road Assistant (LRA) funds from GDOT.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize Change Order No. 3 with F.S. Scarbrough, LLC on the Williams Mill Creek Interceptor project to include paving a section of Villa Rosa Road in the amount of \$190,190.71 to be funded by LMIG and LRA funds from GDOT, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

4. Adopt revised policy changes to the Personnel Policy Manual as follows: Comp Time, p12 – verbiage change to “Immediate Family Members”, removal of redundant information on pages 49 and 58, and removal of fire fighter information on p57.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the revised policy changes listed above in the Personnel Policy Manual, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

5. Discussion with possible consideration to select a contractor and authorize the repairs to replumb the Senior Center.

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson stated that this is to authorize an emergency repair with United Plumbing Services to replumb the Senior Center in the amount of \$29,500. Council Member Miller asked if th

is would come from the General Fund. Public Works Director Josh Smith explained that it would be coming from the Capital Funds Budget/Public Works. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize United Plumbing Services to complete emergency repair of replumbing the Senior Center in the amount of \$29,500, with the funds to come from the Capital Funds Budget/Public Works, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

6. Selection and authorization of a contractor to begin construction of Phase I at the City of Temple Museum. This item was removed.

7. Approve the Special Event Permit request by Matt Roden, KRG, to hold an event downtown Temple on July 6, 2024, with Tallapoosa Street closure between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

There was a motion by Council Member Boles to approve the Special Event Permit requested by Matt Roden, KRG to hold an event in downtown Temple on July 6, 2024 with Tallapoosa St. closed from 8:00am-7:00pm, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

8. Select the company to provide Grounds/Landscape Maintenance for City of Temple properties as provided for in the Request for Proposals with services to begin August 1, 2024.

Mayor Johnson explained that staff's recommendation is Chip's Lawn Care in the amount of \$39,951. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to select Chip's Lawn Care for the Grounds/Landscape Maintenance contract, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

9. Receipt acceptance of the completed Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Audit.

There was a motion by Council Member Miller to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 audit, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Council Member Walden stated that the Council normally receives a copy of the audit; City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that she sent out the findings but that she will make sure that everyone receives a copy of the completed audit.

10. Approve the July Committees' Meeting to run concurrently with the August voting meeting on August 5, beginning at 4:30 PM followed by the monthly City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve for the July Committees Meeting to run concurrently with the August voting meeting on August 5th, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

11. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for fleet maintenance and management of city-owned vehicles.

There was a motion by Council Member Russom to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Enterprise Fleet subject to final review of the City Attorney, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 4-1. (Miller opposed)

Council Member Walden asked if this would have anything to do with the Police Department's seized vehicles. City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that two of the drug seizure vehicles are being sold, and there is one that will remain in the rotation. Those funds will go back into purchasing a new car; these funds are tracked.

12. Authorize the sale of two drug seizure vehicles, a Ford Taurus and a Saturn.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to sell the Ford Taurus and the Saturn which were drug seizure vehicles, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments by Mayor and Council

Howard Walden- I hope everyone has a safe Independence Day Celebration.

Executive Session, if needed- N/A

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.