

**CITY OF TEMPLE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TEMPLE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY November 3, 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:**

Gerald Sailors from United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Mayor Ford opened the floor for citizen's comments. There being none he closed the floor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Recreation Committee:** Bracknell informed that all three football teams made it to the end of the season championship games. The 5-6 teams played this past weekend and they received second place. The 7-8 and 9-10 teams will play this Saturday in the championship games. Bracknell asked to add that next year cheerleading uniforms will be provided by the recreation department in order to save cost for the parents. The uniform will be issued and taken back up at the end of the season.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**PLANNING AND ZONING:** There was not anything on the agenda to discuss this month under planning and zoning.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Technology Surcharge Ordinance:** After the second reading of the Technology Surcharge Ordinance by Mrs. Daley; Simmons motioned to approve as read; seconded by Miller. The motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Appointment of a member to the Downtown Development:** Mann stated that Mr. Steadham owned a lot of the buildings here on the front street and he feels like he would be a good choice. Lisa Zaikowski, chairperson for the DDA recommended Mr. Steadham. Mayor Ford opened the floor for nomination. There being none it was closed. Mann motioned to nominate Doug Steadham as the new member to the Downtown Development Authority; seconded by Miller. The motion carries 5-0.

2. **Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation:** Lisa Zaikowski and the Downtown Development Authority were presented with a certificate of appreciation for their participation in the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration after the reading of the certificate by Angie Williams.
3. **Addendum to the Utility Services Contract:** Sam Russell, Public Works Director explained the current contract for the Montgomery Street tank and the Sewell tank are meant for functioning tanks. The Sewell Tank has not functioned in approximately four years so we are paying full price for a non functional tank. After much discussion on the pros and cons of taking this tank off line; Estvanko motioned to postpone this until the December meeting and get Matt Windom from Carroll County Water and Gary Thomas the fire chief to attend the next meeting to get their opinion on this; seconded by Miller. The motion carries 5-0.
4. **Ordinance to adopt a new water and sewer rate schedule:** Miller explained that the recommendation from the public works committee is to approve the rate increase due to the fact that our water provider has increased their water rates. Estvanko asked Russell if this ten cent increase on water and sewer would cover all our cost and Russell stated that it would. Estvanko also asked Russell if the senior citizen discount would be affected by this increase and he stated that it would not because the senior citizen rate would be frozen. Mrs. Daley read the amendment to the ordinance to adopt a new water and sewer rate for the first time with the second reading to be done at the December meeting. She explained that the current water base rate is \$10.00 for the first 2000 gallon and a charge of \$3.75 per thousand after that. With the new rate schedule the water base rate will remain \$10.00 for the first 2000 gallon and a charge of \$3.85 per thousand after. The current sewer base rate is \$10.00 for the first 2000 gallon with a charge of \$4.75 per thousand there after and with the new rate schedule the sewer base rate will remain \$10.00 for the first 2000 gallon with a charge of \$4.85 per thousand there after. Daley stated that the new rates would be effective upon passage.
5. **Discussion:**
  - a. **Closing City Hall from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for lunch:** Angie Williams explained that the employees inside city hall had discussed closing from 12:00 to 1:00 in order for them to be able to eat lunch. We have two different drop off boxes that citizens can utilize with talk of adding another location for payments to be dropped off. This is something we would just like to try until January and see how it works with the understanding that if we have complaints we will have to change it back. Simmons stated that he is completely against closing city hall and that he thinks it should be open at all times. Bracknell motioned to try closing from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for the month of November and revisit it at the December meeting; seconded by Miller. The motion carries 4-1 with Simmons voting against.
  - b. **Change the dates of the committee meetings for November and December 2008:** After discussion, Bracknell motioned to change the November committee meeting from November 24, 2008 to November 25, 2008 and to change the Regular Council meeting from December 1, 2008 to December 2, 2008; seconded by Mann. The motion carries 5-0.

- c. Sidewalks from Fred’s to AutoZone: After much discussion; this item was differed until the November 2008 public works committee meeting where Russell will have an overview of the project ready.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:**

Estvanko gave an update on the backpack program. We have three children at this time; however we do expect the numbers to grow in the upcoming weeks. Ashley has obtained an application for the Safe Routes to School Program and will need to meet with the police department and school officials in order to get the application completed and turned in by the December 12, 2008 deadline. He gave an update on the AARP driving course with all but one or two completing the course already. Estvanko stated that he thinks it would be a good idea for the police department to be cross trained on knowing the location of the valves in case of emergencies. He would like for something to be drawn up and have it ready for the November committee meeting and revisit it at the December meeting.

Mayor Ford announced that they are promoting Kim Pope to City Administrator effective immediately.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Bracknell motioned to adjourn at 7:20 pm in order to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, legal, and real estate; seconded by Miller. The motion carries 5-0.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:** Miller motioned to return to regular session at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by Bracknell. The motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business; Miller motioned to adjourn at 7:46pm; seconded by Mann. The motion carries 5-0.

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Rick Ford - Mayor

Attest:

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Kim Pope – City Clerk