

**Council Meeting
September 8, 2025
6:30PM, William Simmons Administration Building
MINUTES**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson.
Council Members Present: Richard Bracknell, Alexis Boles, Hiley Miller, Howard Walden
Council Members Absent: Casey Russom.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Micheal Johnson

Public Comments

Charlie Parris (146 E. Johnson St.): He asked about when the back entrance to the Deer Creek subdivision would open up and if anyone has checked out the infrastructure of those roads. He stated before the entrance is opened those roads need to be evaluated. Some of the curbing in the City needs to be worked on, especially on Sage Street. The house on E. Johnson that is growed up needs to be worked on. Sidewalks around the City need to be worked on, especially around the Methodist Church. LakeShore and Ivey Lake really need sidewalks to the high school. We need to look at putting an overpass in that area; the City needs to invest in that.

Bart Bozak (664 Angela Dr): The industrial park will be south of his neighborhood, Amy Ridge. They have lived there for 11 years and enjoy the quality of life and privacy. This would be detrimental to this. Beyond Amy Ridge, Lakeshore and Brookshire would be affected, not in a good way. I don't understand why an industrial park has to be there. It was zoned for private homes and on July 7th was changed. It doesn't sound right.

Donny Karr (150 Enterprise): He collected nearly 600 signatures on a petition requesting that the Council reconsider the rezoning and hold another public hearing. We went around Amy Ridge and Enterprise, and most residents were unaware of what was happening. The zoning sign was placed in an area that was difficult to see. It was partially obscured by foliage and 20 feet down the road. According to state law, the sign must be posted in a conspicuous location. Does it meet the legal requirements. I know the vote has been cast, many have not seen the notice. I respectfully ask that there be another public hearing on this matter.

Monica Brooke Larente (165 Enterprise) She has lived here for 17 years and moved here because it is quiet and rural. They have raised children and grandchildren here. She is here to discuss what is happening behind their house. This butts right up to their property line. They were not aware of what was happening. Richard Bracknell did come by their home and talked about it, but they had not realized it before then. They didn't see the rezoning sign. We talked about a concrete wall buffer, no warehouses, no 24/7 use and no smells coming from the area. We don't really know what is going to happen there. They have put a lot of money into their home and are very concerned

about what is going to happen. They feel like they have been blindsided, haven't received a lot of information and they need to revisit the rezoning. Residential to Industrial doesn't seem right; please address this.

Gerald Powell (162 Enterprise Dr): His concern is the same regarding the rezoning for the industrial park. When he walks out of his front door, all he will see will be concrete buildings. He wasn't properly notified; we should have gotten a letter or a visit. We were blind sided by this, no one saw it coming. This is a very peaceful place and it could affect our property value and taxes. Most of these people are senior citizens or people that are about to be retired. The zoning board said no, why did the council say yes? They know the quality of life. Were there traffic studies and environmental studies?

Suzanne Green (79 Enterprise Dr)- Has lived in Temple for 50 years. Concerned about the traffic on 78. How will it affect water? We are overloaded now.

Jimmy Rowe (135 Enterprise): He went to the planning meeting. No one knows what they are going to put there. Could we get a copy of what they are doing?

Zachary Somerhauer (120 Enterprise): Has concerns about the light industrial park, the noise and pollution. He doesn't think a 100 foot buffer is enough. He worked in a place like that, it is noise all day. I would like to request a larger buffer if possible; doesn't know if the site plan has been approved. He is concerned about the traffic flow and side streets. His concern is trucks going down the side roads. His favorite thing after work is going in his back yard with his dog and listening to the birds, etc. He doesn't want noise when he's trying to relax. Would like to learn the restrictions placed on this.

Hunter Beckjordan (155 Enterprise): Concerned about the water supply issue and the traffic this could cause. He was there when Mr. Karr's house caught on fire, he was pumping the truck and the hydrant on that street did not have enough GPMs. What will you look into for improving the water supply? The industrial park will diminish the water supply and overload the system. We run a lot of accidents on 113 by Royal Way because of the traffic at that intersection.

Leah Davidson (130 Enterprise Drive): Many of us are from Enterprise and we are all trying to rally together as a community. None of us are happy with the proposed park. I have lived in the neighborhood my whole life. I am a single mom and it is a nice and peaceful neighborhood. We are a community and family. I worry about the increased foot traffic in the area. I have always felt safe and will feel less safe with the increasing amount of people that I don't know. She also has concerns with traffic and water. Please readdress this issue.

Keith Karr (1142 Old Muse Rd): Has lived in the community all of his life and lives in Carrollton now. Some issues will be the traffic, getting across the I20 bridge in the afternoon to this light. Currently

there are several light changes, it will only get worse. Light and noise pollution is real. We will have increased air pollution. Did anybody do a study of the impact of industrial parks? If the zoning board voted against it, that is a question too. It will be more tax revenue to Temple. The fire hydrant he talked about was right at Donny's house.

Tim Cedar (300 Ivey Lake Pkwy) Is the water billing being fixed yet? Lindsey has been very helpful, but we don't have our bills. This is the first I am hearing about the industrial park; I would be against that too.

Madison Karr (150 Enterprise) Our house did burn down. We love the community so much we decided to re-build in the exact same spot. We are building a brand new house and putting a lot of money into it. It is disappointing that we will look out the door and see a large building. We would like the opportunity to address our concerns.

Approval of the Agenda, as presented:

Mayor Michael Johnson requested amending the agenda and remove items 1, 2 and 3 from the agenda under new business.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the amended agenda, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

August 4, 2025 City Council Meeting: There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the August 4, 2025 minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0

August 25, 2025 Special Called Meeting: There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the August 25, 2025 Special Called Meeting minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

Announcements

Consent Agenda: There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the consent agenda, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 4-0.

1. Authorize the purchase of 2 district meters from Utility Solutions & Automation, LLC (USA) in the amount of \$10,622.00 with funding from the water fund budget.
2. Adopt the 2026 City Calendar of meetings and events as presented.

New Business

1. Receive information from Delegate Donny Karr on his reconsideration request to the (IL) Light Industrial Rezoning of Parcel T02 0060219, which took place on July 7, 2025.

This item was removed from the agenda.

2. Adopt a resolution for the Supplemental Agreement of acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$500K for the sidewalk project, with an 80-20 match with the city's funding to come from SPLOST 2021.

This item was removed from the agenda.

3. Present Mr. Michael Bell as a candidate for the Planning Commission, Ward 3 seat, which Mr. Troy Curtis vacated on July 15, 2025.

This item was removed from the agenda.

4. Authorize funding for the sports fields' lighting repairs with \$6,400 from the FY2025 Capital Budget (Rec Dept. line – mower remainder), and the remaining amount will come from the FY2025 Rec Operating Budget, not to exceed a total of \$9,000.00.

There was a motion by Council Member Boles to authorize funding for the sports fields' lighting repairs with \$6,400 from the FY2025 Capital Budget and the remaining amount will come from the FY 2025 Operating Budget, not to exceed a total of \$9,000.

5. Status discussion on the Springbrook software implementation.

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that there have been a lot of issues with the software implementation. There were 160 accounts that were not billed correctly resulting in \$11,500 not charged. She stated that she and several staff members had a meeting with Springbrook today with the top implementation program. Lindsey sent the bills over, the proofs were still incorrect and Springbrook stated that had an issue with their software and they worked on it all weekend. The bills are now good. There was another meeting with the implementation team today and there are 15 items that still need a resolution. There are target dates to resolve these issues. Progress is being made and another meeting is planned for Monday.

Council Member Walden stated he wanted the Council to be aware of these problems that he discovered in the last few weeks. Water cut offs have not been done, we haven't been charging penalties. The bills are just going out and the reads are from August 17th. Springbrook has been a big problem. He recommends not implementing the business license and permit phase of this software until the other issues are straightened out. The problem is on Springbrook's end not the City's end. The employees have been bombarded with calls. This is also affecting our audits. Ms. Jacobson did state that the 2023 and 2024 documents needed for the audit are available in Caselle. Council Member Miller asked if we have had conversations with Springbrook regarding them paying us any money back for revenue we have lost because of these issues; Ms, Jacobson said she has asked about this but has not heard back yet.

Closing Comments by Mayor and Council

Howard Walden- I attended the GMA meeting last Thursday at City Hall; our staff did a great job setting it up.

Mayor Johnson- The City hosted the GMA District 4 meeting last Thursday. We had visitors from all over the state. This meeting was the best that I have attended. I salute our staff for all of the efforts they put forth. I am always proud to be the Mayor of the City of Temple; it is great when we can show off. Kudos to the staff!

Executive Session, if needed : N/A

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:21PM.