

**City of Temple  
Special Called Meeting  
July 25, 2017  
5:30pm  
Temple City Hall**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor Lester Harmon

**Council Members Present:**

Richard Bracknell  
Todd Rothwell  
Howard Walden  
Thomas Wallace

**Council Members Absent:**

Penny Ransom

**Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council Meeting, as presented...** Mayor Lester Harmon  
Motion to approve by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden.

**New Business:**

1. Conduct a public hearing on the request for an Exemption Plat for property located at 282 Carrollton Street, being part of Tax Parcel TO4 0060067, that was not combined with the property at 268 Carrollton Street. Application by T. Cooper James & Associates.

Mayor Harmon asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this request. A representative from T. Cooper James & Associates was present at the meeting and explained that this property was located South of City Hall, and they are subdividing the property moving it about 90 feet south, making both of these properties about the same size. There was no one else that asked to speak regarding this request; Mayor Harmon closed this public hearing.

2. With the Temple Planning Commission having recommended to the City Council that an Exemption Plat be approved for property located at 282 Carrollton Street, being part of Tax Parcel TO4 0060067, which was not combined with the property at 268 Carrollton Street, the City Attorney's Office shall do the first reading of an ordinance to provide for issuance of said Exemption Plat.

Mr. Carey Pilgrim read the ordinance. After reading it, Mayor Harmon stated this would conclude the first reading of the ordinance.

3. Conduct a public hearing on the request for a Variance on property located at 229 Carrollton Street and 249 Carrollton Street for the purpose of relocating the property line between these two adjacent lots. Application by property owners Max Goldin and Ellis Goldin.

Mayor Harmon asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this request. Mr. Jack Withcer was present representing Mr. Goldin. He stated that this is simply a redrawing of the property; it is simply a reallocation and should make it look better and clean the space up. Mayor Harmon asked if anyone else wanted to speak for or against this request. He then closed this public hearing.

4. With the Temple Planning Commission having recommended to the City Council that a Variance be approved for property located at 229 Carrollton Street and 249 Carrollton Street, the City Attorney's Office shall do the first reading of an ordinance to grant a Variance that would provide for the relocating of the property line between these two adjacent lots.

Mr. Carey Pilgrim read the ordinance. After reading it, Mayor Harmon stated this would conclude the first reading of the ordinance.

5. Consider the request from the West Georgia Baptist Church for City of Temple assistance to resolve title issues with the two modular units located on Johnson Street that were sold to said church by this City government several weeks ago through the sealed bid process.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that neither the City of Temple or the School Board had the title to these properties. The pastor of the church said he could get a title bond from the insurance company, but that would cost \$200 each and he would like the City to pay for this. They can not move the buildings until the issue is resolved. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell for the City to pay the \$400 so the title issue can be resolved, second by Councilmember Walden. The \$400 would be taken out of the \$5100 they paid the City for the buildings. Vote 4-0.

6. Staff report concerning activities to prepare for City of Temple operations following the termination of the current intergovernmental agreement between the City of Temple and the City of Villa Rica for fiscal services and code enforcement services, as well as activities to handle utility billing and related services on an ongoing basis at City Hall.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the intergovernmental agreement with Villa Rica will be ending in a few weeks and we will need to make a decision soon on how to proceed with Code Enforcement and Finances. He will have more information regarding this at the regular council meeting in August. Since Pam Edwards resigned from the water department, Katie Dwinells was hired from a Temp Agency to fill in for the utility billing position. He stated that the job has been posted and advertised and it will probably be the September meeting until we have a candidate for that position.

7. Confirm the continuation of David Lewis in one of the Public Works Maintenance job slots in the City of Temple Public Works Department.

Mayor Harmon stated that he did not think they could do this tonight, his opinion was that Mr. Lewis is a new hire and if he goes through the application process that he would probably recommend him, but he can't change or amend the agenda since it is a Special Called meeting. Mayor Harmon asked if Mr. Lewis filled out an application, and was told he did not. He explained that another City employee quit his job in the Police Department and decided he wanted to come back to work for the City; he had to complete another application and go through the same interview process as everyone else. After going through that process, Mayor Harmon then recommended that employee as the Charter states, and he was hired back. He thinks that is how the situation with Mr. Lewis needs to be handled. City Attorney Carey Pilgrim agreed that they should follow past practice. City Administrator Bill Osborne suggested hiring Mr. Lewis on a contract basis until they can go through the hiring process. After some discussion, the City Attorney, Carey Pilgrim confirmed that the City could hire Mr. Lewis under a contract because there is a need for the position now. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to offer Mr. Lewis a contract, second by Councilmember Walden including there would be no benefits. Mayor Harmon asked if there was any discussion. He stated he had some discussion. Mayor Harmon questioned City Attorney Carey Pilgrim and asked him if he was sure this was legal; the City Attorney stated he was comfortable with it. Mayor Harmon stated he wished he was as comfortable with it as the City Attorney was. Mayor Harmon again asked if there was any more discussion. There was none. Vote 4-0.

8. Staff report, in response to action taken by the City Council during its July 6 meeting, concerning possible salary increases for some employee positions in the Temple municipal government  
Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to table this until the December 4th meeting, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

9. Staff report concerning the 2017 tax digest and the process for establishing the 2017 tax millage rate, which is to be set by the City Council in August.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he is not looking for any action tonight. He wanted the council to have information on the tax digest and said at the next meeting they would have to decide what they wanted to do regarding the millage rate. He gave information on the options of rolling back the millage rate or keeping the rate the same. He stated that he recognized with it being an election year, not many local governments do tax increases.

**Adjournment:** There was a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Wallace. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:09PM.

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Mayor Harmon

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City Clerk