

City Council Meeting
October 6, 2025
6:30PM, William Simmons Administration Building
MINUTES

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Michael Johnson

Public Comments:

Mahaley Mote (5714 County Road 56, Woodland AL): She said she is Mrs. Alan Mote and lies and slanderous statements were allowed. She has three short minutes to state the facts. The truth is far from what was presented a week ago. She and Alana carried the cleaning burden just shy of a year. Cathleen stated that she only got paid a few times. She knew that was untrue, no one would continue doing a job on a Saturday night if they weren't getting paid. Each week she presented Cathleen a \$100 check, there were twelve dances over seven months and she endorsed the checks every time. On January 22, 2022 she quit cleaning and then we made cash payments in total of \$2,200 to the next person that was cleaning. Last week there was character assassination against Alan and Cathleen knew she got paid. This was broadcasted on the internet and defaming Alan all at his expense. The legal or disciplinary consequences are in your hands. As victims, we know what we can do. We have never taken advantage of or made a profit as was said last week. If you have questions, I am here and happy to answer.

Shirley Akers (3699 East Newnan St., Winston): It bothered her when Cathleen was talking about saw dust on the floor; she has never seen that. They did have one western theme dance and she brought in a half bale of hay and she made sure that it was cleaned up, she knows this didn't happen.

Dale Parrish (4 Tallapoosa St.): He has had a situation with his lawn and with the water contractors. They came in and put a line in and up above it they put another one in about eight feet deep and it is right against the house. The right of way comes within three feet of his house. The City fixed his lawn back, but it is not exactly level. He submitted his water bill and just a little bit was taken care of. He had to put sod down and is now having to water it a lot, making his water bill increase. He is asking for the City to be fair, how would they feel if they were in his place.

Nathan Orr- He is the drummer for the Alan Mote Band and has been with them for eight years. He has seen Alan and McHaley pay the musicians out of their pocket. They do it for the seniors, not for the profit. This is exercise for the seniors and it is up to us to take care of the seniors. Thank y'all; I appreciate you helping them out.

Karen Johnson (3325 Water Dr, Douglasville): There was a comment last week that only a few Temple people go to the dances. That is not really so. If it wasn't for us coming, there might not be a dance. She dances in Carrollton, Dallas, Douglasville and Temple. That is my recreation, these are my friends. We look forward to getting together. There are no drugs or alcohol, there is wonderful music and food.

Jerry: He has lived here for 40 years and Temple has always had an open heart. Recently he has heard through hearsay and rumors that there are people on the Council who are against the dances in Temple. These rumors are negative towards the City. I am asking that this open the doors to other people so people can socialize with each other and not keep their face in a computer. We get reenergized and healed, if something is bothering us, we go to our friends. The Council of the City provides this and I want to thank you.

Approval of the Agenda, as presented: Mayor Michael Johnson explained they are presenting an amended agenda which shows an addition of item #2 under new business (Present Troy Hollensworth as a candidate for the Planning Commission, Ward 3 seat, which Mr. Troy Curtis vacated on July 15, 2025.)

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approved the amended agenda to include item #2 under new business, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

September 8, 2025 City Council Meeting

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the September 8, 2025 minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Announcements

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson announced that the Recreation Department has received multiple district 4 awards and will also be recognized for a state award on November 5th at Jekyll Island.

Consent Agenda:

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the consent agenda (items 1-9 listed below), second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0

1. 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.
2. Authorize a resolution authorizing a special one-time holiday season payment to eligible full-time and regular part-time employees with the City of Temple.

3. Authorize the issuance of Request For Proposals (RFP) for repairs, paving, and striping at the Senior Center and Recreation Department parking lot located at 240 and 280 Rome Street.
4. Adopt the policy *Discarding of City Property* to be included in the City of Temple's Personnel Manual.
5. Authorize Public Works Director Josh Smith to sell four (4) vehicles, from the city fleet; three (3) vehicles on GovDeals and one (1) through the Enterprise Fleet Management equity program.
6. Authorize the replacement/rebuild of the SBR blower, not to exceed \$22,000, with funding from the Water/Sewer Operating budget.
7. Approve the cleanout of SBR Tank #1 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, with funding from the Water/Sewer Operating budget.
8. Adopt the budget amendments to the FY2025 Capital Budget.
9. Authorize the Mayor to sign the easement documents from Atlanta Gas Light, accepting \$2,482 for temporary easement rights along 184 Carrollton Street to improve their natural gas pipeline systems.

New Business

1. Proclamation to recognize October 2025 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month
Mayor Johnson read the proclamation to recognize October 2025 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.
2. Present Troy Hollensworth as a candidate for the Planning Commission, Ward 3 seat, which Mr. Troy Curtis vacated on July 15, 2025.
Council Member Boles stated that she would like to nominate Mr. Hollensworth as a candidate for the Planning Commission. He is a dedicated community member, local realtor and landscaping business owner and has lived in Temple for 21 years. Family is essential; he has four children and six grand children. He rarely misses a game and is always cheering from the sidelines. He has a deep commitment to family and community.

There was a motion by Council Member Boles for Mr. Troy Hollensworth to become a member of the Planning Commission, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

3. Extend the current Moratorium on new residential developments for an additional 1 year while the City works to establish the location(s) of water loss and continues to pursue a second water source.
There was a motion by Council Member Russom to extend the moratorium for one year, second by Council Member Boles.

Council Member Walden asked for discussion before the vote. He stated he has an issue for extending it for a year; we extended it for nine months and we are still in the same situation. He would like to extend for 90 days or six months. He stated, as he brought up last week, we need to have discussions with the water authority. We need to give them projections for the

next 5, 10 and 15 years. All that we have given them is proposed roof tops, we have given them nothing else to go on.

Council Member Miller suggested extending the moratorium with an update every 30 days; Council Member Walden said the update is always the same. City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that at the last meeting was the first time we were told to look for a second source and we have started doing that since Mr. Walden brought it to our attention. The process takes time. Staff is reviewing and researching, they are finding information on the district meters, staff is moving forward and will continue to give monthly updates.

Council Member Bracknell stated he liked the urgency of 90 days over a year, that way we are guaranteed to have an update of where we are. Council Member Russom explained that it is a moratorium because we can't serve future growth. The county has asked us to find a solution. We can build a water tower or find an alternate source; we are not going to be able to lift the requirement in 90 days. Mayor Johnson said there is another factor here. The idea behind the water would require a change of agreement with the Carroll County Water Authority in what the maximum pull is. That is still an option of the overall picture while we look for different ways to store and get water.

Council Member Walden stated that CCWA is in the business to sell water. They have an excess of 2 million gallons per day. Ms. Jacobson said they told us they can't supply us any more water and this is the first we have heard about the excess. Mayor Johnson stated that the tone in the January meeting with the CCWA was not as welcoming in terms of offering more water and he is glad this is a possibility. Ms. Jacobson explained they are working on all of this with the engineer and that she was looking at rooftops with the Community Development Director today. Mr. Walden stated that the City, on average, is losing 5 million gallons of water a month which is not accounted for.

Council Member Russom stated that he would like to change his initial motion. Council Member Russom made a motion to extend the current Moratorium on new residential developments for an additional 6 months while the City works to establish the location(s) of water loss and continues to pursue a second water source, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0

4. Discussion followed by council action on the request for the purchase of a replacement gator at the Recreation Department

Recreation Department Director Ingrid McKinley explained that last Thursday their gator broke down. They took it to Sunsouth and the part needed for repair will cost \$5,000-\$6,000. It is a 2001 model and she believes they have done their due diligence in using the gator. Because it is going to cost over \$5,000 to repair, she got two quotes for a new gator: One was from Dowda for \$10,900 and the second quote was from Sunsouth in the amount of \$9,087.67. She

explained that they will either try to sell the old gator on Gov Deals, or sell it to the dealership for parts, if there is not an option to trade it in.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to purchase the new gator from Sunsouth in the amount of \$9,087.67 with the funding to come from SPLOST and the old gator will either be sold on GovDeals, traded in, or sold for parts to Sunsouth, whichever is the most profitable option, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

5. Announce that the first and second Public Hearings for the fiscal year 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets will be held as follows: 1st Public Hearing on Monday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m., and the 2nd Public Hearing on December 1, at 6:30 p.m. followed by formal adoption of the budgets.

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Closing Comments by Mayor and Council

Alexsis Boles- Thank you to Mr. Hollensworth

Executive Session, if needed

Mayor Johnson announced that there was a need for executive session for personnel. No action was expected to take place after. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to go into executive session, second by Council Member Walden, vote 5-0.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to come out of executive session, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to go back into regular session, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.