

**City of Temple
Monthly Council Meeting
August 6, 2018, 6:30 PM
Temple City Hall
Minutes**

Council Member Present: Terron Bivins, Richard Bracknell, Todd Rothwell, Howard Walden, Tom Wallace

Call to Order

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation and Pledge was led by Mayor Johnson

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

There was a motion to approve the agenda as published by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

Public Comments:

None

Approval of Minutes:

July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting

There was a motion to approve the July 9, 2018 minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Wallace, Vote 5-0.

July 30, 2018 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion to approve the July 30, 2018 Special Called Meeting minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Wallace, Vote 5-0.

New Business:

1. Consider approving the use of space at the City of Temple Recreation Center and Senior Center as this community's location for the Healthways Silver Sneakers fitness program for senior citizens, to be conducted by Temple area resident Lisa Reese in accordance with an agreement between her and the City of Temple.

City Administrator Bill Osborne asked that everyone strike through the line "Healthways Silver Sneakers" if they decide to make a motion, as this will simplify making the arrangements. He stated that he talked to Sandra from the Senior Center and Joe from the Rec Department to see how they could make this program work. There is a room in the gym next to the court room which could be used every day except for two Fridays a month. Ms. Reese will be providing fitness classes for the seniors; the City will not compensate her, but we would provide the space. Sandra stated that because they are short staffed they have not been able to offer exercise classes and this would be a great opportunity for the seniors. Council Member Bracknell made a motion to allow the fitness program for senior citizens to take place at the Temple Senior Center, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

2. Conduct a public hearing on a request for a Variance on property located at 71 Villa Rosa Road and 326 Rocking D Road for the purpose of relocating the property line between these two adjacent lots, with no change in the zoning classification. Application by property owner Shelby Agan.

Mayor Johnson asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding this request. Mr. Agan was present and stated that they are moving boundary lines; he bought six acres together and the property he is moving is very small. He is trying to make it a more useable land. There were no questions or further comments. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

3. Approve a request for a Variance on property located at 71 Villa Rosa Road and 326 Rocking D Road for the purpose of relocating the property line between these two adjacent lots, with no change in the zoning classification. Application by property owner Shelby Agan.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the variance request, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

4. Conduct a public hearing on a request for Variance on property located at 98 Ringer Street and 440 Centerpoint Road for the purpose of relocating the property line between these two adjacent lots, with no change in the zoning classification. Application by property owners Howard Walden and Linda Walden.

Mayor Johnson asked if there was anyone that wanted to comment on the request for a variance on this property. Council Member Walden stated that he presented his request to the planning commission. There were no further comments or questions. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

5. Approve a request for a Variance on property located at 98 Ringer Street and 440 Centerpoint Road for the purpose of relocating the property line between these two adjacent lots, with no change in the zoning classification. Application by property owners Howard Walden and Linda Walden.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the variance request on this property, second by Council Member Bivins. Council Member Walden stated that he will recuse himself from voting and any discussion on this matter. Vote 4-0, Council Member Walden did not vote.

6. Conduct a public hearing on: (a) a request for the subdividing of the 10.23-acre tract of property at 407 West Highway 78, with one tract to be 1.02 acres and with the second tract to be 9.21 acre and (b) a request for the rezoning of this 1.02-acre tract from R-1 (Single-Family Detached Residential District) to CG (General Commercial District) at 407 West Highway 78. Application by property owners Bob Harris and Lee Ann Harris.

Mayor Johnson asked if anyone was present to make public comments on this matter. Mr. Harris was present. He stated that although Lakeview Drive is considered residential, it is only 200 feet that will be impacted and it would only be passing one house. He said he and his wife are downsizing so it might be one or two trucks a month. There was no one else that wanted to make public comment. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

7. Approve the subdividing of the 10.23-acre tract of property at 407 West Highway 78, which is zoned R-1 (Single-Family Detached Residential District), with the result of one tract now being 1.02 acres and with the second tract being 9.21 acres. Application by property owners Bob Harris and Lee Ann Harris.

There was a motion to approve the subdividing of property by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

8. Approve the rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family Detached Residential District) to CG (General Commercial District) of the 1.02-acre tract located at 407 West Highway 78. Application by property owners Bob Harris and Lee Ann Harris.

There was a motion to approve the rezoning request by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

9. Consider authorizing the City Recreation Director to advertise for sealed bids for construction of a new press box in the City Park.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that there has been some discussion as to where the money was going to come from and that there are some funds available depending on what the council decides to do. We first need to see what kind of bids we could get on this project. Recreation Department Director Joe Wilson stated the proposal he has given them is what he thinks the City needs, it provides space for a press box and storage. He thought the 10X10 space would be a sufficient size and he is estimating the cost to be 35,000-40,000 based on talking to different parks in the area. After some discussion, there was a motion by Council Member Rothwell to move forward and put this project out for bid, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

10. Adopt a resolution providing for the selection of the low bidder A B Construction and Development, LLC, to build and equip the addition to the City's Senior Center in order to provide additional storage, refrigerator, and freezer space for the Senior Center's kitchen, with certain conditions as noted in said resolution.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he put this in resolution form because it was important to provide detailed information to the public. Mayor Johnson read the resolution. Council Member Walden questioned that since we paid them to do the RFP, if we approve them to do the work, can the City not get a reduction or credit. City Administrator Bill Osborne said we might have to do a slight reduction in square footage to reduce the cost. There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to adopt the resolution and move forward with this project using the leftover 2015 SPLOST funds from the library, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

11. From the \$325,000.00 in 2015 SPLOST funds provided to the City of Temple by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners, authorize the expenditure of up to \$118,000.00 for construction of an addition to the City's Senior Center to provide more storage space, including refrigeration and freezer space, for the Center's kitchen; and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with A B Construction and Development, LLC, for the construction and equipping of this addition, including possible changes from the bid specifications to reduce the overall cost of said building addition without changing its purpose and storage capabilities.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the expenditure of up to \$118,000 for construction of an addition to the City's Senior and to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with A B Construction and Development, LLC, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

12. Continue the discussion from the Monday, July 30, City Council committee meetings concerning the draft ordinance presented by City Attorney Mike McRae entitled "An Ordinance Revising Water and Sewer Service and for Other Purposes for the City of Temple, Georgia."

There was discussion regarding the ordinance along with several questions. It was determined that the council would like more time to review and discuss this at the next committee meeting and to table a vote on this until the next council meeting. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to table items 12 & 13 until the regular monthly council meeting in September, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

13. Consider adopting the proposed “Ordinance Revising Water and Sewer Service and for Other Purposes for the City of Temple, Georgia,” with the City Council also considering action to delete one or more Sections of said proposed ordinance prior to the vote on passage of said ordinance previously identified by name in this agenda item.

This was tabled in item number 12.

14. Adopt an ordinance to amend the General Operating Budget for the City of Temple for the 2018 fiscal year.

It was determined that the ordinances in items 14, 15, and 16 were not properly advertised on the city's website. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to table items 14, 15, & 16 until they are properly advertised for at least 72 hours online for citizens to review, second by Council Member Bivins. This will be voted on in September. Vote 5-0.

15. Adopt an ordinance to amend the Water Fund Budget for the City of Temple for the 2018 fiscal year.

This was tabled in item 14.

16. Adopt an ordinance to amend the City of Temple’s 2015 SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) Budget for the 2018 fiscal year.

This was tabled in item 14.

17. Approve the transfer of \$622,550.00 from the City’s Water Fund account to the City’s Debt Service Account, in accordance with City Council action on July 6, 2017, to use said funds for Debt Reduction.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the transfer was done in July 2017; the funds are in your water fund and the purpose is for debt service. He recommends that you move the money from the water fund to debt service. Council Member Bracknell questioned earning interest on this money. Financial Consultant Cynthia Geyer explained that the action for this evening is getting it out of the water fund. Council Member Bracknell made a motion to ear mark the money and use it for debt service, and to seek out bids, authorizing Ms. Geyer and Mr. Osborne to put it in an interest bearing account and to let them do the whole debt service account, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

18. Rescind the City Council’s July 9, 2018, action for the purchase of two 2018 Ford Explorers from Allan Vigil Ford for \$28,819.00 each because all the 2018 model vehicles have been sold and simultaneously approve the purchase of two 2019 Ford Explorers from Allan Vigil Ford for \$28,270.00 each, with the overall cost of the vehicles, camera system, and Upfitter Police Package still not to exceed \$85,000.00.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to rescind the July 9, 2018 action and approve the purchase of two 2019 Ford Explorers for \$28,270 each, with the overall cost of the vehicles, camera system and upfitter police package still not to exceed \$85,000, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

19. Change the time of the regular monthly meeting of the City Council from 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 3, 2018, to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 4, 2018, due to the Labor Day holiday.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to change the September monthly meeting from September 3rd to September 4th, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

20. Discussion of the City of Temple’s 2018 Tax Digest and the process and timing for setting the City’s tax millage rate for 2018.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained we are trying to get everything finished this month for Carroll and Haralson counties. If you are planning to do a rollback, we have to do one public hearing. If you are not doing a rollback, which is a tax increase, we have to have a press release and three public hearings. He said that we are not looking for decisions tonight, but we do need to plan for possibly three public hearings. If you think you are going to consider that, we need to work out a timeline. Council Member Walden stated that as far as he is concerned, we can't have three public hearings at this point. Bill Osborne stated that he is comfortable with us doing the schedule with one public hearing and that would put us in line with what Carroll and Haralson are doing.

Executive Session, if needed

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to go into an executive session regarding a personnel matter, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

At 7:38PM this part of the meeting ended to go into executive session.

At 8:36PM, there was a motion by Council Member Walden to go out of executive session back into regular session, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments:

Bivins- She wanted to commend the Temple Hot Shots on the 20th anniversary of them winning the world championship. She stated that the dedication of the new sign on Saturday was a great celebration of Temple History.

Walden- He also wanted to commend the Temple Hot Shots on their 20th anniversary of winning the world championship in girls softball. He said that the new sign dedication in their honor went well Saturday, and he appreciated everyone that came out to show their support.

Bracknell- He stated he loved hearing what the team members of the Temple Hot Shots are doing now, and they are an accomplished group of women. He wanted to thank Council Member Walden on his hard work on honoring the Hot Shots 20th anniversary and getting together the sign dedication ceremony which took place on Saturday.

Wallace- n/a

Rothwell- n/a

Mayor Johnson- he also wanted to commend Council Member Walden for the recognition of the Hot Shots Girls Softball Team and the sign dedication ceremony. He also wants to commend our schools, classes begin Wednesday and he wishes everyone well, along with the Police Department and other law enforcement.

Adjournment:

There as a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. The meeting adjourned at 8:38PM.

Mayor Johnson

City Clerk