

**Minutes  
City Council Meeting  
October 7, 2024  
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center**

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

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Mayor Michael Johnson

**Public Comments:** Several citizens spoke regarding their opinion on who should be named the new Director of the Senior Center, after the retirement of former Director Sandra Stillwell. \*Comments will be added when the tape has been reviewed to get the correct names, etc.

**Approval of Agenda, as presented:** There was a motion to approve the agenda as presented by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0 .

**Approval of Minutes:** There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0. Council Member Russom abstained.

**Announcements:** N/A

**Consent Agenda:** There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (the six items listed below) by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

1. Adoption of garbage rates at 8%, effective with the new GFL contract beginning January 1, 2025.
2. Adopt 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. Adoption of the 2025 City Calendar.
4. Adopt the job position and reclassification of Water System Operator at a pay grade 16.
5. Adopt the job position of Program Coordinator at a pay grade 13.

6. Select DCW Construction as the company for the overhead door replacement at the recreation department's shop garage in the amount of \$5,584 with funding from the FY24 Capital Budget SPLOST 2021 allocation.

#### New Business

1. Proclamation to recognize and honor Matt Roden who served as the Grand Marshal of the City of Temple Founder's Day parade on Saturday, September 28  
Mayor Michael Johnson read the proclamation and recognized Matt Roden as being the Grand Marshal for the 2024 Founders Day Parade.
2. Proclamation to recognize October 2024 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month  
Mayor Michael Johnson read the proclamation to recognize October 2024 as Pregnancy Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.
3. Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the Temple Planning Commission's September 17, 2024, recommendation (5-0) to approve the Final Plat request by Kevin Hornbuckle of Smith Douglas Homes for Phase 2 of Evergreen at Lakeside, Parcel #T03 0070243, Landlot #181, District 6.  
Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. Kevin Horn from Smith Douglas Homes was present at the meeting. He said he had no additional information to add and was available to answer any questions. Council Member Bracknell asked if everything meets the current design standards and if the new rate structure that is going to potentially be approved will be applicable to this development. It was confirmed that the development will meet the design standards and that the new rates will be applied. There was no one else present to speak for or against this request. The public hearing was closed.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the final plat for Phase 2 of Evergreen at Lakeside Parcel #T03 0070243, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

4. Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the Temple Planning Commission's September 17, 2024, recommendation (4-1) to approve the Rezoning request by Danny Duvall of 4.41 acres at 510 Billings Road, Parcel#T04 0070023, Landlot #140, District 6.  
Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. John Bass, the engineer working with Mr. Duvall was present at the meeting. Mr. Bass explained that Mr. Duvall currently has a mobile repair service and is in need of a shop to work in. He thinks this is a good fit for the area which is becoming a light industrial corridor. There are four residential properties that back up to this and there will be a 100 foot undisturbed

buffer. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 4-1. When asked, it was mentioned that there was no reason given for the vote against it. Council Member Russom asked if there would be a decel lane for this property; Community Development Director Deidra Walker stated that engineering could ask for that. Mr. Bass stated they will comply with all of the engineering design requirements. Council Member Walden asked if we heard from any of the homeowners that would be affected. Ms. Walker stated they were all notified of this request and a couple called to inquire about it, but no one came to the Planning Commission meeting regarding this. The applicant explained that there shouldn't be any significant traffic related to his business; he needs a place to work on trucks. His business has been incorporated since 2007. There was no one else present to speak for or against this request. The public hearing was closed.

There was a motion by Council Member Russom to approve to approve the *Rezoning request* of 4.41 acres at 510 Billings Road, Parcel#T04 0070023 from commercial to light industrial, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

5. Authorize a Request for Proposal (RFP) to be issued for the Public Works building. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize an RFP to be issued for the Public Works Building, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.
6. Announcement that the first and second Public Hearings for the fiscal year 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets will be held as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on Monday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m., and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing on December 2, at 6:30 p.m. followed by formal adoption of the budgets.

Mayor Johnson made the announcement about the budget public hearings.

#### Closing Comments by Mayor and Council

Richard Bracknell- We are all dealing with a lot of stuff going on with the hurricanes, my son lives in the path of the 4<sup>th</sup> hurricane of the season. They are trying to get all of the debris up. If you are a praying person, please pray for that area.

#### Executive Session, if needed

Mayor Johnson stated there is a need for an executives session for personnel matters with no vote to happen 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 to come out of Executive Session by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

#### Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.

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