

**December 2, 2024
City Council Meeting
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES**

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Michael Johnson

Public Comments: N/A

Invited Guests.....Mayor Michael Johnson
Recognition of the GRPA District 4 Class “C” Award Recipients for Temple’s Recreation Department: 1. Agency of the Year, 2. Outstanding Program – JAM In the Park, 3. Outstanding Project – The Tennis Courts Improvement Project, 4. Outstanding Volunteer/Athletics – Donna Johnson, 5. Outstanding Volunteer/Programming – Amber D’Amico, 6. Outstanding Volunteer/Parks/Maintenance – Charles McKinley, 7. Outstanding Support Staff/Programming – Shanekia Briskey, and 8. Outstanding Support Staff/Athletics – Kenny Bellinger.

A video presentation of the Awards Ceremony was shown for the above listed awards that were all awarded to the Temple Recreation Department.

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

Approval of Minutes:

November 4, 2024 City Council Meeting: There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the November 4, 2024 minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

November 18, 2024 Special Called Meeting: There was a motion to by Council Member Walden to approve the November 18, 2024 minutes, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Announcements: City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that City Offices would be closing at 3:00PM on December 5th so that staff can prepare for the Christmas parade and tree lighting.

New Business

1. Purpose of the Second Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Operating Budgets: City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained the purpose of the required second public hearing on the 2025 Proposed Operating Budgets.

2. Presentation of Proposed 2025 Fiscal Year Operating Fund Budgets All of the elected officials had copies of the proposed budget for review.
3. Public Comments: N/A
4. Comments by Elected Officials: Council Member Walden stated that he does not remember ever voting on adopting the budgets while not having all of the information.
5. Purpose of Second Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Capital Budget: City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained the purpose of the required second public hearing on the 2025 Proposed Capital Budget.
6. Presentation of Proposed 2025 Fiscal Year Capital Improvements Budget: All of the elected officials had copies of the proposed budget for review.
7. Public Comments: N/A
8. Comments by Elected Officials: Council Member Bracknell stated the Senior Center kitchen needs some new equipment. He asked that they take a look and see what is needed. There was a brief discussion about tabling adopting the operating budget until February.
9. Approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2025 Fiscal Year General Fund Operating Budget. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to table adoption of the 2025 General Fund Operating Budget until the February voting meeting, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.
10. Approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2025 Fiscal Year Water Fund Operating Budget. There was a motion by Council Member Miller to table adopting the 2025 Water Fund Operating Budget until the February voting meeting, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.
11. Approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2025 Fiscal Year Capital Improvements Fund Budget. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve an ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2025 Fiscal Year Capital Improvements Budget, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.
12. Public Hearing followed by a council decision on the Rezoning request by city staff to amend the setbacks for the Design Concept Development (DCD) standards as presented to the Planning Commission on November 19, 2024, with their recommendation to council to approve (A5-0).

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. Council Member Walden stated that he thinks the City Attorney needs to look over the information they were given at the last meeting. There was a lengthy discussion about DCD zoning and setbacks. It was determined that we need better documentation and we need to make sure that whatever is done, is done right and a clearly defined ordinance needs to be written.

13. Receive information on the Planning Commission's request to have a work session with the Mayor and Council to discuss future developmental direction

Community Development Director Deidra Walker explained that Chair Gary Thomas brought up the idea of having a work session with the Council. The Planning Commission wants to know why direction they want to go in. City Engineer Greg Ashworth is willing to be a part of the meeting and we are looking to have it the first week in January. City Attorney Cary Pilgrim said this type of meeting is allowable as long as no specific developments are discussed. Ms. Walker will check with the Planning Commission and see what date they are available to meet.

14. Authorize a pay increase for Wastewater Plant Operator, Jerome McHenry, to the hourly wage of \$25 due to the completion of his Class II Wastewater Certification.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the pay increase of Wastewater Plant Operator, Jerome McHenry to \$25 per hour, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0. It was confirmed that this is included in the budget.

15. Consider the information received from the Sumter Local Government Consulting firm for strategic planning for the City of Temple with possible action to be taken.

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that this was brought to the Council at the November 18th meeting. The amount is \$7500 and it is to work on the strategic plan for the City. Council Member Miller stated that she is not in favor of it. Council Member Walden thinks that the City's money could be spent better someone else; he doesn't think we should pay someone else to let us know what they did in another City. Ms. Jacobson explained that this would look at the vision for each department and what the vision of the Council is, so that there is a strategic plan and to make sure everyone is on the same page. Council Member Russom explained that he doesn't think we need an outside consultant for this; we have all of these meetings and there are opportunities to come up with things in advance. He also feels that the money could be spent better elsewhere.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Attorney what other cities do. Mr. Pilgrim explained that it's a mix, some cities hire consultants, some don't. Council Member Bracknell said that each department should be encouraged to have a ten year plan and share it with the Council. Ms. Jacobson said that staff will do their own retreat and planning and will come back and present their findings to the Council.

16. Discussion on the proposed update to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Carroll County Water Authority (CCWA).

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that there are some customers that have CCWA water and City sewer. We are billing these customers and we are both reading meters. If CCWA will read the meters for us, it will be \$150 a month. Public Works Director Josh Smith said they are also discussing the Rainey Road connection. In the upcoming year they plan to do leak detection. The City needs to look at building another tank, CCWA would supply the water but it would be beneficial to have another tank to feed it to. We can't tie into Haralson County. This is another topic that needs to be discussed at the work session. Council Member Walden explained that based on the last bill, 4 million gallons were pulled from Rainey Road, and that only leaves approximately 16,000 gallons per day that can be used somewhere else. If the new subdivisions are going to be pulling from Rainey, that is going to be a problem. Josh Smith stated the infrastructure can not support our needs; if we had a tower to distribute, that would help. Council Member Walden mentioned possibly routing it from Centerpoint. He also mentioned we need to work on finding where the water loss is. If we could recover 2 million gallons per month we wouldn't have to worry as much. This will be a topic of discussion at the work session with the Planning Commission next month.

17. Receive information on the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) requirement for the City of Temple to submit an Asset Management Plan for the Water System by May 2025 as a condition of our water permit, followed by discussion and action to authorize the city's engineering firm, Turnipseed Engineers, to develop this plan for the amount of \$13,000.00

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that now that our population is at 6200, the EPD is requiring the City to submit an Asset Management Plan as a condition of our water permit. This can be done by Turnipseed Engineers at a cost of \$13,000.

There was a motion by Council Member Miller to authorize Turnipseed Engineers to submit an Asset Management Plan to the EPD at a cost of \$13,000, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

18. Review the ordinance prepared by Attorney Carey Pilgrim to include the code enforcement of Carroll County Codes and International Building Standards, and consider adoption of said ordinance

City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that she asked the City Attorney to put together an ordinance to adopt Carroll County building codes and International Building Standards to help fill in the blanks where we might not have certain codes already established.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the ordinance to include the code enforcement of Carroll County Codes and International Building Standards in the City of Temple's Codes, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments by Mayor and Council

Howard Walden- We hope to see everyone tomorrow night at the City Christmas Party.

Executive Session, if needed Mayor Johnson explained that an Executive Session is needed for legal purposes; no action will be taken after.

There was a motion to go into Executive Session by Council Member Bracknell, 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 Boles. 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 8:58PM.