

City of Temple
Monthly Council Meeting
September 4, 2018, 6:30 PM
Temple City Hall
Minutes

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

* Mayor Johnson was not present at the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell served in his absence.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation and Pledge was led by Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell

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

There was a motion to approve the agenda by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

Public Comments:

Keith Dockins- Mr. Dockins explained that he tried to settle all of this two weeks ago. He had asked to be put on the agenda for tonight's meeting because he wanted to discuss water and sewer. He stated that originally City Administrator Bill Osborne said he would call him the following week to discuss this, but when he came into City Hall today Mr. Osborne asked him why he never came by. He did say that Mr. Osborne often was available to help him but did not follow through this time. He said when this water and sewer ordinance was originally introduced Todd was the only Council Member that said he wouldn't vote for it because he didn't think it would take care of things, but Mr. Dockins said he thought it would. He said the only thing not mentioned was the senior discounts. He also stated that he asked to speak at the committees meeting regarding this and he was told that he was not allowed to do so. Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell explained that is not correct, and that citizens should be able to speak at the committee meetings but at Council meetings it is limited to three minutes.

Approval of Minutes:

August 6, 2018 Regular Meeting

August 21, 2018 Joint Special Called Meeting Council & Planning Commission

August 27, 2018 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to accept the minutes for August 6, 21, & 27, 2018 with the noted changes that the City Clerk made, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

Old Business:

Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell explained that there needed to be a motion to put items 1-5 back on the table.

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to put old business items 1-5 back on the table because they were not originally posted on the website, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0

1. Continue the discussion from the July 30 City Council committee meetings and from the August 6 City Council regular monthly meeting 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.”

Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell explained that at the last meeting, they were in the middle of the discussion when it was realized that the ordinance had not been posted on the City's website for everyone to be able to review. The two changes made were the dates in item two on page two; this was to put the ordinance in line with the dates that the City is actually using. He asked if there was any discussion with those changes, there was none.

2. 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.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to adopt the ordinance as it reads, second by Council Member Wallace, vote 4-1. Council Member Rothwell opposed.

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

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to adopt the ordinance to amend the general operating budget for the City of Temple for the 2018 fiscal year, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

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

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to adopt the ordinance to amend the water fund budget for the City of Temple for the 2018 fiscal year, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

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

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to adopt the ordinance to amend the City of Temple's 2015 SPLOST budget for the 2018 fiscal year, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. .

New Business:

1. Accept and approve the pricing commitment from Synovus Bank for \$650,000 currently in the City of Temple’s Debt Service account to be moved and placed in an interest bearing Money Market account with a rate of 1.45 percent for a 12-month period, to be effective upon completion of the appropriate financial documents.

Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell explained that this was the information the Council had asked Ms. Geyer to collect for us so that the City could be earning interest instead of the account remaining dormant. There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve for the City to move the debt service account to an interest bearing account with a rate of 1.45% for a 12 month period, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

2. Accept and approve the proposal from Synovus Bank for a pricing commitment that provides an Earnings Credit of .35 percent on the average ledger balance and a 45 percent discount to the City of Temple’s bank account fees, and to remain in place to July 31, 2019.

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to accept and approval the proposal from Synovus Bank for a pricing commitment that provides an earnings credit of .35 percent on the average ledger balance and a 45 percent discount to the City of Temple's bank account fees, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

3. Approve the withdrawal of the City of Temple funds currently in a Money Market account at Bank OZK (account number 7008651), with the amount identified by Bank OZK being \$204,377.98 as of August 22, 2018; and approve the deposit of said funds in a Money Market account with one of the banks which has submitted "current term" and "current rate" information to the City, with the transfer of said funds being effective upon completion of the appropriate financial documents after the bank selection has been made by the City Council.

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to approve the withdrawal of the funds currently at Bank OZK (account number 7008651) to another bank because Bank OZK will not give the City better rates, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

4. Staff report concerning the possible re-financing of the water bond debt, including the preparation of information to be presented to the City Council in a special meeting or special work session later in September.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the City has to refinance this debt because we can not come up with 4.6 million dollars. We have over two years to come up with a solution and the financial experts say that the rates are going up. He stated that there have been discussions with the Carroll County Water Authority; we have been working on this and expect to have more information later this month.

5. Approve the placement of a bench in front of City Hall to honor the late Ms. Linda Williams.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve placement of the bench in front of City Hall, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

6. Proclamation recognizing and honoring City of Temple Senior Center Director Sandra Stillwell as the Grand Marshall of the 2018 Founder's Day Parade, scheduled as part of Founder's Day on Saturday, September 22.

Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell read the resolution to recognize and honor Sandra Stillwell as the Grand Marshal of the 2018 Founders Day Parade.

7. Approve the purchase of two submersible pumps to be used by the City of Temple Public Works Departments at the sewer lift stations, at a total cost of \$23,609.00 and to be paid with 2015 SPLOST funds.

Council Member Bivins made a motion to purchase the two submersible pumps at a cost of \$23,609 and to be paid with 2015 SPLOST funds, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

8. Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with AB Construction & Development, LLC, for construction of an addition to the City of Temple Senior Center in order to provide additional storage, freezer, and refrigeration space at a revised price of \$105,632.50 and authorize the Senior Center to spend up to \$5,000.00 for the purchase and installation of stainless steel shelving in this new space, with said costs being paid with 2015 SPLOST funds.

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with AB Construction & Development, LLC with the revised price of \$105, 632.50 and to spend up to an

additional \$5,000 for shelving, all to be paid with the county allocated SPLOST funds, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

9. Select the company to construct the new press box in the City Park, with possible modification to the building plans being developed by the selected contractor and the City of Temple.

Council Member Bivins made a motion to accept the bid from Mr. Rinehart subject to them continuing to negotiate the price, with the money coming from the 2015 county allocated funds, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-1. Council Member Rothwell abstained.

10. Authorize the City Recreation Director to obtain at least three proposals for the installation of new fencing on certain City ballfields to replace current fencing which no longer is an effective barrier for said ballfields, with the costs being paid with 2015 SPLOST funds.

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to authorize the Recreation Department Director to obtain at least three proposals for the installation of new fencing on certain ballfields, with the cost being paid by 2015 SPLOST funds, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

11. Announce the scheduling of a special meeting of the City of Temple Parks and Recreation Committee, to be held at the City Recreation Center during the month of September in order to provide Temple residents an opportunity to present to the members of this committee their thoughts, suggestions, and concerns pertaining to the City Recreation Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell announced that there would be a special meeting at the Recreation Department on Wednesday September 19th from 5:00-7:00pm.

12. Announce the second public hearing on the update of the City of Temple's Comprehensive Plan will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10, in order for the public to hear a report from the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and then for the City to receive citizen comments regarding this proposed updated plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Bracknell announced that the second public hearing on the City's Comprehensive Plan will be held at City Hall at 6:00PM on Monday, September 10th.

13. Conduct a public hearing on a request for a Variance on property located at 45 Carrollton Street and 51 Carrollton Street for the purpose of relocating the property line between these two adjacent lots, with no change in the zoning classification. Application by property owner John T. Steadham.

City Attorney Rob Monroe explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments for or against the request for a variance on the property located at 45 and 51 Carrollton Street. John Steadham was present at the meeting; he explained that they have two houses on the lot and they have been in his family since 1921. There was a question as to how many water meters were on the property, it was stated that there are two. There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed.

14. Approve a request for a Variance on property located at 45 Carrollton Street and 51 Carrollton Street for the purpose of relocating the property line between these two adjacent lots, with no change in the zoning classification. Application by property owner John T. Steadham.

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to accept the request for a variance on property located at 45 and 51 Sage street, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

Executive Session, if needed

n/a

Closing Comments

Walden- He stated that choosing Sandra Yearty for the Grand Marshal for the Founders Day parade was a great choice. He also questioned why the planning and zoning agenda items were not at the beginning of the agenda as they normally are. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the old business had a lot of financial items and he was trying to keep those together. He gave his apologies to Mr. Steadham, that his item was inadvertently placed at the end of the agenda.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Mayor Johnson

City Clerk