

**CITY OF TEMPLE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TEMPLE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 03, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.  
TEMPLE CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ford called the Regular Meeting of the Temple City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present constituting a quorum: Councilmember Richard Bracknell; Councilmember Larry Estvanko; Councilmember Larry Mann; Councilmember Hiley Miller; and Councilmember William Simmons.

**INVOCATION**

Chaplain Billy Jordan of the Temple Police Department gave the invocation.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Linda Walden 440 Centerpoint Road  
Howard Walden 440 Centerpoint Road

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the consent agenda second by Mr. Simmons unanimous by Council.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

There was not anything on the agenda to discuss this month under planning and zoning.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **PROPOSED CHARTER:** Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the new proposed City Charter second by Mr. Simmons. The vote was 4-1 with Mr. Estvanko voting against. The motion failed due to the vote having to be unanimous. Mayor Ford suggested to the Council the possibility of letting the citizens decide whether they want a new charter or not by placing it on the November 2008 ballot. Mr. Mann made a motion to allow the citizens to vote on whether or not they want a new charter by putting it on the ballot at the November 2008 election second by Mr. Bracknell. The vote was 4-1 with Mr. Estvanko voting against. Mayor Ford explained he would send it over to Mr. Bearden with a 4-1 vote and see what happens even though Mr. Bearden said he would not move forward unless the vote was unanimous by the Council.
2. **PLANNING AND ZONING MEMBER NONIMATION:** Mrs. Miller postponed her nomination until the April 2008 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **SWEARING IN OF NEW DDA MEMBERS:** Mayor Ford swore in the following new members to Temple Downtown Development Authority: Don Bearden, Ginger Dufour, and Lesa Zaikowski. Wayne Petty was not present due to a family illness and will be sworn in at a later date.
2. **APPOINTMENT OF DDA CHAIRMAN:** Mayor Ford tabled this so that the city attorney could research the DDA Ordinance.
3. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL PAY:** Mayor Ford explained there is a proposal to change from the 1099 which is in place now to a W-2 which basically does not change the pay for the Mayor and Council; however it does add 0.765% for FICA that will be a deduction instead of self employment tax. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the change from Accounts Payable (1099) to Payroll (W-2) second by Mr. Bracknell unanimous by Council.
4. **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:** Mayor Ford explained this item was going to be postponed until the April 2008 meeting in order to give Council time to look over it and make any suggestions for needed changes.
5. **STREET LIGHTS (COOLSPRINGS AND LAKESHORE SUBDIVISION):** Mr. Bickford requested for the city to take over the street lights in Coolsprings and Lakeshore subdivisions. After discussion; this item was postponed to receive more information.
6. **PARKING LOT ON W. JOHNSON STREET:** This item was postponed in order to get more information.
7. **CLARIFICATION ON BUILDING PERMITS:** Mr. Bickford presented to the Council a new policy on clarification of building permits. Mr. Bracknell made a motion to adopt the clarification policy on building permits and to post them on the website second by Mr. Mann unanimous by Council.
8. **AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVERS COURSE:** Mayor Ford explained to the Council that he recommended the approval of the AARP program for city employees. He explained the cost would be \$10.00 per person and the city would receive a saving on their insurance if this course was taken by city employees. Mr. Simmons made a motion to implement the AARP Defensive Drivers Course for the city employees second by Mr. Bracknell unanimous by Council.
9. **AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THE USE OF A FACILITY AS A RED CROSS EMERGENCY SHELTER:** Chief Repetto explained this is part of our emergency preparedness through GEMA and Carroll County Emergency Management and the Red Cross has to have an agreement in order to come out and set up emergency shelters. Mr. Mann made a motion for the Mayor to sign the agreement to permit the use of a facility as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter second by Mr. Simmons unanimous by Council.
10. Mayor Ford switched back to item two; the appointment of the new DDA Chairman. Mr. Thomas; city attorney ruled after research that the DDA would elect their own chairman.
11. **125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Mayor Ford explained Temple was incorporated on August 28, 1883 which means 2008 is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Temple. He proposed the City of Temple hold an all day event to celebrate. He would like ideas from the public, councilmembers, media, etc. to make this event successful.
12. **WASTE INDUSTRIES CONTRACT RENEWAL:** Sam Russell presented to the Council a proposal for a garbage rate increase. He is proposing an increase of \$1.39 a month due to an increase from Waste Industries of 0.46 cents per can and to help fund and maintain a limb and debris removal service. After discussion; Mr. Bracknell made a motion to advertise for bids second by Mr. Mann unanimous by Council.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mr. Simmons requested information from Mr. Thomas; City Attorney on what action would he needed to take in order to file an ethics complaint against Mr. Estvanko. Mr. Thomas advised him he would need to put the complaint in writing and turn it to the city clerk. She would distribute it to the ethics committee members.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Bracknell made a motion to adjourn in order to go into executive session at 7:15 pm second by Mr. Mann unanimous by Council.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:** Mr. Bracknell made a motion to return to regular session second by Mr. Simmons unanimous by Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Simmons second by Mr. Mann unanimous by Council.

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Rick Ford, Mayor

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Kim Pope, City Clerk