

**City of Temple
Special Called Meeting
December 14, 2016, 5:00 pm
Temple City Hall**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Lester Harmon.

Council Members present constituting a quorum:

Lester Harmon, Mayor
Richard Bracknell
Todd Rothwell
William Simmons
Howard Walden

Council Members Absent:

Penny Ransom

OLD BUSINESS

1. Select one of the contractors who responded to the City of Temple's solicitation for bids for re-roofing of the Senior Center with architectural shingles or three-tab shingles in accordance with the job specifications, with the project's funding to be from the 2008 SPLOST program.

Councilmember Walden stated that he reviewed all five bids and stated that one business is in the City of Temple, and he values them being in the City and paying taxes here. They are also not charging any extra for decking and offering a 10 year Labor warranty. Councilmember Walden made a motion to select KREC and to use the architectural shingles, with the bid being for \$23,770, second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Bracknell abstained.

2. Updated staff report concerning holiday pay for new probationary employees of the City of Temple. City Administrator Osborne stated that we will be looking at this after the first of the year. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approving a moratorium on the revised base rates used by the firm of Harris TBS in preparing the water and sewer bills received at the first of December by some small businesses and organizations in the City of Temple and returning to the use of the same water and sewer base rates applied by Harris TBS in preparing these customers' bills earlier in calendar 2016, consider giving a credit to said customers for the difference between the base rate charges as shown on the water and sewer bills received by said customers at the first of November and then at the first of December, and consider continuing this moratorium until January 31, 2017.

After some discussion, City Attorney Mike McCrae recommended that the moratorium needs to be extended so that a rate study can be done.

2. Updated staff report concerning City of Temple water and sewer revenues and expenditures.

City Administrator Osborne stated he is asking the Council to approve two recommendations: \$622,550.00 in 2015 SPLOST funds to be transferred to the water/sewer fund and remove \$130,000 in the general fund reserves to the water and sewer fund. City Attorney Mike McRae suggested that this be done in two different motions. Councilmember Bracknell motioned to transfer \$622,550.00 from 2015 SPLOST to the water/sewer fund; second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to transfer \$130,000 from the general fund reserves to the water/sewer fund; second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.

3. Consider authorizing staff to prepare a "Request for Proposal" to be issued during the first week of January 2017 for the purpose of soliciting proposals from firms who are qualified to conduct water and sewer utility rate studies and/or water and sewer fiscal and operational audits, with the deadline of receipt of such proposals being at least seven days before the City Council's regular monthly meeting set for Monday, February 6.

Councilmember Rothwell questioned if this was the same study that was done last year. City Attorney Mike McRae stated that no, it would be a new study to accomplish revamping of the rate structure and where we are with financing, and what the new rate structure should be and why. It would also include meter and error reads. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to authorize staff to prepare a "Request for Proposal"; second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.

4. Select the provider of Workers' Compensation coverage services for the City of Temple in calendar 2017.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that in the book there is a proposal from the City's current carrier, GMEBS/GMA and also a proposal from J. Smith Lanier. Preston Hagler from J. Smith Lanier was present to discuss the proposal. The current coverage goes through the end of 2016. Mayor Harmon asked the attorney if we could accept the proposal from J. Smith Lanier since the City did not advertise a request for proposals. The City Attorney advised that we continue with our current provider through 2017 and that if the City wants to put it out for bid to do so mid year as it takes time to study the bids. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to continue with GMA for workers compensation coverage, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0.

5. Staff report concerning the provision of an employee health insurance program in calendar 2017.

City Administrator Bill Osborne recommended that the City should stay with GMA for health insurance coverage instead of testing the waters. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to continue using GMA as the City's employee health insurance provider; second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.

6. Consider authorizing the use through March 31, 2017, of each of the companies which were included in the City of Temple's 2014 list of approved contractors/vendors for various services, except in those instances where the City Council has changed to another contractor/vendor that currently is being used.

City Administrator Osborne stated that neither he, or Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart were aware of a list of vendors. He did find a list from 2014. After some discussion, the City Attorney stated that there is an ordinance in place but we are not active in compliance. The City needs to determine a date and send a notice to everyone on the vendor list stating that they need to come in and prove that they have the proper documentation needed to remain on the list. Failure to do this means they will be taken off the list. It was decided to use the date of January 31, 2017 for the deadline for vendors to update their compliance information.

7. Consider approving an agreement for certain accounting and fiscal services to assist in the transfer of billing and related services from Harris TBS to Caselle, to be signed by the Mayor and by Sarah Hefty.

After some discussion, there was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the agreement, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

8. Consider a potential settlement of a litigation matter.

City Attorney Mike McRae stated this item should be taken off the table.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0. The motion adjourned at 5:49PM.

Mayor Lester Harmon

City Clerk