

**Minutes
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 3, 2020
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Johnson at 6:30PM. Council Members in Attendance: Richard Bracknell, Terron Bivins, Hiley Miller, Tom Wallace, Howard Walden

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Michael Johnson

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

Approval of Minutes:

July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting: There was a motion to approve the minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Public Comments- N/A

Announcements

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that in two weeks there will be a Special Called Meeting, August 17th at 6:30PM. There will be a work session with Keck and Wood, along with a Public Hearing on the Millage Rate. Lisa Jacobson reported that the Recreation Department is having a Fundraiser on Saturday from 8:00am-5:00pm which will include a car show and a BBQ cook off.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Special recognition of the City of Temple employees in the Public Works Department and in the Recreation Department for their dedication and service earlier in the year during the initial impact of the COVID – 19 pandemic, and the on-going services to this community by these employees.

Mayor Johnson read a resolution to recognize the employees in the Public Works Department and Recreation Department for their service. Employees present from the Public Works Department were Director George Skala, Brian Merritt and Clint Ballew. Employees present from the Recreation Department were Director Lisa Jacobson, Jeremy Ralston and Hal Burch.

2. Adopt separate resolutions to recognize and honor the City of Temple Public Works Department and the City of Temple Recreation Department and the employees of each of these two departments for their dedication and service in serving this community, including the challenging time earlier in 2020 during the initial impact of the COVID – 19 pandemic.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the resolutions, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

3. Conduct a public hearing on the request from Grace City Church for renewal of the Special Conditional Use Permit approved on October 2, 2017, for a church to continue to approved to be located in the commercial center in Perennial Park at 104 Perennial Drive, Suites 100, 200, 300, and 800, and with a continuation of the same special stipulations. Application by Grace City Church, Inc.

Mayor Michael Johnson opened the public hearing. There were no comments made. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

4. Consider approval of the request from Grace City Church for renewal of the Special Conditional Use Permit approved on October 2, 2017, for a church to be able to continue to be located in the commercial center in Perennial Park at 104 Perennial Drive, Suites 100, 200, 300, and 800, with said Special Conditional Use Permit to remain in effect as long as said church is located at this address and continues to adhere to the same special stipulations.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the request from Grace City Church for renewal of the Special Conditional Use Permit, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

5. Review of staff reports made during the City Council Budget and Finance Committee meeting on July 27 concerning the City of Temple's 2020 tax digest information from Carroll County and from Haralson County, respectively, and from the resulting consolidated tax digest and concerning the five-year tax digest history.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that we have received no new information from the agencies. Council Member Bivins stated that she did not know why we wouldn't roll back the millage rate.

6. Direct the Temple Finance Director to have published in the Times – Georgian newspaper the required Notice of Public Hearing pertaining to the City of Temple's 2020 tax millage rate, with the dates of the three required public hearings if this City is going to consider an increase in its tax rate or with the date of the one required public hearing if this City is going to approve a tax millage rollback rate with no property tax increase.

Mayor Johnson explained that there would be one public hearing and the proposed date is Monday, August 17th. There was a motion by Council Member Bivins that we go with one required public hearing, we will be doing the roll back and the public hearing will be held on August 17th, there was a second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

7. Set the date, or dates, for the required Public Hearing activities pertaining to the City of Temple's 2020 tax millage rate, as well as the time and date of the Special Called Meeting whose agenda will include adoption of the City's 2020 tax millage rate.

This was covered in item number six.

8. Set the time and date of the City Council's regular monthly voting meeting in September to be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, due to the Labor Day holiday.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to change the date of September's voting meeting to Tuesday, September 8th, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

9. Brief staff report concerning the proposed Updated Future Land Use Map and Plan for the City of Temple, on which the Mayor, City Council members, and City Planning Commission members have worked for the past 15 months, including holding public hearings.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that the Council has worked a long time with the Planning Commission and public hearing have been held. He stated that the only change to point out is on the legend, changing the downtown area from mixed use to central business district.

10. Adopt an Ordinance to approve an Updated Future Land Use Map and Plan for the City of Temple. Attorney Chris Jackson explained that everything is in order with the ordinance; it describes what the map is and what it isn't. There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to adopt the ordinance to approve the updated future land use map and plan for the City of Temple, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

11. Brief staff reports concerning proposed changes in how the City of Temple in the future will handle residential and non-residential water, sewer, and garbage accounts when that specific customer's account becomes delinquent, and concerning available arrangements current delinquent customers can make at this time to avoid having services terminated as the result of the current unpaid balance in their respective accounts.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there was discussion about this at the committees meeting last week. He stated that we are looking at having more prompt cut offs and to not let accounts build up with big penalties. He mentioned that Council Member Bivins suggested that after two months of being behind, service would be terminated. He stated that some customers are currently doing payment arrangements. He said he included an ordinance that was adopted two years ago and we need to go forward with that.

12. Adopt an Ordinance to establish the City of Temple's new plan for water, sewer, and garbage service billing and bill payments, to become effective on Monday, August 10.

It was determined in item number eleven, that this ordinance was adopted two years ago. No action was taken.

13. Staff report concerning the billing statements sent recently to several businesses or industries who had been under-billed for the City of Temple's seven percent surcharge for garbage collection and disposal services early in calendar 2020 when the delivery of said services by Waste Pro USA was initiated under a three-year franchise agreement with this municipal government.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained this was discussed at the Committees Meeting last week. At that time, Council Member Walden mentioned a conversation he had with Samantha Tolbert regarding several commercial customers who had not been billed their full amount earlier in the year. He stated that bills have now been sent out to collect this and the bills should be correct going forward; no action needs to be taken.

14. Staff report concerning the first year of garbage collection and disposal services delivered by Waste Pro USA, under its three-year agreement with the City of Temple.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported on the first year of garbage collection service with Waste Pro. He said that the year started off with a lot of positives but we have had an increase in problems in recent months. A large part of the problems are due to manpower and staffing issues. Mr. Osborne explained that he will be setting up another meeting with Waste Pro Officials to discuss and resolve these problems.

15. Approve the proposed floor plan and the preliminary site layout prepared by Artifex, LLC, and the Hughes-Ray Company for enclosing the open space at the Temple City Hall, 240 Carrollton Street, originally constructed for drive-thru banking for this former branch bank location and now to be converted into space to serve both as the Temple Municipal Court courtroom and as the Temple City Council's meeting site, as well as auxiliary office space and restrooms; also, for certain renovation work in the current City Hall office and lobby areas.

There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to approve the proposed floor plan and the preliminary site layout for the City Hall expansion project, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

16. Direct Artifex, LCC, and the Hughes-Ray Company, as the architect and engineer on the City of Temple's City Hall expansion project to proceed with the next step in the pre-construction process.
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to direct Artifex, LLC and the Hughes-Ray Company to proceed in the next step in the pre-construction process of the City Hall expansion, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

17. Updated staff report pertaining to action taken by the City Council during its July 27 Special Called Meeting to authorize the hiring of a qualified certified public accountant or a CPA firm to provide additional services while working with the City Finance Director to generate information for the City's auditors (Mauldin & Jenkins) to review in preparing the City's 2019 Audit and in completing the City's 2018 Audit.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that this was a follow up to last Monday night's meeting. We are focusing on Rick Hartley who is a CPA and has done work for other municipalities in the area. The City Attorney is going to look at his contract so that the City can potentially move forward with working for the City.

18. Approve a contract with Certified Public Accountant to work with the City Finance Director to complete preparation of information for the firm of Mauldin & Jenkins to review as part of its preparation of the City of Temple's 2019 Audit and completion of the City's 2018 Audit.....Terron Bivins

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to authorize the Mayor and Chair or Co-Chair of the Finance Committee to negotiate a contract with CPA Rick Hartley to help complete the 2018 audit and the 2019 audit, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

19. From the quotes received by the City of Temple Public Works Director, select the road paving company to do the re-striping on Center Point Road, with Capital Budget funding from the City's 2015 SPLOST Program, as well as the striping of Rome Street, with funding from the Roads Repair/Maintenance line item in the Public Works Department's General Fund Operating Budget.

Council Member Wallace explained that this was something that was discussed at the committees meeting. The cost for this project will be a little over \$7,000. There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to accept the bid by Tidwell Solutions to do the re-striping on Center Point Road and Rome Street, in the amount of \$7,218.16, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

20. From the quotes received by the City of Temple Public Works Director from companies who are dealers for tractors and related equipment, select the company from whom the City will purchase a skid steer (a bobcat) equipped with brush cutter, with Capital Budget funding from the City's 2015 SPLOST Program.

There was no action taken on this item. It was determined that more information was needed because a brush cutter was not listed with the cut. This item will be revisited at a future meeting.

21. Authorize the City of Temple to contract with Carroll County for the County Public Works Department to repair and upgrade the City Park Walking Trail, with funding for this estimated \$30,000.00 improvement project to come from the 2015 SPLOST Program in the City's approved Capital Fund Budget.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Recreation Department to contract with Carroll County to update the walking trails and to cap the amount at \$12,000, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

22. Consider approving the conditions set forth by the Georgia Power Company for continuing accessibility to the company's overhead or underground facilities on a small tract fronting on Johnson Street (Georgia Highway 113) immediately south of Sewell Street and adjacent to the Temple's City Park, with said approval being a prerequisite to this local government's acquisition of this land.

There was a motion to approve the conditions set forth by the Georgia Power Company for continuing accessibility to the company's overhead or underground facilities on Johnson Street, subject to the Attorney's review, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

23. Staff report pertaining to the conference call meeting on July 29 between the Keck & Wood engineering company representatives who are working on the City of Temple's Water Meter Replacement Project and Temple's City Administrator and Public Works Director.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Keck and Wood is ready to proceed to the next step and put together the RFP. He would like to set up a meeting with them for two weeks from tonight so that we can go over all of the details with them.

24. Authorize the expenditure of the first payment made to the City of Temple from the Federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) aid program in the amount of \$75,051.00 to pay for certain expenses incurred by this local government earlier in year as a direct result of the coronavirus' impact on this community, with said payment being 30 percent of the total amount of \$250,170.00 in CARES funds identified for the City of Temple by the State of Georgia.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that no action needs to be taken tonight to authorize the expenditures. The round one amount is \$75,302. The City must obligate this first amount by September 1st. Two weeks from tonight we will need to make decisions on how to spend the money.

25. Consider approval of the Exemption Plat application for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, which will combine three tax parcels into a single parcel of 47.53 acres already owned by the City of Temple.

There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to approve the exemption plat that will combine three parcels, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

26. Updated staff report concerning the start-up of the Blue Line Solutions Photo Speed Enforcement Program being initiated by the City of Temple in the school zones on Sage Street and Rainey Road, with speed detection cameras identifying motorists who are driving too fast in these school zones.

Chief Creig Lee explained that they are still waiting on a decision from GDOT; they are supposed to be sending more paperwork. The process has been slower due to COVID.

27. Consider approval of a resolution requesting the property owners in the Lakeland Park residential community to consider changing the name of the entry street from Garner Lane to either Garner Way, Garner Street, Garner Avenue, or Garner Trail in order to eliminate the current confusion of having a new street in Carroll County and an older street in Haralson County both "Garner Lane" and being in the "Temple 30179 zip code" and therefore creating problems for various kinds of deliveries and the mail.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there are two streets named Garner Lane in the Temple zip code. He stated he will come back to the council with a report on this in two weeks.

28. Announce that a community meeting with residents from Webster Lake and other neighborhoods in and near the northwest part of the City of Temple will be held by the City of Temple at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 22, at the Temple Senior Center.

This announcement was made.

29. Based on the City Council's decision earlier in this meeting concerning the 2020 tax millage rate, announce the time(s) and date(s) for the required public hearing(s) as well as for the time and date of the City Council's Special Called Meeting to set this tax millage rate.

Mayor Johnson explained that the public hearing will be held on August 17th at 6:30PM at the Temple Senior Center.

Executive Session, if needed- N/a

Closing Comments

Howard Walden- stated that he thought the Police Department Appreciation Day went very well.

Adjournment- There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.