

**CITY OF TEMPLE MINUTES  
TEMPLE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009 – 6:30 PM  
TEMPLE CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Ford called the special called 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 Rev. Griffin United Methodist Church Council Member Larry Estvanko read a Thank You card from his family and thanked everyone for the visits, cards and prayers during their loss.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Mayor Ford opened the floor for citizen's comments.

Howard Walden, 440 Centerpoint Road, would like to make a short comment regarding the Rules of Decorum and how he would like to see the rules of decorum applied to the Committee Meetings. He stated the meetings are never consistent regarding Public Comment. Stated that he never knows the demeanor of the council will be when the public has a question.

Linda Walden, 440 Centerpoint Road, had a few remarks on Agenda items. She stated that the synopsis is a very good thing. Was concerned that under "Committee Meeting Reports" there was nothing regarding the Ethics Committee or the DDA Meetings, are they being addressed or met? Asked if the City was abiding by the Roberts Rules of Order and Ms. Walden has some other questions and issues with the Agenda and Rules of Decorum. Ms. Walden also had concerns with the closing statements given by Council Members.

Penny Ransom, 922 Creek Run Place, spoke on the budget and when the budget was advertised. Ms. Ransom was concerned that the ordinance will include churches, and also Super Foods. She also spoke on the Rules of Decorum and was it done as a Resolution? Ms. Ransom states that she is concerned with the Charter as well and how it is followed by the Council and Mayor. Ms. Ransom also stated if the City has merchandise for sale that the school system could use could we consider in donating it to the schools. Asking the citizens to vote on the New Charter is a good thing. Did not understand why this was not on the agenda earlier. She also had some pictures showing how many dams there are and two of those are really big. Any help the city could give in this situation would be greatly appreciated stated Ms. Ransom. Ms. Ransom would also like to see the Ethics Committee back on the agenda.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**Public Safety:** Spoke on the air cards, proposed fine changes, and participating with Carroll Co. Crime Stoppers

**Public Works:** Discussed FOG Ordinance

**Community Development:** Recognized Kim and Ashley for completing their Certificates

**Recreation:** Updated on teams and programs

**Personnel Committee:** Safety training, CPR was conducted and she is willing to come back for more classes if needed.

**Financial Committee:** Was not able to discuss a lot budget wise; just need to continue to conserve

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1.) **Air Cards for Police Department:** After discussion; Bracknell made a motion to keep (3) Air Cards; seconded by Miller. Motion carried 4-1 with Mann against

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1.) **Employee Recognition:** The following employees were recognized for receiving certificates: Kim Pope, City Administrator, received her Certified Municipal Clerk Certificate  
Ashley Hulse, Community Development, received her Residential Building Inspector Certificate  
Sheena Glines, Court Clerk, received her Court Clerk Certification

2.) **Proposal for Increase on the Bond Schedule @ Police Department:** After discussion; Simmons made a motion to approve; seconded by Estvanko. Motion carries 5-0

3.) **Crime Stoppers Campaign:** After discussion; Simmons made a motion to participate; seconded by Mann. Motion carried 5-0

4.) **Fats, Oil and Grease Ordinance (FOG Ordinance):** After discussion this item was postponed

5.) **Rules of Decorum:** Section (D) After discussion; Simmons made a motion for 1<sup>st</sup> offense 6-months instead of 60-days; Motion dies due to lack of second. After further discussion Mann made a motion if you are removed you will stay away from City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> offense 90-days, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense 6 months, and 3<sup>rd</sup> offense 6 months. Motion dies due to lack of second. No further discussion

Section (E) Proposed Addition: After discussion; Miller motioned to accept the changes “those persons removed from a City Council meeting must vacate the premises immediately and may not re-enter the meeting from which expelled”; seconded by Bracknell. Motion carried 4-1  
Estvanko against

Section (B) After discussion; Simmons motioned to accept the change that a citizen may speak for or against agenda items for a total of (3) minutes; seconded by Mann. Motion tied with

Miller and Estvanko voting against, Bracknell abstaining. With the tie Mayor Ford votes in favor of the change so the motion carries

**6.) Georgia Power Franchise Tax Agreement Extension Ordinance:** After discussion; Mann made a motion to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> read; seconded by Bracknell. Motion carries 5-0  
Mann made a motion to extend the Ordinance; seconded by Bracknell. Motion carries 5-0

**7.) GovDeals Auction 2009:** After discussion; Bracknell motion to sell the items listed; seconded by Miller. Motion carries 5-0

**8.) Discussion regarding house on Bar J Road owned by the City of Temple:** After discussion; Mann motioned to demolish the house; seconded by Simmons. Motion carries 5-0

**9.) New Charter:** After discussion; Bracknell motioned to change the Charter; seconded by Mann  
Motion dies for lack of unanimous vote with Estvanko voting against

**10.) Beavers at Windy Mill:** After discussion Mann will check with the County regarding the beavers or see if we can partner with the City of Villa Rica

**11.) Nomination for Ethics Committee:** After discussion; Bracknell motioned to chose Dale Parrish to serve on the Ethics Committee; seconded by Miller. Motion carries 3-2 with Estvanko and Mann abstaining

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Larry Estvanko:** Just wanted to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, visits and concerns in their loss

**Council Member Hiley Miller:** Spoke to Mr. Walden to let him know she did not mean to discriminate and that his comments are always welcome.

**Council Member Richard Bracknell:** Thanked everyone for the calls, comments and concerns. Let everyone know that we had our first citizen to bring a donation for the backpack program. The backpack program has grown from 3 kids to 8 kids. He would also like to see more of the good people of Temple help out so we can expand this to other schools. Mr. Bracknell mentioned several other citizens who are outstanding in our community and provide a lot of donated hours to the City of Temple.

**Mayor Ford:** We have asked for stimulus money to help with several sewer and water work projects.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Bracknell motioned to adjourn at 8:07 pm in order to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, legal, and real estate; seconded by Simmons. The motion carries 5-0.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:** Simmons motioned to return to regular session at 8:27 p.m.; seconded by Bracknell. The motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss; Simmons motioned to adjourn at 8:28 pm; seconded by Miller. The motion carries 5-0.

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Rick Ford - Mayor

Attest:

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Angie Williams – City Clerk