

CITY OF TEMPLE MINUTES
CALLED MEETING OF TEMPLE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 21, 2014 – 6:30 PM
TEMPLE CITY HALL

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Mayor Lester Harmon called the Meeting to order at 6:31pm with the following members present constituting a quorum: Council Member Richard Bracknell; Council Member Hiley Miller; Council Member William Simmons; Council Member Howard Walden and Council Member Penny Ransom

INVOCATION: By: Mayor Harmon

- 1.) Motion to declare that the Ordinance being considered tonight meets the definition of an emergency as defined by the City of Temple Charter in section 2.24:

“To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or public peace...”

Council Member Bracknell motion to declare that the Ordinance being considered tonight meets the definition of an emergency as defined by the City of Temple Charter in section 2.24. Seconded by Council Member Simmons. Motion Passed 5-0

- 2.) Motion to waive the first read of the emergency budget ordinance in accordance with section 2.22 (c) of the Charter of the City of Temple Georgia:

Council Member Miller motioned to waive the first read of the emergency budget ordinance in accordance with section 2.22 (c) of the Charter of the City of Temple Georgia. Seconded by Council Member Walden. Motion Passed 5-0

- 3.) AN EMERGENCY BUDGET ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, GEORGIA. TO OPERATE FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS; PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY OPERATIONS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

City Administrator Hill read the ordinance in its entirety. Council Member Miller motioned to approve the ordinance as read. Seconded by Council Member Simmons. Council Member Bracknell wanted to make sure that we do not have another period of time where the employees do not get paid. Motion Passed 5-0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mayor Lester Harmon:

No Comment

Council Member Penny Ransom:

She stated that it has been her goal to address issues like this before she got on the council. She is sorry that this was not done between pay days. She also addressed some of the corrections that need to be included in the regular operating budget and the need for a budget that people can understand.

Council Member Howard Walden:

Responded to the comments made by Council Member Bracknell by stating that the excessively high water bills are not a new issue. He said that he has been bringing this topic up for 4 years. However, now that we have someone willing to work with us then maybe we can get them down.

Council Member Hiley Miller:

Stated that she wanted to personally apologize to all of the employees and that she will exercise due diligence to make sure that we are never in this place again.

Council Member William Simmons:

No Comment

Council Member Richard Bracknell:

Asked for clarification on how to get items on the agenda. He also stated that he wanted to bring legislation to reduce the excessively high water bills with a goal to cut them by 50%.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Bracknell motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Ransom.
Motion Passed 5-0