

CITY OF TEMPLE MINUTES
TEMPLE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 – 6:30 PM
TEMPLE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Ford called the meeting of the Temple City Council to order at 6:35 p.m. with the following members present constituting a quorum: Councilmember Richard Bracknell, Councilmember William Simmons, Councilmember Hiley Miller; Councilmember Larry Mann and Councilmember Larry Estvanko.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Pastor Gerald Sailors, Pastor of 1st United Methodist Church of Temple

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mayor Ford opened the floor for citizen’s comments and there were none.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

Public Safety: No Committee Report

Public Works: No Committee Report

Community Development: Mr. Bracknell reported that in the Council Member packets there was an example of a resolution they need to be aware of. It is for a community grant with the Georgia Department of Transportation. This is a grant from GDT will pay for right away projects in the city limits. The grant will be turned in on October 30, 2009. It is a 100% grant. The city will have to do the maintenance on the projects and that is all the city would be responsible for.

Recreation: Mr. Bracknell reported that the recreation department is wrapping up the season. There will be a District 4 awards banquet on October 21, 2009 and we will be receiving the Athletic Agency of the year, Class C award and the volunteer of the year award; however, we do not know who the volunteer is that will be announced at the banquet.

As the year is wrapping up he wanted to report the numbers at the Recreation Department.

Basketball Participants	70	
Baseball Participants	141	(118*Spring and 23*Fall*
Fast pitch Softball Participants	49	
Soccer Participants	27	(27*Spring and 34*Fall)
Dance Participants	12	
Football Participants	90	
Cheerleading Participants	45	
Tennis Classes for Juniors and Adults		
2-Traveling basketball teams		
2-Summer Camps		(Soccer and Football)

Total Summer Participants were 526

Football fields are up and ready to go will be able to complete the lights, concession stand and restrooms with the new splost.

Personnel: No Committee Report

Senior Center: No Committee Report

Financial: Mr. Mann tries each month to update where we are at in the budget. Have had a lot of calls and concerns with the difference between budget and cash in the bank, there is a budgeted item and then there is a certain amount of cash. Mr. Mann went back to 2003 and 2004 to show where we got started with the money. Back in 2003 and 2004 building was really booming in Temple and at that time we knew we had to build a new sewer plant. So, in 2003 we took on the bond debt of \$8 million. We built up surplus since that was a booming time for building and at the end of 2004 we had \$3,753,000.00 in the bank; General Funds, budgeted items, and Water and Sewer. We were able to build up a lot because during the construction period all we had to pay was just interest. Then in 2005, we had our first bond payment which dropped our total cash in the bank to \$3,333,000.00. In 2006, we had a pretty good year and only had to pay \$6,000.00 out of it. In 2007, we had a good year we gained we brought the budget up to \$3,525,000.00. In 2007, the economy turned and brought the balance down to \$3,176,000.00 which was a \$349,000 decrease because we had a surplus to make the bond payments when building had slowed up. Everyone knows the economy turned and no homes were being built. That puts us where we are at, wanted to clarify the rumors we have no money in the bank well as of December 31, 2008 there was \$3, 176,000.00. Bring up the budget year to date thru this period we have held expenditures down in all departments. We are up to \$160,000 under expenditures in what was budgeted. The revenues are coming in like we thought because people don't have the money to spend. Based on his projections of property taxes will be coming in October, November, and December and then the franchise tax on insurance premiums will be coming in and his predictions on revenues will be about 101% of the budget and based on calculations on where we have been we should still pick up at \$150,000 to \$160,000 under what we had budgeted. The only place that we have a problem is with the tap fees because there are no new homes being built.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented once type-o is corrected; seconded by Council Member William Simmons. The motion carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) FOG ORDINANCE (Fats, Oil and Grease Ordinance): Second read; Council Member Hiley Miller voted to approve the FOG Ordinance; seconded by Council Member Larry Mann. The motion carries 4-1 with Council Member Larry Estvanko opposing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Temple Area Christian United Ministries: After discussion Council Member William Simmons motioned to approve waiving the fees for the Senior Center for the Ministry to provide dinners for the needy; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. The motion carried 5-0

Pastor Gerald Sailors also requested the use of storage space at the Old Sewell Building and use Small portion of it to store supplies, food, and other items for the citizens of Temple who are in need. The Mayor, City Administrator and Mayor Pro-tem will be meeting with Pastor Sailors to look at the Sewell Building to see if they can use this area. This request was tabled until the next meeting.

2.) GovDeals Auction: After discussion Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to approve the sell of the items thru The GovDeals Auction; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. The motion carried 5-0

3.) Resolution for Grant Request: After discussion Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to approve the City to apply for the Gateway Grant; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. The motion carried 5-0

4.) GMA Mayor's Motorcade: After discussion Council Member William Simmons motioned to donate \$500 to the GMA Mayor's Christmas Motorcade; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. The motion carried 5-0

5.) Amendment to the existing Fee Schedule for the Temple Senior Center: After discussion of the fees Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to amend the existing policy; seconded by Council Member William Simmons. The motion carried 5-0

6.) City of Temple 4-day work week: After discussion of the 4-day work week Council Member William Simmons motioned to change back to the 5-day work week, working Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 5:00pm effective at the new pay period this would allow the City Administrator to be at the City Hall 5-days a week; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. Motion carried 5-0

7.) Discontinuation of the Lock Box: After discussing the lock box request Council Member Larry Mann motioned to discontinue the lock box and process all water payments at the City Hall; seconded by Council Member Williams Simmons. The motion carried 4-1 with Council Member Larry Estvanko abstaining.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:

Estvanko: None

Mann: None

Miller: Wanted to remind everyone of the backpack program and donations are still welcome and accepted at the City Hall. We are now packing 15 backpacks weekly! Also, remember the Williams Family in your thoughts and prayers.

Simmons: None

Bracknell: None

Mayor Ford: There was a reported sewer spill at Water's Edge Subdivision this week and we asked our personnel to go out and check this out. David Henson went out to the Trussel Creek Reservoir and there were a lot of dead fish. Did not know the cause and pulled samples to test the water. The test shows no sewer spill. The test also did not show any e-coli present to cause any danger. David tested for oil and grease and at that time we did not have the results back from those tests. There was an oily residue in the lake. David will report to the Mayor as soon as the results from the further testing are in. David states that Sam Russell contacted EPD to let them know the problem with the lake.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council member William Simmons motioned to adjourn at 7:25 pm in order to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel; seconded by Council Member Larry Mann. The motion carries 5-0.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to return to regular session at 7:50p.m.; seconded by Council Member William Simmons. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss; Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to adjourn at 7:51 pm; seconded by Council Member Larry Mann. The motion carries 5-0.

Rick Ford - Mayor

Attest:

Angie Costner – City Clerk