

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
September 14, 2020
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center

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

Council Members Present: Richard Bracknell, Hiley Miller, Howard Walden, Tom Wallace

Council Members Absent: Terron Bivins.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: The invocation and Pledge were led by Mayor Michael Johnson

Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council meeting, as presented: Mayor Johnson requested that there be an addition to the agenda. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that later in the meeting there will be a report on the CARES act funding. Tonight the Council will need to take action on the initial 30% of this funding and how it will be distributed. The Mayor stated we would like to add that agenda item after item #18. (This is noted as item 18b in the minutes.)

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to add the CARES item to the agenda after item#18, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

Approval of Minutes:

August 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

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

August 31, 2020 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the minutes, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting

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

Public Comments:

Gwendolyn Barley- Stated that she talked to the City Administrator and the Police Chief about her concerns regarding the church on Maplewood Drive. She said she understands that they can't do anything because it is religious, but she does have concerns about the traffic and the noise. She doesn't have a problem with the church, but they use a microphone and it is loud. The traffic lines up on one side of the street and it causes an obstruction and safety issues. She said this has been going on for over six months and it needs to be addressed.

Announcements- N/A

1. Special recognition of the City of Temple employees whose offices are in City Hall 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 recognized the City Hall employees for their work throughout the pandemic.

2. Adopt a resolution to recognize and honor those City of Temple employees whose offices are located in City Hall for their dedication and service, including during the challenging time earlier in 2020 with the initial impact of the COVID – 19 pandemic

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the resolution, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0. The resolution was read at the end of the meeting.

3. Review and discussion of the Temple Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve the final plat for Phase II of Azalea Hills, zoned as a Residential Design Concept Development (DCD) and located south of Venable Road in Land Lots 114 and 115, District 6.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that this was discussed by the Planning Commission on September 3rd and they approved going forward with presenting this to the City Council. He explained that he met with the owner/developer and the engineer for this project. They came to an agreement that of the 45 lots, only 6 of these they will be asking for a variance on. The Mayor asked if anyone wanted to offer any comment on this request. Citizen, Danny Cunningham, asked why is the City not requiring all of the lots to be brought up to the standard? City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that this is a planned unit development and there is flexibility that you don’t have in standard zoning. He confirmed that it is design concept development and it does meet the requirements.

4. Consider approval of the final plat for Phase II of Azalea Hills, a Residential Design Concept Development located in Land Lots 114 and 115, District 6. Application by owner/developer Al-Husseini Abdel-Mahdi.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve both pages for the final plat and for it to be recorded in the Carroll County Map Room, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

5. Report on the September 3 Temple Planning Commission meeting to consider and then to make a recommendation on the proposed addition of a new zoning classification in the City of Temple’s Zoning Ordinance.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that we are looking at adding an additional zoning classification; we are looking at something that will provide more flexibility on a development of 50 acres or less. This will give us an additional zoning option that we don’t currently have. He suggested that they go ahead with the Public Hearing.

6. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance to add a Planned Development (PD) zoning classification in the City of Temple’s Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Michael Johnson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to make comment. Chip Lanier stated that he owns the remainder of lots in Schoolhouse Trace. He said he is hoping to blend some of the concepts presented into this existing subdivision. He did state concerns of the timing of approvals and suggested changing it from 60 days to 30 days. City Administrator Bill Osborne agreed that the timing could be shortened. He said there is some flexibility in the ordinance. Council Member Howard Walden suggested that where it says “City Manager” in the ordinance that it be changed to “City Administrator”. City Attorney Chris Jackson also suggested that we eliminate where it says there is a six month time frame for plat recording. He stated it does not need to state a specific time frame.

7. Consider adoption of the proposed Ordinance to add a Planned Development (PD) zoning classification in the City of Temple's Zoning Ordinance, as recommended by the Temple Planning Commission.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the ordinance with the following updates:

1. Replace City Manager with City Administrator
2. Shorten the 60 day time frames for public hearings and City Council action to 30 days
3. Remove the 6 month window for the City to take the Plat for recording.

Second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

8. Approve an amendment to the City of Temple's current grounds maintenance agreement with Chip's Lawn Care, Inc., for grounds maintenance services at five different City government locations in order now to include one additional City-owned property which is the future site of the City of Temple museum at 598 Sage Street, with said amendment to provide for initial cleanup and landscape work not to exceed \$2,136.00 and then for monthly grounds maintenance services at a cost of \$430.00 per month.

Council Member Bracknell stated he wants to table the landscaping cleanup; the Council needs more time to understand what needs to take place there. He said we need to be a good neighbor and wants to go ahead and request the \$430 a month to maintain the museum grounds. Recreation Department Director Lisa Jacobson explained that the \$430 would cover mowing and weed eating. She said extensive work, more than what they initially thought, needs to be done. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the \$430 a month to get it cleaned up, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

9. Authorize the purchase of three A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator) units, with carrying cases, from AED Brands, LLC, at a total cost of \$3,541.95, for placement in the City Park's three restroom-concession buildings for cardiac-related emergencies, and with funding from the Recreation Department's operating budget.

Council Member Bracknell explained this was discussed at the Committees Meeting. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to purchase the three A.E.D.s, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 4-0.

10. Select the company to construct a 3-stall storage bay in the City Park in order to provide a permanent storage area for sand and dirt, to be used in the maintenance and upkeep of the City Recreation Department's ball fields.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve Dewberry Contracting Inc to construct a 3-stall bay, to come out of the 2015 SPLOST in the amount of \$7,400, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 4-0.

11. Announce the 2020 Georgia Cities Week celebration postponed in the spring due to the coronavirus pandemic now will be held Sunday, October 4, through Saturday, October 10, with several special City of Temple events currently being planned for this year's Georgia Cities Week observance.

This announcement was made.

12. Adopt a resolution changing the name of Garner Lane in the Lakeland Park residential subdivision in the City of Temple to the new name of Garner Way to avoid possible confusion with another street with this name also located in the Temple 30179 zip code.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the resolution to change the name of Garner Lane in the Lakeland Park subdivision to Garner Way, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

13. Approve a change in the City of Temple's telephone service from Spectrum to Spectrum VOIP, pending the City Attorney's review of the terms and conditions of the proposed new contract, which is expected to provide expanded and improved service at a savings of approximately \$200.00 per month below the current cost.

After further discussion that the City Clerk had with the Spectrum representative, it was determined that the City would have to sign a 5 year contract in order to proceed with the new service and equipment. It was explained that the contract was needed because the City would be receiving over \$5,000 in equipment along with set up and installation; it was guaranteed that the pricing would not change during that five years, and the savings is approximately \$200 per month over the City's current plan. The City Attorney stated that he does not think that the City can sign a contract for that long. Further research was going to be done to see if there is any way to proceed with this project.

14. Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the GMEBS Life and Health Program in order to provide the option for full-time City of Temple employees to add vision insurance to their coverage, with all premium costs being the financial responsibility of the individual employee.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with GMEBS to add vision coverage as an option for employees at their expense, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

15. Request the City Attorney to investigate the recent incident adjacent to U.S. Highway 78 near Sage Street where a construction company installing underground cable punctured through a City of Temple sewer force main and subsequently has continued to deny liability in this incident, which resulted in this city government spending \$14,385.00 for emergency repairs on this sewer line in order to prevent environmental problems and to restore service in the northern part of Temple.

Public Works Director George Skala stated that this sums up what happened, there was a sewer spill and it was contained.

The Deen Brothers took care of this. City Attorney Chris Jackson stated that they will look into it and if it is a matter that needs to be discussed in Executive Session he will let us know.

16. Authorize the City Administrator to notify the Carroll County Board of Commissioners of the City of Temple's intention to annex some 32.20 acres of property owned by the City of Temple and being the southern part of the City's Sewer Treatment Plant property currently located in unincorporated Carroll County

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator to notify the Carroll County Board of Commissioners of the City's intention to annex 32.20 acres of property, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

17. Report concerning the Sewer Treatment Plant proposed 2020 fiscal year capital project for the purchase and installation of a GRIT system.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that Jimmy Jenkins wants to move forward with having a grit system installed. There was \$50,000 in the budget designated for this. They have received a price of

\$95,000 and installation cost of \$5,000. This was reported to the Council because some shifting of funds will need to be done and the City will have to ask for sealed bids.

18. Updated report concerning the status of the City of Temple's applications to the State of Georgia for a total of \$251,008.00 in Federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funds. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the next step is that he and Finance Director Ken Abidde will come back to the Council in two weeks regarding this. The bank account is open and the state has approved for the City to receive the additional \$175,000. The City has until the end of December to spend the second portion of the funding.

18b. Authorize the City Finance Director to transfer the \$75,302 in Federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Funds approved for the City of Temple by the State of Georgia to be transferred into the City's 2020 Fiscal Year operating budget for the Police Department, and then to be approved to be expended by reimbursing the General Fund for personnel costs incurred during 202 by certified police officers whose responsibilities basically are patrolling and related public safety activities. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Finance Director to transfer the funds as stated in item 18b, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

19. Status report concerning the architectural and engineering plans being developed for the expansion of the Temple City Hall building.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that the Council was given a copy of the expansion plan. He and Chief Lee recently met with the architect and Taylor Pound from Howard Ray's office. No action needs to be taken tonight; there will be another meeting with the architect within the next month.

20. Status report concerning the appointment of an individual to fill the recently created position in the City of Temple government of Assistant City Administrator.

Mayor Michael Johnson stated that this process is still ongoing.

Executive Session, if Needed- Mayor Johnson stated that there was a need for an Executive Session regarding personnel and no action is expected after the session. There was motion by Council Member Bracknell to go into Executive Session after a five minute break, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0

Executive session began at 7:57PM. Closing comments were done before the Executive Session began.

Closing Comments:

Richard Bracknell- He wanted to recognize Prissi Sullivan and all that she did for the City of Temple in reporting the news; he stated that she always treated Temple fair.

Howard Walden- He mentioned the STEM proclamation and stated that one of the teachers that got the STEM certification is his granddaughter, Ally.

Michael Johnson- Stated that tonight's meeting, originally scheduled for last Tuesday, was rescheduled to tonight in respect of Council Member Bivins, and the death of her son, Eddie. We are sad for her and her family's loss and prayers go out to them. He also mentioned that he taught Eddie.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to come out of Executive Session by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0. (Council Member Miller had to leave during the Executive Session)

There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, Second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Mayor Michael C. Johnson

City Clerk