



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
October 5, 2020
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson. All Council Members are present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Michael Johnson

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

July 27, 2020 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion to approve the July 27, 2020 minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

August 17, 2020 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion to approve the August 17, 2020 minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

There was a motion to approve the September 14, 2020 minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Public Comments:

Aubrey Van Winkle- She expressed concerns about garbage trucks, safety vehicles, etc. not being able to get through her neighborhood. She stated the street is 25 foot wide and there is a 50 foot right of way. There are issues with their not being enough parking, and the two car garages not being large enough for 2 vehicles to park in. She stated a temporary fix would be a one way street parking ordinance. A more permanent solution would be talking with the developer. She said there is a transmission right of way that is not developed on and that could potentially be used for overflow parking. Moving forward with new subdivisions, she suggested having an ordinance for wider streets and to make the garage and driveways better fit the size of the home.

Amanda Walker- She explained that she does not live in the City limits, but her son has played sports in Temple since he was three. She stated she is the spokesperson for the 121 signatures on the petition to have Lisa resign or be moved from the Recreation Department. She had a list of issues with the Recreation Department and said she believes that Jeremy is better suited to run it. She said there is an issue with the grass and she is not sure why Robert was laid off. She stated Richard Bracknell told her

that the Rec Dept hired a contractor to take over the grass, but there is a Rec employee out there cutting the grass today. She said the cheerleaders were locked out of their field for practice today and that Lisa doesn't do anything that is difficult or time consuming. She said the person that organized the Rec Department fund raiser Car Show did not get any recognition for his work and they would like to know where the \$2,600 that was raised went. She stated that Lisa leaves Jeremy there by himself to hand out all of the uniforms and she left to go watch her daughter's volleyball game in Adairsville. She said they think Jeremy should be in charge and build his own team. They all love him, he is great with the kids. She said Lisa never comes out to socialize with the parents or crowds. We lost 10-20 players to Carrollton or other departments this year. She said she will leave her list of concerns and she would like them to be addressed and taken care of.

Cary Griffin- Stated he wanted to Segway in to what Amanda was talking about. He had three jerseys with him. He showed this year's jersey that he paid \$50 for (jersey only, no pants) and he said it was not a good representation of Temple and is substandard. He could buy a Pro Jersey for \$50. He showed two jerseys from previous years which he said were more indicative of what a jersey should look like. He also stated that in previous years he has gotten the jersey and pants for \$50 total.

Mike Shuler- expressed his concerns about the condition of the roads in Amy Ridge. Amy Blvd. has been resurfaced but all of the side roads were left alone. He has been complaining about the pot holes and the manholes that are sinking in; he said it is becoming a gravel road. He has lived there for 19 years and would like to know the timeline for getting this straightened out.

Kimberly Stevens- brought a picture of a broken inhaler that is on one of the fields where the kids practice, and expressed her safety concerns regarding this and the potential for someone to need stitches. She said there is a mandatory meeting every season that parents have to attend or the child can not play. She said this year everything was done online and a lot of it got mixed up. There was someone who doesn't do social media and they didn't make it to the meeting because they didn't know about it and Lisa was not going to let them play even though they already paid. She said that they shouldn't take the money until after they attend the meeting. She said she had more, but it is included on the list.

Announcements- N/A

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign the September 25, 2020, proposal letter from Keck & Wood, Inc., for its engineering services for Phase II of the City of Temple's Automated Metering Infrastructure Project
There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal letter from Keck & Wood, Inc. for its services for Phase II of the automated metering infrastructure project, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

2. Authorize the City Administrator and the Sewer Treatment Plant Director to advertise for sealed bids for the purchase and installation of a new Grit System at the City of Temple's Sewer Treatment Plant, with funds from this fiscal year's 2015 SPLOST Program budget

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that with the discussion at the last meeting, and with the size of this project, we will need to get sealed bids. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator and the Sewer Director to advertise for sealed bids for the purchase and installation of a new Grit system with the funding coming from 2015 SPLOST, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

3. Authorize the Recreation Director to solicit bids from qualified companies to provide City Park grounds maintenance services for a three-year period starting January 1, 2021

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Lisa Jacobson, Rec Director, is at a conference. He said for the past four years we have done a one year contract for grounds maintenance and we are proposing to do a three year contract. They will be requesting the same type of services and scope of work as they have received from River Bottom Farms the past few years. Council Member Bivins questioned if it was ok to have a three year contract; City Attorney Mike Mcrae stated there is nothing wrong to characterize it as three years. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Recreation Director to solicit bids for ground maintenance services at City Park for a three year period beginning January 2021, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

4. Approve the purchase of one new lawnmower for the Recreation Department, with a priority use being the appropriate cutting of the ballfields' infield grass

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there are three quotes for lawn mowers and there is \$12,000 in the budget for this purchase. There was a motion to accept the bid from Agra America for \$11,250 out of the 2015 SPLOST, it was noted that this is the highest bid that was received but it was chosen because of the warranty on the steel deck and frame, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

5. Select the company to install a new ceiling light system in the large room at the Temple Senior Center

Senior Center Director Sandra Stillwell explained that she needed new lights throughout the building. There was concerns that there was such a significant difference in the amounts of the quotes, and there was discussion as to whether each company's bid was for the same thing, if we were comparing "apples to apples". City Attorney Mike McRae stated concerns about getting a bid that is out of line, and that's why it is being voted on. He suggested getting more specific information on the type of lights, and other services they are providing, labor, etc. The bid needs to be broken down into what you are paying for. He suggested to spec it out and the bids will be sealed and to be submitted on a certain date. There was a motion by Council Member Brackenll to spec it out, let Public Works Director George Skala be involved in this, provide specs with every line item, and have the sealed bids delivered to the City Administrator and authorize him to open the bids before the Called Meeting, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

6. Updated staff report concerning sewer facilities maintenance in the City of Temple

Public Works Director George Skala explained that there are 13 lift station; each one is different and designed for a different pressure. Currently we don't have options in Georgia for suppliers, we just have options to get things repaired. He said the City has been using GWI for several years and it is hard to get three bids that match up and he has to use the sole supplier. He stated he needs to purchase two pumps from that sole source, one for Centerpoint and the other for Billings, to get the lift stations totally operational, the bid is about \$20,000. Council Member Walden asked if these are new pumps, and they are. Council Member Walden asked if there wasn't another place to purchase them from or get bids, Mr. Skala stated he would have to look nationwide. There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to purchase these two pumps (From GWI, the sole source) in the amount of \$20,673, plus shipping and handling, to be paid from the water fund, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

7. Consider approving the purchase of two different submersible solids handling pumps for the sewer lift station on Billings Road near Center Point Road

This was covered in item number six.

8. Adopt a resolution providing for amendments to the City of Temple's 2020 General Fund budget to account for the \$251,007.16 in revenues received from the State of Georgia under the Federal government's new program to assist State and local governments with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, to approve the allocation of these funds to the Police Department operating budget to reimburse this department for certain salary and benefits costs incurred by the City of Temple in providing public safety patrol services during the COVID – 19 pandemic, and to transfer \$251,007.16 from the Police Department operating budget back to the General Fund for possible reallocation by the City Council

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the resolution providing for amendments to the 2020 General budget to account for the \$251,007.16 in revenues received from the CARES Act, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

9. Approve the transfer of \$125,000.00 from the City of Temple's Water Fund to the City's General Fund, in accordance with the adopted 2020 fiscal year budgets, with these transferred funds being used to pay the proportionate salary and office operation costs of those City employees whose job responsibilities encompass various activities in this local government which routinely are funded both by the City's General Fund and the City's Water Fund

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the transfer of \$125,000 from the City's Water Fund to the City's General Fund, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

10. Authorize the Mayor to sign a Treasury Management Services Agreement with Synovus Bank to provide additional security for the City of Temple's funds on deposit with that company

There was a motion by Council Member Miller to authorize the Mayor to sign a Treasury Management Services Agreement with Synovus Bank, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

11. Request the City of Temple Planning Commission to consider recommending that Section 38-74 (b) of the City's Zoning Ordinance be amended in order to enable a "church or place of worship" (SIC Code 866) as an allowable use in the City's Office-Institutional (O-I) zoning classification, upon approval by the City Council as a "special use" on a case by case basis.

City Attorney Mike McCrae explained for this to happen the zoning code would have to be reviewed; the attorney can prepare the ordinance. City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that the code shows that the appropriate zoning for a church is any of the four residential classifications, or general commercial. On the zoning map, most of the churches that are in the City are shown as OI. This would get rid of that conflict. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to request the Planning Commission to consider recommending that Section 38-74 (b) of the City's Zoning Ordinance be amended in order to enable a "church or place of worship" (SIC Code 866) as an allowable use in the City's Office-Institutional (O-I) zoning classification, upon approval by the City Council as a "special use" on a case by case basis, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

12. Announcement of the appointment to fill the recently created position of Assistant City Administrator in the City of Temple government

Mayor Johnson reported after receiving 30 plus resumes and at least a half dozen interviews, he is recommending that the current Recreation Director, Lisa Jacobson, be appointed as the new Assistant City Administrator with a \$5,000 raise. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to appoint Ms. Jacobson to the position of Assistant City Administrator with a \$5,000 raise, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

13. Report from consultant Richard Hartley, CPA, concerning completion of work on the City of Temple's 2019 and 2018 annual audits.

Mr. Hartley reported that they have found a few issues and have had to make some adjustments from the previous auditor; Mauldin and Jenkins will be reviewing this. He is hoping that the auditors will have this wrapped up by the end of the month. The State auditors are aware of where the City is with their progress. The auditors have the trial balance and started looking at it last week; they will probably come out for a couple of days to verify some things before going into the review process. He stated that there was no written extension that the City had to file.

14. Report on key points from the September 29 meeting between representatives of the City of Temple and Waste Pro USA regarding garbage collection and disposal services provided to Temple residents and businesses

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that he recently had a meeting with Waste Pro, and he went over issues and concerns which are outlined in his memo to the Council. They have been made aware that there are some changes the City believes need to be made. Council Member Wallace said that it was a productive meeting. Council Member Walden asked if they followed through and brought extra garbage carts for new customers, City Administrator Bill Osborne said he would check into this.

15. Updated staff report pertaining to development of the 2021 Fiscal Year budgets for the City of Temple

Finance Director Kenneth Abidde explained that he has met with all department heads and he is currently putting preliminary documents together and reviewing them. He said we are at 83.7% of the expenses so far. Council Member Walden stated he was glad the balloon payment is out of the way. City Administrator Mike McRae stated that when he first came here the ratio would have been minus; he is impressed with the fiscal management that has taken place; a lot of work was done in a short time.

16. Staff reports to provide additional fiscal information pertinent to the City Council for its consideration during the next month of the new water and sewer rates to be charged during the 12-month period starting this December

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that within the next month the Council will be dealing with establishing water and sewer rates for the upcoming year. The wholesale water price from CCWA goes up on January 1, 2021. This year there has been a tremendous amount of revenue in water and sewer taps. We will need to have a work session in the next couple of weeks to discuss this, along with a Special Called Meeting.

Executive Session, if needed- n/a

Closing Comments- n/a

Adjournment – There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adjourn, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:59PM

Mayor Michael Johnson

City Clerk