

City of Temple  
Monthly Council Meeting  
March 7, 2016, 6:30pm  
Temple City Hall

**Council Members present constituting a quorum:**

Mayor Lester Harmon  
Richard Bracknell  
Penny Ransom  
Todd Rothwell  
Howard Walden

**Council Members not present:**

William Simmons

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lester Harmon

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation and pledge of allegiance was given by Mayor Lester Harmon

**Approval of Minutes:**

February 1st 2016 minutes: Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to approve and a second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

February 18th 2016 minutes: Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to approve with a second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

**Visitor:**

Visitor Lisa Bryant wanted to let the Mayor and Council know how she felt about the wrecker company RST Towing and how her car was damaged while it was in the company's impound lot. She feels the City owes her the \$1,050.00 she had to pay to get her car out of impound due to a Temple Police Officer not allowing her to use the tow company of her choice. Councilmember Ransom asked if the City maintained a list of wrecker companies that could be used. City Administrator Osborne stated that he had a copy of such a list for the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Walden asked why persons could not use who they wanted to. Chief Lee advised that during an arrest or if the vehicle is being towed for suspended registration/no insurance, the Officer has to use whoever is next on the rotation list through dispatch. If the person is in an accident or their vehicle breaks down, they can get whoever they would like to tow their vehicle. Councilmember Rothwell asked if the Police Department has a policy in place, and Chief Lee advised the department follows what the Georgia State Patrol does.

**Public Forum/Citizen Comment Time:**

No comments.

**Old Business:**

1. Updated Report on City of Temple Utility Service Policies: Attorney Parian stated that he and City Administrator Osborne are still working on these. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to table this until the City Attorney and City Administrator get the policies ready and there was a 2nd by Councilmember Walden. Vote 3-1. Councilmember Ransom opposed.

2. Updated Report on Amendments to the City of Temple's Personnel Policies and Procedures including discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Mayor Harmon stated that these amendments to the handbook had already been voted in. Attorney Parian stated that he and City Administrator Osborne are still working on these. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to table this until the City Attorney and the City Administrator get the policies ready and there was a 2nd by Councilmember Walden. Vote 3-1. Councilmember Ransom opposed, she stated that this was voted on in either the September or October meeting and she would like to know why it just cannot be put in the handbook for employees. City Administrator Bill Osborne advised more work needs to be done to these policies before they are placed in the handbook.

3. Resolution for the City of Temple's participation in Georgia Cities Week on April 17-23, 2016: Following discussion, City Administrator Bill Osborne read this resolution. There was a motion to adopt the resolution by Councilmember Bracknell and a 2nd by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0.

4. Updated Report on the selection and employment of new City Clerk: City Administrator Osborne advised that he would like the Mayor and City Council later in this meeting to recess into an executive session and then come back into regular session to make a decision at that time.

5. Updated Report on development of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Villa Rica: No action taken.

6. Updated Report on the Land & Water Conservation Grant: City Administrator Bill Osborne stated he would like to get this construction work done before the end of spring if possible. Howard Ray with Hughes-Ray Company told the Mayor and City Council that work started on the project today. Councilmember Ransom said that she would like to know what account this money is going to be paid from. City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that it would come from the SPLOST account or from the grant money that the State is providing to the City. After some discussion, no action was taken.

7. Updated Reports on Spring Events in the City of Temple: Library Grand Opening and Easter: Administrator Bill Osborne reported to the Mayor and City Council that the Library Grand Opening will be Saturday March 12th at 10am. The Easter Egg Hunt is set for March 26th at 3pm.

**New Business:**

1. Purchase of Body Cameras and Related Software: Chief Lee presented three quotes on body cameras and two servers for the Police Department. In response to questions, the Police Department said appropriate policies would be adopted before the officers start using the body cameras. After discussion, Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to purchase 15 body cameras from Wolfcom and two servers from Allteck for a total cost of \$11,637.82, with a second by Councilmember Ransom. Vote 4-0.

2. Downtown Development Authority: Identification of the DDA Post Position for Each Member, Terms of Office for Each Member: City Administrator Bill Osborne went over the membership and

appointments for the Temple Downtown Development Authority, and said actions in recent years by the City Council did not identify to which "director post" an individual was appointed; and as a result, their appointments did not specify when the terms would end. Councilmember Ransom noted that Mr. John Baxter turned in a letter of resignation, resigning from his DDA post. After, Discussion, Councilmember Bracknell made a motion that the following named individuals be appointed to specific DDA posts and with their terms ending in February of specific years; 2nd by Councilmember Walden. Vote 3-1. Councilmember Ransom opposed.

Post 1- David Hudgins 2018

Post 2- Gerald Powell 2018

Post 3- Todd Rothwell 2018

Post 4- Tanya Anderson 2016

Post 5- Debbie McIntosh 2016

Post 6- John Baxter 2018

Post 7- Doug Steadham 2016

3. Review of Implementation of Revised Residential Water Rates: City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he was asked by Councilmember Simmons to revisit this water rate increase. After some discussion, Councilmember Ransom stated that she asked at the time this \$5.00 monthly base rate was passed if this ordinance did away with the Senior discount, she said she was told it repealed all discounts. Councilmember Simmons spoke by phone and stated that he just wanted clarification and did not want to change his vote from the previous meeting. No action taken.

4. Report of Liability Coverage for Events held on City property: City Administrator Bill Osborne called attention to the information in the agenda book and stated the City Council would discuss this at a later date.

5. Report on a Possible New Wrecker Service Ordinance: After some discussion, Chief Lee and City Attorney Parian said they would bring a proposed ordinance to the Mayor and Council at a later date. .

6. Updated Report concerning the Smaller Lake located near the City of Temple Public Works Department: City Attorney Cade Parian presented to Mayor Harmon for his signature the quit claim deed to release any interest in riparian rights the City may have in the lake or reservoir known as Johnson Lake which was created by damming of Webster Creek

7. Updated Report on the City of Temple's Inmate Agreement with Carroll County: City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he wanted the Mayor and City Council to review this agreement, which expires June 30, 2016.

8. Fiscal Reports: City Administrator Bill Osborne asked the Mayor and City Council to look over the reports and contact him with any questions.

9. Georgia Municipal Association Annual Meeting in June in Savannah: City Administrator Bill Osborne asked the Mayor and Council to look over the information and to let him know if they want to attend.

10. Report on the City of Temple's 2015 Water Audit, prepared by Hughes-Ray Company, Inc: Public Works Director Dewayne Eberhart went over a very brief report on the 2015 water audit in the agenda book. No action taken.

11. Review of Provisions in the City Charter and the City's Personnel Policies and Procedures concerning employee appointments: Councilmember Bracknell asked about appointments of employees. Attorney Cade Parian advised that the memo he sent the elected officials contained information pertaining to this subject; and anyone with questions should call him. No further discussion.

Motion to Amend Agenda for Executive session by Councilmember Bracknell and second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 3-1. Councilmember Ransom opposed.

**Department Heads:**

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported on a Georgia Municipal Association survey for elected officials, with the deadline being Tuesday, March 15th. he also noted the Georgia Municipal Association annual meeting for District 4 is scheduled for March 31st at 6:30pm in Senoia.

**Executive Session:**

Councilmember Walden motioned to recess into Executive Session at 9:06pm for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter; second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0.

**Return to Regular Session:**

Councilmember Bracknell voted to return to Regular Session at 9:30pm; second by Councilmember Rothwell.

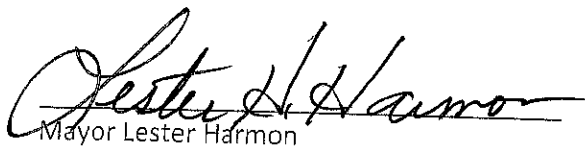
Motion by Councilmember Bracknell to amend agenda to add the appointment of a new City Clerk and to appoint Kristin Etheredge to that position; second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 3-1. Councilmember Ransom opposed.

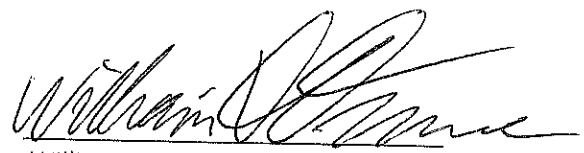
**Council Comments:**

none

**Adjournment:**

With no further discussion, there was a motion by Councilmember Walden to adjourn the meeting at 9:33pm, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

  
Mayor Lester Harmon

  
William Osborne, City Clerk