

**City of Temple
Monthly Council Meeting
January 4th 2016, 6:30pm
Temple City Hall**

Council Members present constituting a quorum:

Mayor Lester Harmon
Richard Bracknell
William Simmons
Penny Ransom
Todd Rothwell
Howard Walden

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Lester Harmon.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Mayor Lester Harmon.

Swearing in of Council Members:

Judge Betty Cason swore in Councilmember Richard Bracknell, Councilmember Todd Rothwell and Councilmember William Simmons.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to table the minutes of December 7th 2015, to the next meeting since they need to redone and there was a 2nd by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 3-2. Councilmember Ransom and Councilmember Rothwell abstained.

Elect Mayor Pro-Tem:

Councilmember Penny Ransom made a motion for Councilmember Richard Bracknell to be Mayor Pro Tem and there was a second by Councilmember Howard Walden. Vote 5-0.

Public Forum/Citizen Comment Time:

Councilmember Ransom asked that Mrs. Tonya Anderson with the Temple Historical Society be moved to right before the Old Business since her business from the December 7th 2015 meeting did not get put on the agenda.

Visitor:

Visitor (Patrice Wyatt) after some discussion about a restraining order against her, City Attorney Cade Parian advised her she needs to go back in front of Judge Simpson in Carroll County Superior Court.

Tonya Anderson with Temple Historical Society had requested use of City Hall for their organization's upcoming meeting. Councilmember Ransom made a motion for the City to waive the rental fee (not the deposit) to be able to allow them to use the senior building. There was a 2nd by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-1. Councilmember Walden opposed.

Old Business:

1. Updated Report concerning National League of Cities' Service Line Warranty Program: Councilmember Bracknell made a motion that City Attorney Cade Parian look over the contract, if acceptable, then they could go ahead and present a resolution at the next City Council meeting. There was a 2nd by Councilmember Ransom. Vote 5-0.
2. Report on 2015 election results: City Administrator William Osborne went over the election results. No further action taken.

New Business:

1. Planning/Zoning Board appointments: Councilmember Rothwell made a motion to appoint Randy Atkins to the board and there was a 2nd by Councilmember Walden. Vote 5-0. Councilmember Simmons made a motion to reappoint Tommy Williams and there was a 2nd by Councilmember Walden. Vote 5-0. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to reappoint John McClure and there was a 2nd by Mr. Walden. Vote 5-0.
2. Resolution to change those approved to sign checks from Mayor Pro Tem Hiley Miller to new Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bracknell and from former City Administrator Carter Crawford to new City Administrator William Osborne: Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to adopt this resolution and there was a 2nd by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 5-0. Councilmember Ransom asked that we be sure all past employees' names are taken off as well.
3. Report by Hughes-Ray Company Inc. concerning the land and water conservation fund grant: After some discussion with Howard Ray of the Hughes-Ray Company, with Howard-Ray Company, Etc. continuing completion of work on this Parks and Recreation project, he and Mr. Osborne are to prepare specific actions for the City Council to consider at its February 1st 2016 meeting.
4. Report on Metcalf-Davis audit for the City of Temple: Mr. Osborne advised the council that the report should be ready for review in February. Councilmember Ransom asked that we find out if the State needs a copy of the budget. No further discussion.
5. Review of the rights and power of City Council, Mayor, and City Administrator according to the city charter: Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to table this and get a Judge to look at, get a work session together after City Attorney Parian and City Administrator Osborne look over charter. There was a 1st by Councilmember Bracknell and 2nd by Councilmember Walden. Vote 5-0.

6. Update on Downtown Development Authority: After some discussion, City Attorney Parian said he would send a letter to the State to clarify the local DDA's official name, and would have all members sworn in. No further discussion.
7. Report on possible establishment of a City Board or Commission with the responsibility for special events during the year: After some discussion City Attorney Parian stated he would prepare something to take care of this, so at a later date the City Council could have discussion of proposed special events ordinance. No further discussion.
8. Discussion of Policy concerning water and sewer disconnects: After some discussion, Councilmember Ransom made a motion to go over the new policy to bring it forth in ordinance form so the Council can adopt it; will discuss at a later meeting.
9. Report from City Administrator: Mr. Osborne stated that he thinks it is very important to get a City Clerk hired soon, For code enforcement he is looking into getting Villa Rica to assist the City on an "as needed" basis, this should be cost saving for the city. This will be discussed more at the work session on January 19th 2016 at 5:30pm. No further discussion.

Department Heads:

Department Head Chief Lee gave the Mayor and Council the monthly report for the Police Department. No further discussion.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Simmons told Mr. Osborne it was nice meeting him and hopes he enjoys his stay here and if there is anything he can do to make his job easier to let him know.

Councilmember Bracknell hoped everyone had a good New Year; welcomed Mr. Osborne and said he is looking forward to working with him. Also welcomed Councilmember Todd Rothwell to the City Council.

Councilmember Walden welcomed Mr. Osborne as well and Councilmember Rothwell. Wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Lester Harmon also welcomed Mr. Osborne and Councilmember Rothwell.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilmember Bracknell, with a second by Councilmember Ransom. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Lester Harmon, Mayor

William D. Osborne, City Clerk