

REGULAR MEETING OF TEMPLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 2, 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 Miller; Council Member Walden and Council Member Ransom. Council Members Simmons and Bracknell were not present

Invocation by Mayor Lester Harmon

Approval of Minutes from May Meetings

- A. City Administrator Hill read the minutes from May 5, 2014.
Council Member Miller motioned to approve seconded by Council Member Ransom.
Motion passed 3-0
- B. City Administrator Hill read the minutes from May 15, 2014.
Council Member Walden motioned to approve with corrections seconded by Council Member Ransom. Motion passed 3-0
- C. City Administrator Hill read the minutes from May 22, 2014.
Council Member Ransom motioned to approve seconded by Council Member Walden.
Motion passed 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

1.) Discussion of fund transfer from Water Sewer Fund to the General Fund for 2013 payroll and future

Council Member Ransom motioned to table seconded by Council Member Miller. Motion passed 3-0

2.) Art Guild Update on Non-profit Status (Walden)

Mrs. McIntosh informed the Council that non-profit applications cost between ~~\$800~~ ^{\$ 500} and \$2,500. The Council asked Council Member Ransom to work with City Attorney Daley and Sandra Morris to identify how we might be able to partner with the Art Guild in such a way that they would not have to obtain a non-profit status. There was no Motion.

3.) Discussion of Library project

Council Member Ransom motioned to table this item to the next meeting seconded by Council Member Miller. Motion passed 3-0

4.) Building Permit Fees Ordinance first read

Ordinance read in its' entirety by City Attorney Daley. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion between the Council and Attorney about the new Gun Bill (Mayor Harmon)

There was clarification of the new law. Dusty Hightower, was present and he said that it was the intent of the drafters that the local control be given back to the local government and that a security check point could be put in or taken out at any point. No action taken.

2. **Personnel (Mayor Harmon)**

The Mayor reminded the Council that there is currently a personnel committee made up of Council Member Walden and Council Member Miller. He recommended that the committee sort through the applications and conduct interviews for a City Clerk.

Chief Thorn recommended that Lt. Lee be promoted to Major. Council Member Miller motioned to promote Creig Lee to the rank of Major with Chief Thorn's old pay seconded by Council Member Ransom. Motion passed 3-0

Chief Thorn recommended that Robert Dziura be hired on as a patrol officer in the police department. Council Member Miller said that this may present a problem with policy since Mr. Dziura had been let go from the City at an earlier date. After some discussion, it was decided that this part as well as other parts of the policy needed to be revisited. Council Member Ransom motioned to make a conditional offer of employment to Robert Dziura on the condition that he successfully pass the standard background checks and drug tests and *that* he be offered the position with a 6 month probationary period seconded by Council Member Walden. Motion passed 3-0.

3. **Discussion of water intrusion at the Temple Pharmacy**

The Mayor briefed the council on the work that was being done to fix the drainage problems behind the pharmacy and he said that since there is not currently any water running into the building that it looks like we are on the right track.
No action was taken.

4. **Discussion of errors found in the utility billing system**

Council Member Miller motioned to table this item seconded by Council Member Ransom. Motion passed 3-0

5. **Discussion of Infrastructure Improvement Fees**

Council Member Walden explained that there are several neighborhoods that were left with incomplete infrastructure. He is looking into how other counties and municipalities pay for completing this infrastructure by charging a project improvement fee to each vacant lot in a subdivision. City Attorney Daley will work on drafting an ordinance for review by the Council. No action was taken.

6. **Department Purchase requests**

Public Works requested to make 2 purchases for tools and equipment as provided for in the Capital Budget using SPLOST funds.

After some discussion to ensure that we were getting the lowest price, Council Member Ransom motioned to purchase 2 240cc weed eaters at the best price seconded by Council Member Walden. Motion passed 3-0

Council Member Ransom motioned to purchase the 2 lift station pumps at the total quoted price of \$14,773.92 seconded by Council Member Walden. Motion passed 3-0

City Administrator Hill requested approval to complete the Recreation Storage building using General Funds as provided for in the Capital budget. Council Member Miller motioned to allow the City Administrator to finish the Recreation storage building project for \$3,350.00 seconded by Council Member Walden. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. George Brown addressed the Mayor and Council commending the Council on hiring experienced police officers. He also asked if the City would consider starting a service of picking up piles and old appliances from the curb.

Department Reports

Council Member Ransom motioned to let the two CDs at the Bank of North Georgia maturing on June 19 roll over for another six months seconded by Council Member Miller. Motion passed 3-0.

The Council set a workshop date to talk to Jim Baxley on June 9th at 5:30pm.

Executive Session – Personnel, Real Estate and Legal

Council Member Miller motioned to go into executive session at 8:50pm seconded by Council Member Ransom. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:17pm Council Member Miller motioned to return out of executive session seconded by Council Member Walden. Motion passed 3-0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:

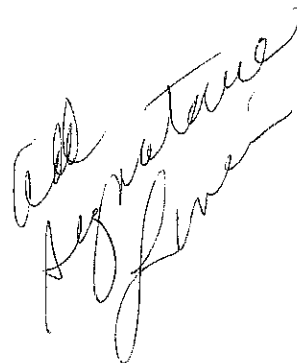
Mayor Lester Harmon: Mayor Harmon asked if the water leak on 113 that has been leaking for the last 4 years has been repaired. Public Works Director Mr. Freeman said that he has the safety signs and has called for the safety location and expects to have the job done soon.

Council Member Penny Ransom: Thanks and congratulations to Major Lee.

Council Member Howard Walden: None

Council Member Hiley Miller: None

Council Member Ransom motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Council Member Miller. Motion passed 3-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Penny Ransom".