

**CITY OF TEMPLE MINUTES  
TEMPLE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012 @ 6:30 PM  
TEMPLE CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Ford called the regular scheduled Council Meeting to order at 6:30pm with the following members present constituting a quorum: Councilmember Richard Bracknell, Council Member William Simmons, Council Member Hiley Miller; Council Member Jay Mann and Council Member Terron Bivins.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Mayor Rick Ford

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Mayor Ford opened the floor for citizen's comments:

Nilesh Patel spoke on adding Sunday alcohol sales to the next ballot for citizens to vote on

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**Public Safety:** Personnel – Executive Session

**Community Development:** Agenda Item

**Recreation:** Agenda Item

**Personnel:** No Report

**Senior Center:** Agenda Item

**Financial:** No Report

**Public Works:** Agenda Item

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Council Member William Simmons. Motion carried 5-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1.) Temple Recreation Scholarship Form:** Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to remove this item from the agenda; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. Motion carried 5-0

**2.) Ordinance to amend the Employee Handbook:** Council Member William Simmons motioned to amend the Employee handbook to add the following exception to the Time-Off Benefits section: B. Eligibility for Holiday Pay (1) The employee must be a regular full-time employee and must have completed his/her probationary period. EXCEPTION: This does not apply to any

employee who has worked for a year or longer and is just changing positions within the city; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. Motion carried 5-0

**3.) Ordinance to allow for an additional \$2 discount for the Senior Citizens on Water and**

**Sewer Charges:** Council Member Hiley Miller motioned to increase the monthly water (\$6) and sewer (\$6) discounts for Senior's who live in the City limits and meet the following criteria:

- (a.) Must be at least 65 years of age and a citizen of Temple
- (b.) Must submit proof of age along with appropriate application; and,
- (c.) Must be named applicant on the water account

Senior discounts cannot exceed the actual amount of the charges billed. Discounts apply to the Senior Citizen's primary residence only. Discount is not allowed on commercial property or on rental property in which the applicant does not reside. Seconded by Council Member Richard Bracknell. Motion carried 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1.) Recognition of Temple 13 & 14 year old boys Basketball:** This team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the state tournament

**2.) Sunday Sales for Alcohol:**

Council Member Terron Bivins motioned to approve for this to be put on the next ballot for the Citizens of Temple to vote for or against; seconded by Council Member William Simmons. Motion failed 2-3 with Council Member Richard Bracknell, Council Member Hiley Miller and Council Member Jay Mann voting against

**3.) Award Lowest Bid for the WRF Septage Receiving Station Project:**

Council Member Hiley Miller motioned to award T.J. Lyle & Company the project coming in with the lowest bid in the amount \$46,303.00; seconded by Council Member Richard Bracknell. Motion carried 5-0

**4.) Discussion of 4<sup>th</sup> night for Court:**

Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to approve a 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday night for Temple Municipal Court; seconded by Council Member Terron Bivins. Motion carried 5-0

**5.) Waive the rental fees for the Temple Chapter of the Red Hat Society:**

Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to waive the fees for the Temple Senior Center for the Temple Chapter of the Red Hat Society; seconded by Council Member Terron Bivins. Motion carried 5-0

**6.) Resolution for Retirement Benefits for GMA:**

Council Member Hiley Miller motioned to approve the Resolution to the amendment for the GMA Retirement Benefit to make it IRS Compatible; seconded by Council Member Jay Mann. Motion carried 5-0

Council Member Hiley Miller motioned to approve the Resolution to the amendment for the GMA Retirement Benefit for the compensation of eligible employees to be all employees with the exception of part time employees. Seconded by Council Member Jay Mann. Motion carried 5-0

Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to approve the adoption agreement and master plan of the GMA Retirement Benefit to include any post-severance compensation; seconded by Council Member Terron Bivins. Motion carried 5-0

**7.) Award Lowest Bid for Senior Center Chairs:**

Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to award the lowest bid to Classroom Essentials in the amount of \$4,865 with a change work order to delete the state sales tax which will then bring the bid down to \$4,590.00; seconded by Council Member Terron Bivins.  
Motion carried 5-0

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**Bivins:** The chicken and oyster stew benefit raised \$2,600 for the police officer benefit. The Temple High School bank will be holding a bbq on March 10 from 1-4 please go out and support our local schools. There will also be a benefit on March 10 at 7 pm at the Temple Methodist Church for the family of Tina Duncan. Also, if you or someone you know turns 65 this year go to Carroll County and take a copy of your ID to have school taxes removed from the taxes you pay. This could save you about \$500 a year.

**Mann:** None

**Miller:** None

**Simmons:** None

**Bracknell:** None

**Mayor Ford:** The benefit for Tina Duncan's family will be held this Saturday March 10 @ 7pm located at the Temple Methodist Church. Please come out and support this great cause. There will be several Gospel Groups there.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilmember Hiley Miller motioned to adjourn at 6:53pm in order to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, real estate and legal; seconded by Councilmember Terron Bivins. The motion carries 5-0.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:** Councilmember William Simmons motioned to return to regular session at 7:40p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Jay Mann. The motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss; Councilmember Richard Bracknell motioned to adjourn at 7:41 pm; seconded by Councilmember Jay Mann. The motion carries 5-0

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Rick Ford - Mayor

Attest:

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Angie Costner – City Clerk