

**CITY OF TEMPLE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TEMPLE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY September 8, 2008 – 6:30 PM
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:

The invocation was given by Bobby Church, Pastor at Griffen Chapel United Methodist Church.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mayor Ford opened the floor for citizen's comments.

Howard Walden, 440 Centerpoint Road, advised the council that Villa Rica is looking to purchase a drug dog if the decision is made tonight to sell our drug dog.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee: Simmons advised that they discussed the police sub station that would be located across from Flying J's; ways to cut overtime and a technology surcharge that could be added to certain citations.

Public Works Committee: Miller advised the public works department is still operating under budget. Upcoming projects were discussed and she reported that we now have a completed list for our on-line auction and we are waiting on Gov Deals to come out and train us on their system.

Personnel Committee: Estvanko explained that the AED and the AARP training is set up and we are now just waiting on them to set the date. He said that the AARP class would save the city 5% on their insurance and the cost would be around \$10.00 to \$15.00 per employee. He stated that he would like to see the class mandated for every employee that drives a city vehicle. Education time/Sick Leave and a rotating shift were also discussed.

Recreation Committee: Bracknell stated that the major discussion of their committee meeting was making the recreation complex a smoke free facility; as well as getting ready for the 125th Anniversary celebration and the dedication of the gymnasium and ball fields.

Financial Committee: Mann said that there had been a review of all the different department's finances. He suggested again using a relief officer to cover vacation, sick leave and training in order to cut down on overtime in the police department. He advised that revenues are down in all departments; however, tax revenues and expenditures are higher, so we should be close on the budget. He advised all departments to only buy if it is a need; not a want.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mann motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Simmons. The motion carried 5-0.

PLANNING AND ZONING: After discussion, **Estvanko** motioned to accept the recommendation of the planning commission to approve a special land use permit that will be renewable every 12 months up to a maximum of four years and to deny the variance request; seconded by Simmons. The motion carries 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **2nd Reading of the Sidewalk Ordinance:** The second reading of the sidewalk ordinance was read by Cynthia Daley, City Attorney. Bracknell motioned to adopt the Sidewalk Ordinance as read, seconded by Simmons. The motion carries 5-0.
2. **Proposal for Police Sub-Station at 40 Villa Rosa Road; Suite B:** After discussion, this item was postponed until the October meeting.
3. **Employee Health Benefits:** Pope explained this item had been back before them due to the fact that United Health Care raised their original quote by \$4000.00. She recommended staying with Kaiser our current provider and get quotes from other companies; including GMA. No action was taken on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Downtown Development Authority Member Nomination:** After discussion on the terms of the members and the required training; Bracknell motioned to postpone this until the next meeting. The motioned was seconded by Mann. No vote was needed to postpone an agenda item.
2. **PLANNING AND ZONING MEMBER NOMINATION:** Mayor Ford made a recommendation to the council to nominate Mr. Miles Holiday for the vacancy on the City of Temple Planning and Zoning Commission. After discussion, Simmons motioned to accept the recommendation from the mayor and appoint Mr. Holliday to the Planning and Zoning Commission; seconded by Mann. The motion carries 5-0.
3. **ROTATING SHIFTS/ 4 TEN HOUR DAYS:** Estvanko explained that the girls in city hall would be working four ten hour days rotating off on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and a full staff would be here on Monday and Friday. After discussion; Simmons motioned to approve the four ten hour work week for the employees within city hall on a trial basis; seconded by Mann. The motion carries 5-0.
4. **SICK LEAVE/EDUCATIONAL TIME:** After discussion; Estvanko motioned to convert two sick days to personal days for educational time per employees work schedule; seconded by Mann. The motion carries 4-1 with Bracknell voting against.

5. **125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Bracknell and Lesa Zaikowski gave an update on the 125th Anniversary Celebration. Lesa said that community participation had surpassed her expectations. She stated that she hopes that all the city council will attend the festival in order to give their support and she thanked Richard Bracknell, Sam Russell, and Liz Pecor for their enthusiasm and continued dedication. Mann explained that a budget amendment would be necessary in order to balance the revenue and the expenses for the festival.
6. **DRUG DOG DISCUSSION:** Mann; Finance Committee Chairman made a recommendation to the council to sell the drug dog. After discussion about the proper way to handle the sale of the dog; Bracknell motioned to sell the dog by sealed bids; seconded by Mann. The motion carries 5-0.
7. **PROPOSAL TO SET A UNIFORM SCALE FOR DUMPSTERS:** Pope explained this proposal is to set a uniform schedule pricing based on the yardage. After discussion, Bracknell motioned to approve the uniform schedule pricing as presented; seconded by Simmons. The motion carries 5-0.
8. **SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY RENEGOTIATIONS:** The upcoming meeting was discussed and Mayor Ford and Mann decided they would attend and report back to the council.
9. **REPAVING OF EAST LUKE ROAD:** Ford explained that Daniel Jackson, President of the Chamber of Commerce had requested that the city consider repaving E. Luke Road due to the bad areas in the road being a real safety issue. Russell told the council that he had prepared an RFP and sealed bids would be ready for the October 6, 2008 council meeting.
10. **AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE:** Bracknell advised that he had requested for this to go back on the agenda due to some discrepancies in the ordinance. Bracknell motioned to send this ordinance back to the personnel committee to take a closer look at it and maybe hold a public hearing in order to get the ordinance in shape; seconded by Simmons. The motion carries 3-0 with Mann and Estvanko abstaining.
11. **RESOLUTION: Establish Process, Procedures, and Forms to Be Used For Leave:** Bracknell explained the purpose of each of the proposed forms to the council. After a brief discussion, Bracknell motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; seconded by Mann. The motion carries 5-0.
12. **RESOLUTION: Ban Smoking at the Sewell Recreational Facility and the Temple Senior Center:** After discussion; Simmons motioned to amend the resolution by making it a total smoke free facility; seconded by Miller. The motion was denied on a vote 2-3 with Estvanko, Mann and Bracknell voting against. After the reading of the resolution by Mrs. Daley; Bracknell motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; seconded by Estvanko. The motion carries 3-2 with Miller and Simmons voting against.
13. **RESOLUTION: Records Retention Schedule:** This item was postponed in order to review the current record retention schedule.

14. **RESOLUTION: Establish Compensation for Committee Chairs:** After the reading of the resolution by Mrs. Daley; Bracknell motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; seconded by Simmons. The motion carries 5-0.

15. **ORDINANCE: Property Maintenance Ordinance:** The first reading of the Property Maintenance Ordinance was read by Mrs. Daley with the second reading to be on October 6, 2008.

16. **ORDINANCE: To provide for a technology surcharge fine to be added to certain offenses by the municipal court:** Repetto explained that this is an ordinance to add a surcharge to the current fines in order to help offset the technology charges that the court and police department has such as laptops. After discussion, Bracknell motioned to postpone this item until the October 6, 2008 meeting; seconded by Estvanko. The motion carries 5-0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:

Bracknell said that he would like to commend Thad Ferguson and Lesa Zaikowski.
Simmons motioned to not accept any letter not signed. The motion dies due to lack of a second.
Estvanko motioned to hold a town hall meeting to discuss the property maintenance ordinance. The motion dies due to lack of a second.
Mayor Ford asked the council to consider putting in sidewalks in along Hwy 113 in the commercial area and he would discuss it at a later meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Bracknell motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm in order to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, legal, and real estate; seconded by Mann. The motion carries 5-0.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Bracknell motioned to return to regular session at 9:14p.m.; seconded by Miller. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business; Mann motioned to adjourn at 9:15 pm; seconded by Miller. The motion carries 5-0.

Rick Ford - Mayor

Attest:

Kim Pope – City Clerk

