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**Minutes**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 7, 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. Council Member Miller was present via phone call.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** The invocation was led by Mayor Michael Johnson

**Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council meeting, as presented:** There was a request by Council Member Bracknell to include in item #31 to include a discussion of the cost of living. Mayor Johnson requested that item #27 be moved to add it after item #6, making it item #7. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the published agenda with the changes that are noted, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

**Approval of Minutes:**

November 9, 2020, Regular Council Meeting

There was a motion to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes by Council Member Walden, with the stipulation that there was an update of item numbers: 2,4,9 & 10. These items did not include a vote. Second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

November 17, 2020 Special Called Meeting

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

**Public Comments- N/A**

**Announcements- N/A**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. (Tabled from November 9, 2020) 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

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the applicant, Jeff Camp, and his attorney were present at the meeting to discuss variance request. Attorney Trip Sewell explained that Mr. Camp is requesting a variance on the property at 41 Matthews Street; they are wanting to split the parcel in half, with one parcel having only 25 feet of road frontage instead of the required 50. He stated this request will cause no detriment to the public good and having two nice houses would increase the property value. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to take this item off the table and add it to the agenda, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Hold a public hearing concerning the Application for Rezoning filed by Bass Lands, LLC, to rezone the property of some 44.4 acres in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Center Point Road and Billings Road from Single-Family Detached Residential (R-1) to the new Planned Development (PD) zoning classification. Application by Bass Lands, LLC

Mayor Michael Johnson opened the Public Hearing.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that this item was brought before the Planning Commission, however there was not a quorum present at the meeting and they could not proceed with voting and formally presenting a recommendation. The Planning Commission members that were present had some discussion and the members that were there were in favor of what was being proposed for the rezoning. Mr. Bass was present at the meeting to answer any questions. When asked if he thought they would be requesting any future variances on the lots, Mr. Bass stated no. There was no further question or comments and Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing.

2. Consider taking action concerning the Application for Rezoning for some 44.4 acres located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Center Point Road and Billings Road from Single-Family Detached Residential (R-1) to the new Planned Development (PD) zoning classification. Application by Bass Lands, LLC

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the application for rezoning by Bass Lands, LLC to change from Single Family Detached Residential (R-1) to the new Planned Development (PD) zoning classification.

3. Staff reports concerning the Application for a Variance filed by Liberty Communities, LLC, to request approval for variances on the side yard setback requirements on nine vacant residential lots in the Perennial Park development and concerning the approval process involving the City Administrator, the City Planning Commission, and the City Council.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there was not a quorum present at the last Planning Commission Meeting. The members that were present had an informal discussion about this. Mr. Osborne stated that he will be bringing this back to the Planning Commission at their next meeting, and this will be on the agenda for the City Council's January meeting.

4. Decision by City Council concerning the review and decision-making process regarding the Application for a Variance filed by Liberty Communities, LLC, which pertains to the side yard setback requirements on nine vacant residential lots in the Perennial Park development located on the west side of Carrollton Street (Georgia Highway 113) with the entrance street being adjacent to the Bojangle's and Burger King restaurants

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that no decision will be made on this item tonight, as stated in item three, it will be on the agenda for the January meeting.

5. Hold a public hearing concerning the proposed Ordinance to regulate parades, demonstrations, picketing, and other assemblies within the corporate limits of the City of Temple without a permit

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. He asked if anyone was present that wanted to comment about this proposed ordinance. City Administrator Bill Osborne did say there is a typo in the ordinance, where it says "VI" it should say "IV". There was no further comment. Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing.

6. Consider adoption of the proposed Ordinance to regulate parades, demonstrations, picketing, and other assemblies within the corporate limits of the City of Temple without a permit

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the proposed Ordinance to regulate parades, demonstrations, picketing and other assemblies, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

7. Staff report regarding the information transmitted to the Carroll County Commission Chair and the Carroll County Attorney pertaining to the City of Temple's list of projects approved by the City Council in a Special Called Meeting on December 1 and to be undertaken if Carroll County voters on March 16, 2021, approve the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) referendum

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that a copy of the information that was sent to the Carroll County Commission Chair is in the council packet. This is all part of the procedure to move this along.

8. Consider adoption of the Intergovernmental Agreement and the Resolution pertaining to the March 16, 2021, Carroll County referendum seeking approval of a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for the county government and for the municipal governments located totally or partially within Carroll County

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and the Resolution pertaining to the Carroll County referendum seeking approval of SPLOST, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

9. Report on the proposed City of Temple General Fund Operating Budget for the 2021 Fiscal Year

The Finance Director and Department Directors have been working on cutting the budget by approximately 75.

10. Citizen comments and questions pertaining to the proposed City of Temple General Fund Operating Budget for the 2021 Fiscal Year

There were no comments.

11. Report on the proposed City of Temple Water Fund Operating Budget for the 2021 Fiscal Year

Council Member Bivins explained that this has been discussed and there have been the appropriate Public Hearings on the Operating Budget.

12. Citizen comments and questions pertaining to the proposed City of Temple Water Fund Operating Budget for the 2021 Fiscal Year

There were no comments.

13. Report on the proposed City of Temple Capital Fund Budget for the 2021 Fiscal Year

Council Member Bivins explained that this has been discussed and there have been the appropriate Public Hearings on the Operating Budget.

14. Citizen comments and questions pertaining to the proposed City of Temple Capital Fund Budget for the 2021 Fiscal Year

There were no comments.

15. Discussion among the City of Temple's elected officials pertaining to each of these three proposed 2021 Fiscal Year budgets

There was no further discussion.

16. Approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2021 Fiscal Year General Fund Operating Budget

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to approve an ordinance to adopt the 2021 Fiscal Year General Fund Operating Budget, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

17. Approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2021 Fiscal Year Water Fund Operating Budget

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to approve an ordinance to adopt the 2021 Fiscal Year Water Fund Operating Budget, second by Council Member Waldenl. Vote 5-0.

18. Approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2021 Fiscal Year Capital Fund Budget

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to approve an ordinance to adopt the 2021 Fiscal Year Capital Budget, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

19. Select River Bottom Farms from Temple to provide Field and Maintenance Services in the City Park for the three-year period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023, in accordance with the Request for Sealed Bids issued by the City of Temple and in accordance with the bid submitted by Dale Rhinehart of River Bottom Farms

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to select River Bottom Farms to provide Field Maintenance Services in City Park for the three year period of January 1, 2021- December 31, 2023, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

20. Authorize the City Administrator and the City Public Works Director to issue a Request for Proposals for the City of Temple's Water Meter Replacement program, working in conjunction with the consulting engineering firm of Keck & Wood

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposal for the Water Meter Replacement Program, second by Council Bivins. Vote 5-0.

21. Authorize the City Public Works Director to issue a bid proposal for the demolition and removal of two old abandoned water storage buildings located on the City-owned property housing the Public Works Department.

There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to authorize the Public Works Director to issue a bid proposal for the demolition and removal of two abandoned water storage buildings, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

22. Authorize the City Administrator and the City Sewer Treatment Plant Director to issue a bid proposal for the purchase and installation of the new Grit System in the City of Temple's Sewer Treatment Plant

No action was taken. This has already been done.

23. Hold a public hearing concerning the annexation into the City of Temple of certain City-owned property which already is part of the facilities and buffer area for the City's Sewer Treatment Plant, with the land to be annexed being located near the intersection of Villa Rosa Road and Bar J Road

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

24. Adopt an Ordinance to annex into the City of Temple certain city-owned property which already is part of the facilities and buffer area for the City's Sewer Treatment Plant, with the land to be annexed being located near the intersection of Villa Rosa Road and Bar J Road and shown on the Carroll County tax map as being in parcels 124 0010, 124 0013, and 124 0043 and with the zoning classification to be R-1 (Single- Family Detached Residential)

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the Ordinance to annex into the City of Temple certain city-owned property which is already a part of the facilities and buffer area for the City's Sewer Treatment Plant, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

25. Decide on the project or projects to be included in the next City of Temple Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program funded by the Georgia Department of Transportation, with certain matching funds from this local government.

Public Works Director George Skala stated that paving half of Double D and half of Old Bremen Road are the options that have been discussed for the LMIG program. There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to put both Double D and Old Bremen on the list and when we get the LMIG money to decide and later determine which section of those roads get paved, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

26. Followup staff report concerning the December 1 action by the City Council pertaining to Water and Sewer Rates, which became effective on that date

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that the new rates have been communicated with Caselle and updated in the billing system.

27. Updated reports pertaining to completion of construction plans at City Hall to provide for enclosure of space formerly used for drive-thru banking and now to be renovated to serve as meeting space for Municipal Court, the City Council, and various community events

This was changed to item number seven, as voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Architect Redmond explained they are making progress on the electrical and plumbing for the pre-bid. They are currently at the mercy of the engineers. It has been an irregular year for the architect and they are a little off on their schedule. City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he has talked with Howard Ray and Taylor Pound and we are about a month away with following up with them on the engineering aspect.

28. Updated staff reports concerning the planned construction of a small stormwater detention pond on the site of the City of Temple Sewer Treatment Plant property adjacent to Bar J Road near its intersection with Villa Rosa Road

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Howard Ray can place the detention pond near Bar J Road, and the council has selected Turnipseed engineers to do this. There are about 12-15 things that have to be done; we want to do whatever is needed to assist the subdivision with the issues that are going on.

29. Updated staff report concerning installation and operation of cameras in the school zones on Sage Street and Rainey Road, in order to deter motorists from driving too fast on these streets when school is in session

Chief Creig Lee reported that they are waiting on GDOT to give them the go ahead.

30 Updated staff report concerning traffic congestion and related issues in some residential communities in the City of Temple, and the possible scheduling of a public hearing on options to resolve these issues

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there is currently a religious service that is taking place on Maplewood Drive and that there have been complaints of someone operating a garage on Madison Avenue. We want to have a Public Hearing at the first of the year to give citizens an opportunity to share their concerns. No action will be taken tonight.

31. Staff report concerning the grading scale established by the City Council in February 2018 to determine the percent of the merit increase which a City of Temple employee could receive in his/her salary based on an annual performance evaluation, and concerning the implementation of this plan for 2021

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the 1.5% Cost of Living increase for City Employees for 2021, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

32. Change the date of the City Council's monthly series of committee meetings from Monday, December 28, 2020, to Thursday, January 7, 2021, due to the holiday season, and change the date of the City Council's regular monthly voting meeting from Monday, January 4, 2021, to Monday, January 11, 2021, due to the City Council's meeting room in the Temple Senior Center being reserved for the Tuesday, January 5, 2021, special election to select the State of Georgia's two United States Senators

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to change the date of the City Council's monthly series of committee meetings from Monday, December 28, 2020, to Thursday, January 7, 2021, due to the holiday season, and change the date of the City Council's regular monthly voting meeting from Monday, January 4, 2021, to Monday, January 11, 2021, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

#### **Executive Session, if Needed**

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0. The council went into Executive Session at 7:35PM

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to come out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session, second by Council Member Bivins. 8:33PM

#### **Closing Comments**

Mayor Johnson- would like to thank Sandra Morris for coordinating the Food Box Program for the City of Temple. Special Thanks to Council Member Walden and his wife and Council Member Wallace for assisting with distributing the food boxes. Thanks to SONOCO for offering their assistance with the palette jacket and their employee who helped. Saddened to hear of the passing of Larry Boswell, please keep his family in your prayers.

**Adjournment-** There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.