

Minutes
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 2020
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Johnson at 6:30PM.
Council Members Present: Bivins, Bracknell, Miller, Walden, Wallace

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance- was led by Mayor Michael Johnson.

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

Mayor Johnson requested that we move item number nine up to item number two. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to move item number nine up to item number two and approve the agenda, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

October 5, 2020, Regular Council Meeting

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

Public Comments

Pastor David Seymour- stated he and his wife want to start a church in Carroll County. They have resided in Temple for ten years. They would like to use the Senior Center on December 18th and January 15th from 6:00-10:30pm for their church services. At this time those dates are available at the Senior Center. It was decided that this needed to go before the Council to vote on. It will be added to the agenda for the Special Called Meeting on November 17, 2020.

Announcements

1. Consider approval of the application for a license to sell distilled spirits, beer, and wine by the drink at the Gypsy Rabbit Restaurant, located at 9 West Johnson Street in the City of Temple's Central Business District. Ms. Tracy Lewis-Martin, registered agent

Ms. Lewis-Martin explained that they have put parameters in place and with their insurance policy they have a huge accountability as owners. They are making sure that all of their staff is properly trained, there are no employees under 21, and employees are required to complete alcohol awareness training. She had some questions, such as hours of operation, the procedure for reporting revenues, etc. and wanted things to be in black and white to ensure they are in compliance. It was decided that at a future Special Called Meeting that the Council would review the alcohol ordinance. There was a motion to approve the alcohol license by Council Member Bivins, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

2. Select the company to install a new ceiling light system in the Temple Senior Center, in accordance with the City government's specifications for this lighting system in the Senior Center building.

Three different bids were presented to the Council. It was confirmed that these were "apples to apples" bids. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to choose LRS in the amount of \$4,870 with the funds to be taken out of 2015 SPLOST. Vote 5-0.

3. Consider approving a request from the Georgia Department of Transportation that the City of Temple assume responsibility for maintenance of the school zone beacons to be located on Sage Street (Georgia SR 274) adjacent to Temple High School.....Chief Creig Lee

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to approve the request from GDOT, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

4. Approve an amendment in the City of Temple Personnel Policy manual in Chapter II (Compensation and Benefits) Sub-Chapter B (Employee Benefits- Leave Types), Section 5 (Other Leave Types), Sub-Section G (Holidays), paragraphs 2 and 3 to specify that Police Officers working their regular 12-hour shift on a City designated holiday will receive 12 hours additional pay for each observed holiday; also to delete from paragraph 2 the sentence pertaining to fire personnel since the City of Temple no longer has a Fire Department, but now is served by the Carroll County Fire Department

Council Member Walden explained that this was discussed at the last committee meeting and that Officers used to get paid 12 hours holiday pay when they worked on a holiday. Finance Director Ken Abidde stated that this would cost about \$4,000 for next year; this is only for officers that work a 12 horus shift. There was a motion to approve the amendment to the Personnel policy by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

5. Consider adopting a resolution to provide a one-time special holiday season payments to eligible City of Temple employees, in appreciation for their services throughout the year

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the resolution for a one-time holiday payment, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

6. Authorize the transfer of \$250,000.00 from the City of Temple’s 2020 General Fund Budget to the City’s 2020 Capital Fund Budget, with these funds being placed in the line item for expansion of the current City Hall building

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to authorize the transfer of \$250,000 from the City of Temple’s 2021 General Budget to the City’s 2021 Capital Budget, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

7. Authorize the renewing of the City of Temple’s two CD investments at the Synovus Bank which have a maturity date of November 15, 2020, with a 12-month renewal at a rate of 1.73 percent; the renewing of the City’s one CD investment at the Synovus Bank which has a maturity date of December 21, 2020, with a 6-month renewal at a rate of 0.15 percent; and the renewing of the City’s one CD investment at the Sun Trust Bank which has a maturity date of December 21, 2020, with a 6-month renewal at a rate of 0.15 percent

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the renewal of the City of Temple’s two CD investments at Synovus Bank, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

8. Adopt an ordinance to amend Section 38-74 (b) of the City of Temple Zoning Ordinance 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 case by case approval by the City Council as a “special use”.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 38-74(b) of the City of Temple’s zoning ordinance as described in item number 8, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

9. Consider approving a request for a variance from the requirement of a 50-foot minimum lot frontage for a lot in a R-2 single-family residential zone, with the address being 41 Matthews Street.

This item was moved to item two on the agenda. Mr. Jeff Camp, the applicant requesting the variance was present at the meeting. He is requesting a variance on Matthews lane from 50 feet of frontage to 25 feet. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained when the Planning Commission met regarding this, they decided to send it to the Council with no recommendation because they can only consider up to a 35% variance and the applicant is requesting 50%. He stated that the Council has more flexibility in approving a variance. There was a lengthy discussion about the request and it was determined there needed to be more research and information before making a decision. There was a motion to table this item by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

10. Approve the purchase and installation of four replacement actuators in the City of Temple Sewer Treatment Plant, with the cost of two effluent actuators being a total of \$5,280.00 and with the cost of two influent actuators being \$8,654.00 and with this total \$13,934.00 cost being paid with 2015 SPLOST program funds approved for the Sewer Treatment Plant's FY2020 Capital Budget

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the purchase and installation of four replacement actuators for a total of \$13,934.00 to be paid from the 2015 SPLOST, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

11. Staff report concerning issuance by the City of Temple of a solicitation for sealed bids for the purchase and installation of a new Head Works Grit System for the City of Temple Sewer Treatment Plant

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that because of the size of this project the attorney advised that the City solicit bids. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to proceed with the solicitation of sealed bids, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

12. Establish the position of Administrative Assistant/Clerk in the City of Temple's Recreation Department with a pay grade of 4

There was a brief discussion about this position. Council Member Bivins had questions of where we were going to put this person and that she thought if we did proceed with this position that it should be the new Recreation Director's duty to fill the position. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to establish and hire for the position of Administrative Assistant in the Recreation Department, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-1. Council Member Bivins opposed.

13. Select the company to construct the extension of the well water line in the City Park from its current termination point at Field 7 in order to make this water service also available to Fields 1 through 6

There were three quotes for this project. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the Dean Brothers bid to do the work in the amount of \$5,180 coming from the 2015 SPLOST, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

14. Announce that on Tuesday, November 17, there will be a Special Called Meeting of the City Council as well as a Special Work Session of the City Council

This announcement was made.

Executive Session, if Needed- N/A

Closing Comments

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Mayor Johnson- We are in observance of Veterans Day and I would like to thank all who have served.

Adjournment- There as a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.

Mayor Michael Johnson

City Clerk