

**REGULAR MEETING OF TEMPLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 4, 2014 6:30pm
TEMPLE CITY HALL**

Mayor Lester Harmon called the Meeting to order at 6:30pm with the following members present constituting a quorum: Council Member Richard Bracknell; Council Member Hiley Miller; Council Member Howard Walden, Council Member Penny Ransom, and Council Member Simmons.

Invocation by Mayor Lester Harmon

The City Council made some corrections and approved the minutes of the following meetings:

A. July 7, 2014

Council Member Miller motioned to approve with corrections. Seconded by Council Member Bracknell. Motion carried 5-0

B. July 14, 2014

Council Member Bracknell motioned to approve. Seconded by Council Member Simmons. Motion carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

1.) Recall motion to move funds in the capital budget

In the July 7, 2014 council meeting, Council Meeting Ransom motioned to move \$30,000 in the Capital Budge from Administration to Water and Sewer Projects. After further investigation, it was determined that this will not be necessary. Motion to repeal the motion made in previous meeting by Council Member Miller. Seconded by Council Member Ransom. Motion carried 5-0

2.) Discussion of the Water Rate Structure

Mr Jim Baxley had presented a new water rate structure at the July 7th meeting. The proposed rate will bill customers for usage and not REUs. The current revenue for the city is falling below the recommended average for the year. The water meter replacement should help with this. Before a rate increase could be initiated, there would need to be 3 public hearings. He would conduct and facilitate these meetings. There will be a special called meeting of the Council on August 21st at 6:30 for the 1st read of the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. City and County Support for Temple High School Athletic Complex (Principal Karen Suddeth)

Karen Suddeth submitted a proposal for Athletic Complex Enhancements. In this proposal, Temple High School is requesting council support for Commissioner Lee to reduce the amount of money he has purposed from SPLOST from \$350,000 to \$325,000 so that the remaining \$25,000 can be used for the enhancements at the athletic complex.

Motion: Council Member Miller

2nd: Council Member Bracknell Motion Carried 5-0

2. Discussion of funding for Founders Day advertising

Citizen Debbie McIntosh requested support from the City for the Founders Day celebration. The mayor appointed a committee for Founders Day. The city will accept donations for this account. Motion by Council Member Bracknell for the city to undertake Founders Day as a city project. Seconded by Council Member Walden. Motion carried 5-0

3. Resolution to set the Millage rate for Carroll County

Motion was made to table the resolution to establish the millage rate for Carroll & Haralson County until it could be correctly advertised. This will be discussed at a special called meeting on August 21, 2014 @ 6:30pm.

Motion by Council member Bracknell, seconded by Council Member Simmons, Motion carried 5-0

4. Resolution to set the Millage rate for Haralson County

This was tabled as per the above motion.

5. Tax Collection Agreement with Carroll County

The council voted to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement for Municipal Ad Valorem Tax Collection from Carroll County. This agreement will run until the end of the current Tax Commissioners Term on December 31, 2016. Motion to accept was made by Council Member Bracknell, Seconded by Council Member Simmons, Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discussion of approved administrators of City Accounts

Council Member Ransom presented concerns as to policy and procedures when the city has a newly elected official or a new hire and city accounts need to be updated with approved administrators, as well as deadlines for submission of time sensitive governmental documents. Mayor Harmon appointed a working committee to include Council Member Ransom, City Attorney Daley, and City Clerk Felicia Wall to assist with developing policies and procedures.

Mayor Harmon called a 5 minute recess at 8:34pm

Council came back in to session at 8:42pm

The Executive Session was moved up to be the next agenda item.

Executive Session - Personnel, Real Estate and Legal – Motion to enter into executive session at 8:43pm made by Council Member Simmons seconded by Council Member Ransom, Motion carried 5-0.

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Motion to enter back into regular session at 10:17pm. Motion by Council Member Miller, Seconded by Council Member Simmons, carried 5-0.

8. Resolution to change all of the bank signature cards and account authorized users

A resolution was proposed to update the signature cards on all city bank and other accounts to remove any persons as signatories other than Mayor Lester Harmon, Mayor Pro Temp Hiley Miller, and City Clerk Felicia Wall; and if necessary to add as signatories Mayor Lester Harmon, Mayor Pro Temp Hiley Miller, and City Clerk Felicia Wall to all bank and other accounts and to add Chief James Thorn to the police asset fund account only. Motion to accept was made by Council Member Bracknell, seconded by Council Member Simmons, Motion carried 5-0

9. Discussion of Policy Department Policy

Council Member Ransom addressed Major Creig Lee of the Temple Police Department (Chief Thorn was on vacation) as to concerns regarding the police setting up patrol on I-20. Major Lee stated that he will follow up with the officers and ensure that the policy is being followed. The Police Department would also like to extend the new hire probationary period to one year. This will be addressed in the upcoming policy review.

10. Discussion of Work Detail Contract

There is concern that the city entered into the contract early and some clarity needed on the current contract. City Clerk Felicia Wall will contact Carroll County to gain further understanding and clarity of the contract.

11. Discussion of Council Approval of Executive Session Minutes

Discussion of the policy regarding executive session minutes. City Attorney Daley explained that the council must approve the minutes from the Executive Session.

12. Discussion of Opening City Hall during the lunch hour

This discussion will be tabled until the September meeting. Motion by Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Miller, motion carried 5-0

13. Department Purchase Requests

A) The Senior Center requested approval for Sliding Glass doors for the center. Motion to accept the quote from Stanley Access Technologies. Motion made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Bracknell, with the addition that the current doors be kept by the city and not disposed of at the time of installation. Motion carried 5-0.

B) City Hall requested to purchase a binding machine to replace current method for binding Agendas and various documents. The council advised that this is not a SPLOST covered project. Motion to table this until the reconciliation of the accounts is completed. Motion by Council Member Miller, Seconded by Council Member Walden, Motion carried 5-0.

- C) The Recreation Department requested to purchase a Cushman Hauler 800x via the State Contract through E-Z Go. Motion to approve by Council Member Bracknell, Seconded by Council Member Simmons, Motion carried 5-0. Recreation Director Joe Wilson also asked for the support of the City Council in upcoming events to benefit young Noah Bishop. He has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

14. Department Reports – none

15. Motion to move the September meeting of the Council due to Labor Day was made by Council Member Walden, Seconded by Council Member Bracknell – Carried 5-0

16. Discussion of September Meeting

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the September regular council meeting will be moved to September 8, 2014 @ 6:30pm at Temple City Hall – Motion made by Council Member Walden, Seconded by Council Member Bracknell, Motion Carried 5-0.

17. Personnel:

- a. Major Lee stated that we have received some GCIC hits; the systems need to be logged out of when there is not going to be support personnel in the PD.
- b. Motion was made not to renew the contract for City Administrator Timothy Hill. Motion made by Council Member Ransom, Seconded by Council Member Walden, Council Member Simmons, abstained – Motion was tied at 2-2; Mayor Harmon voted with the motion. Motion carried 3-2

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mayor Lester Harmon: There will be a called meeting on August 21st @ 6:30pm. On the agenda will be the 1st read of the proposed ordinance for the Water and Sewer Rate Structure and to set the millage rates for both Haralson and Carroll Counties. There will also be a Public Hearing on August 28th, 2014 for the Water and Rate Structure.

Council Member Penny Ransom:

Council Member Howard Walden:

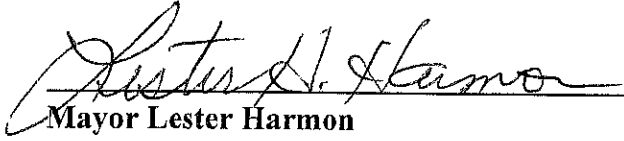
Council Member Hiley Miller:

Council Member William Simmons:

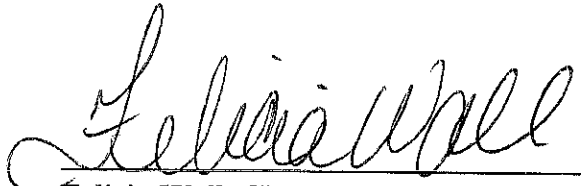
Council Member Richard Bracknell:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at by Council Member Bracknell, Seconded by Council Member Ransom, Motion carried 5-0

**Minutes Approved by Council On 08/21/2014 – Motion by Council Member Bracknell,
Seconded by Council Member Walden. Motion carried 5-0**



Mayor Lester Harmon



Felicia Wall, City Clerk