

**City of Temple  
Monthly Council Meeting  
July 6, 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, Todd Rothwell, Howard Walden, Thomas Wallace

**Council Members Absent:**

Penny Ransom

**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 approve the agenda, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

**Public Comments:**

Matt Speights- He expressed concerns about people coming up Milner Street the wrong way; this caused his daughter to have a wreck. He said people are being hurt and something needs to be done about this situation. Mayor Harmon asked City Administrator Bill Osborne to get together with the Police Chief and see what needs to be done.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Old Business:**

1. Appoint a non-voting member to the Carroll County Water Authority (CCWA) Board from the City of Temple. (Tabled from June 5, 2017.)

Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to appoint Howard Walden, second by Councilmember Wallace. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Rothwell abstained.

2. 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. (Tabled from June 5, 2017.)

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that we have not received the new agreement from the Sheriff's Office; they have indicated they will still provide these services. City Administrator Mike McRae stated that we need to have a motion and second to take this and item one off the table first. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to take agenda items one and two off the table and put back on, second by

Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the new intergovernmental agreement with Carroll County if it has no changes to the scope of the work or cost, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

3. Authorize the Mayor to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Carroll County Board of Commissioners for the initiation of an Energy Excise Tax in unincorporated Carroll County and the municipalities in this county who desire to be a part of said agreement.

Councilmember Walden made a motion for the Mayor to sign the intergovernmental agreement with the Carroll County Board of Commissioners for the initiation of an Energy Excise Tax, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

**New Business:**

1. Adopt a new agreement with the Carroll County Water Authority for the purchase of water, to be effective January 1, 2018.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the City met with the Carroll County Water Authority and they are going up on our rates in 2018; he stated we should go ahead and adopt it to get it out of the way. Councilmember Walden voted to adopt the new agreement with the CCWA effective January 1, 2018, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

2. Appoint a new member to the Temple Planning Commission, to fill the vacancy which occurred when former member Tom Wallace was sworn-in as a member of the Temple City Council.

Councilmember Wallace made a motion to appoint Mr. Jeff Shackleford to the Temple Planning Commission, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

3. Select the company to provide grounds maintenance and landscape services at City Hall, the Police Department, the Temple Branch Library, the Senior Center, and the area of the Welcome Sign on Georgia Highway 113 for the period of August 1, 2017, through July 31, 2018; and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary agreement with the selected company.

Mr. Osborne stated that five companies placed bids. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to accept the bid from Chip's Lawn Care, using pinestraw, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0.

Mayor Harmon asked if City Attorney Mike McRae had looked over the contract yet, he said he had not seen it yet, but we will use the contract template that he provided for the City of Temple.

4. Staff report on the termination of the three-year intergovernmental agreement between the City of Temple and the City of Villa for fiscal services and code enforcement services.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he is not asking the Council to take any action tonight, but that we need to be thinking about Code Enforcement and the priority is the finance situation. He recommended a Special Called Meeting on July 25th, so that over the next three weeks he will be identifying companies that could provide the services that the City needs.

5. An updated staff report on the problems at the Villa Rosa lift station at the end of May and the first of June, and a discussion of the sewage spill and possible causes and resolutions.

Dwayne Eberhart and Vernon Harris reported on the Villa Rosa station that is up and running with two repaired pumps. They discussed the costs involved in renting pumps and that it would be more cost effective to purchase. After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to authorize up to \$12,000 to purchase a pump, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

6. Staff report on the filing of the City of Temple's 2016 Audit with the State of Georgia.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that the 2016 audit has been filed with the State. We should get a final copy of the audit soon.

7. Report from the City Attorney concerning water and sewer bond payments authorized by City Council late last year.

City Attorney Mike McCrae said that as his memo indicated, the money that was supposed to be transferred to water/sewer did not get transferred. The money is there, it is just not accounted for in the right fund. He said it was an accounting error, and that we need a motion to correct that error now; it has to be transferred from the 2015 SPLOST fund to the water and sewer fund. He said we can do two separate transfers in the general ledger. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to make this transfer, second by Councilmember Wallace. Vote 4-0.

8. Staff report concerning the utility bills charged to several large customers in 2013 and 2014, and a recommended action for the City Council to consider.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that we have five businesses, four which over paid and one that underpaid several years ago and our auditors said we need to get this taken care of. He was not asking for action tonight, but stated we are looking at doing this over the next 12 months; we would take this into consideration when looking at the fiscal 2018 budget. Mayor Harmon and Councilmember Walden questioned why in 2014 the City had to pay Janus because they were over charged, and if they owed us money in 2013, why did the City write them a check. City Administrator Osborne stated we would come back to this at the next meeting.

9. Staff report and recommendation on salary increases for the two clerk positions at City Hall.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Pam Edwards was our key person working on the transition to the new system, Caselle. She has been offered a position with another municipality and he stated it was his recommendation to offer an increase in her salary to keep her working with the City. He recommended increasing her salary to \$16.25, and increasing Cindy Moore's salary to \$16.00. After a discussion, there was a motion by Councilmember Rothwell to increase the salary of Cindy Moore and Pam Edwards up to \$16 per hour. The motion died for lack of a second.

10. Staff report on actions to provide more supervisory personnel within the current manpower of the City of Temple Police Department.

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to table this item until the December meeting, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0.

11. Staff report concerning the two items to be presented to the Temple Planning Commission in a meeting at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the City had a request regarding the property across the street from City Hall. They are wanting to redraw the property lines. This will be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting on July 18th.

**Closing Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

There was a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden, vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.

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Mayor Lester Harmon

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City Clerk