

**CITY OF TEMPLE MINUTES  
TEMPLE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013 @ 6:30 PM  
TEMPLE CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Rick Ford called the regular scheduled Council Meeting to order at 6:36pm with the following members present constituting a quorum: Council Member Hiley Miller; Council Member Larry Mann; Council Member Richard Bracknell and Council Member Terron Bivins

Council Member William Simmons was not in attendance.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Council Member Richard Bracknell

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Mayor Rick Ford opened the floor for citizen's comments:

- ❖ **Wendell Furr** – Owns a business in the city limits. He has been paying city taxes for over 40-years and is very concerned about the proposed increase in the business license fees. He is asking that the Mayor and Council please reconsider these fees and kindly have mercy on the business owners.
- ❖ **Andrea Wiggins** – Owns Bethany's Florist, right now they are at a point where they are not even making a profit yet. When the season's rolls around to Valentine's Day, they have a lot of overhead and it is hard enough to pay the business license fee at that time. If it is increased then there is a great possibility that they will have to close their business. They were in Villa Rica for years and they paid \$100 each year for their license. They moved to Temple, and since the fire they still have a lot of overhead and she is asking for mercy.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**Public Safety:** No Report

**Community Development:** Agenda Item

**Recreation:** No Report

**Personnel:** No Report

**Senior Center:** Agenda Item

**Financial:** Agenda Item

**Public Works:** Agenda Item

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Minutes approval, Budget, Community Development, Public Safety, Recreation, Senior Center and Financial: Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Council Member Terron Bivins. Motion carried 4-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) **Waive the rental fees for Ruth Holder, Author of a History of Temple, GA. wants to utilize the Senior Center for her book signing:** As per the recommendation from the Senior Center Committee Council Member Richard Bracknell motions to approve; seconded by Council Member Larry Mann. Motion carried 4-0  
Mayor Ford showed the book to the public in case anyone may be interested. It is a nice history of the City of Temple. This is a revised edition there has been two other additions. It is available at Temple Pharmacy and the Senior Center.
- 2.) **Waive the rental fees for the Elvis Concert, September 21, 2013:** According to Cynthia she did not get any information on this as far as the liability and who would be in charge. It was Council Member Richard Bracknell understanding that this would be like any other concert, it is for the senior's and we would waive the fees as normal. Council Member Richard Bracknell motions to waive the rental fees; seconded by Council Member Larry Mann. Motioned carried 4-0
- 3.) **Approval to have Senior Center floors buffed and maintained by Georgia Floor Service:** Council Member Terron Bivins stated that Senior Center Director, Sandra Stillwell did include a proposal for each to look over in their packets. This needs to be added into the budget for next year, she has a line item this year that this can come out of. Council Member Terron Bivins motions to approve that the floors be maintained by Georgia Floor Service; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. Motion carried 4-0
- 4.) **Discussion of new Occupational Tax Ordinance:** After much discussion Council Member Terron Bivins motion to table this item and send this back to committee for further discussion; seconded by Council Member Richard Bracknell. Motion carried 4-0
- 5.) **Watershed Protection Plan Annual Report:** Council Member Hiley Miller motioned to approve the annual Watershed Protection Plan Report; seconded by Council Member Richard Bracknell. Motion carried 4-0
- 6.) **U.S. General Services Administration Per Diem Rates for Meals:** Mayor Ford brought this up because he felt as though we needed to have better checks and balances for the per diem rates for meals. To give a for instance if we allow \$6 for breakfast and someone gets a biscuit that is \$1.50 then we don't need someone charging the city \$6 for breakfast. Though that is not a lot of money but mind you that when you have 32 employees for the full year, although not all employees use the per diem, so this would be a better way to have checks and balances. The per diem rates are for meals only: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Council Member Richard Bracknell makes a motion to continue to use the per diem guidelines established by the U.S. General Services Administration. However, each employee will be required to document cost of meals with receipts up to the allotted per diem amount. This reimbursement will occur after approved leave has taken place. Any hardship

of an employee may be addressed by the City Administrator or his/her designee on an individual basis; seconded by Council Member Hiley Miller. Motion carried 4-0

- 7.) **Discussion of BID Requests from Bank CD's:** After discussion Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to approve the BED Request from Bank; seconded by Council Member Terron Bivins. Motion carried 4-0
- 8.) **Discussion on Business Card's for City Employee's:** Council Member Hiley Miller motioned to purchase employee business cards from vendor; seconded by Council Member Terron Bivins. Motion carried 4-0

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Ford:** Council Member William Simmons is improving.

**Miller:** No Comment

**Mann:** No Comment

**Bracknell:** No Comment

**Daley:** No Comment

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council Member Hiley Miller motioned to go into executive session at 6:53pm for the purpose of discussing legal, real estate and personnel; seconded by Council Member Richard Bracknell. Motion carried 4-0

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:** Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to return to regular session at 8:01pm; seconded by Council Member Terron Bivins. Motion carried 4-0

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Council Member Richard Bracknell motioned to adjourn at 8:01pm; seconded by Council Terron Bivins. Motion carried 3-0

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Rick Ford - Mayor

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Angie Costner, City Clerk