

**City of Temple  
Monthly Council Meeting  
October 3, 2016, 6:30pm  
Temple City Hall**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Council Members present constituting a quorum:**

Richard Bracknell  
Todd Rothwell  
William Simmons  
Howard Walden

**Council Members Absent:**

Penny Ransom

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Lester Harmon gave the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Visitors:**

Mr. Scott Cowart- Carroll County School Superintendent- stated he is visiting the towns in Carroll County and he asked the City Council members to complete a survey. He discussed how far the Carroll County school system has come in recent years, and spoke of the accomplishments of the Temple Cluster Schools including Temple High School having the highest graduation rate in Carroll county at 93 percent. He noted that the reason the school system has been so successful is partnership and community involvement and he hopes to continue that in future years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Moore- concerning the condition of the Lee Street right of way- Ms. Moore stated that her husband has talked to the Mayor and Council on more than one occasion regarding a tree that fell on their shop. She stated that a culvert was put in but the water is draining towards their house and shop and it needs to be widened to correct this. She asked if they had a proposal on what the City was going to do. The Mayor stated that the City Administrator, Bill Osborne, would see what he could do about this and get back in touch with them .

Ms. Debbie McIntosh and Mr. Gerald Powell- concerning the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)- Ms. McIntosh stated that they noticed Mr. Bracknell has the DDA on the agenda and they wanted to wait and discuss the DDA all at one time .

**Public Comments:**

Martha Goodson- She is the Assistant Director of the West Georgia Regional Library. She wanted to let everyone know that it is National Family History Month and the library offers access to genealogy information and databases at no cost.

WGMI Radio Bremen Representative- Wanted to thank the City of Temple and Councilmember Rothwell for putting on Founder's Day.

**Approval of Minutes.....Mayor Lester Harmon**

- December 9, 2015 Executive Session
- March 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- March 7, 2016 Executive Session
- April 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- April 13, 2016 Executive Session
- May 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- July 5, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- August 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- September 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- September 13, 2016 Special Called Meeting
- September 19, Special Called Meeting
- September 27, Special Called Meeting

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve all City Council meeting minutes including regular and special called meetings, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve all Executive Session minutes, second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0. Councilmember Rothwell abstained from approving the December 9, 2015 meeting because he was not an elected official at that time.

**Old Business:**

1. Adopt a resolution to set the 2016 millage rate for the City of Temple.  
City Administrator Bill Osborne read the resolution. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to approve the resolution which set the 2016 millage rate at 6.500, second by Councilmember Rothwell. After the motion, Mayor Harmon asked if there was any discussion. Councilmember Walden questioned whether this will represent an increase, Mayor Harmon said that according to the State of Georgia that it will represent an increase and to roll it back and make it where there wasn't an increase the budget would have a \$60,000 hit. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Walden opposed.
  
2. Updated report on the City Recreation Department's plan for staffing park operations for the remainder of the current fiscal year, including the services previously provided by the Parks Maintenance Supervisor.  
City Administrator Osborne reported that there has been a vacancy in the City's Park Maintenance Director. The Recreation Director, Joe Wilson, has decided to take a different approach for a while and currently a private company is doing field maintenance and grass cutting and they are going to try this approach until the end of the year.

3. Status report on the Land and Water Conservation Fund project in the City Park, which is nearing completion.

City Administrator Osborne reported that Howard Ray said there is no change this month. There is a little over \$3,400.00 left in the budget. They have requested final inspection of the project and will work on the grass once we get some rain.

4. Status report and staff recommendations concerning the current senior discount on City of Temple utility bills.

After some discussion of the 267 families that are receiving the \$6 per month discount, it was decided a survey needs to be done to determine which of these families meet the requirements of the ordinance: must be a citizen of Temple 65 or older (and provide proof of age) and be the named applicant on the account. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to conduct a survey on the senior discount, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

5. Staff report on the two proposals for the display "flag banners" in the area of City Hall and in and near the downtown area

Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart reported that citizens were given the chance to vote online for the Temple Banner that they preferred and they chose banner option A. He would like to purchase ten of these banners at a cost of \$1,732.58 and it would come out of the Beautification budget line. After some discussion, there was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to purchase the banners and put them in the City Hall corridor, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

6. Updated report concerning compliance with the State of Georgia requirements for storm water management, including recommendations from the engineering firm of Hughes-Ray Company, Inc.

City Administrator Osborne stated there are three projects, one which was approved and is underway at a cost of \$12,500. The City also has to deal with 30% storm drain mapping phase 2, which will cost \$30,000, about \$12,500 can be taken from this year's budget. The remaining \$17,500 won't have to be paid until next year's budget. This has to be completed and sent into the state by February 15, 2017. Councilmember Simmons motioned to approve moving forward working with Hughes Ray and the Waterworks group on storm mapping, phase 2; there was a second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

7. Approve an agreement between the City of Temple and Absolute Environmental Plumbing, LLC, for the removal and disposal of certain wastes from the City's sewer treatment plant.

City Attorney McRae stated since the sludge is going across state lines, we need agreements about disposal. If the City has any problems, we want to make sure they are taken care of here, and not in Alabama. He stated that the agreement is probably going to be somewhat complicated and long, about 8-10 pages. He stated if you can approve the concept tonight, I can prepare it next week. Councilmember Bracknell motioned that if we have to have it and it has

to fit the law, that the City Lawyer and City Administrator take the time to do it right, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

8. Rescind the City Council's action of June 6, 2016, to approve an amendment to the new Solid Waste Collection, Transportation, and Disposal Agreement between the City of Temple and Waste Industries Atlanta LLC, and then approve a First Amendment to said agreement dated June 14, 2016, which provides for residential curbside recycling collections on a bi-weekly basis and for there to be no extra charge for any resident requiring an extra cart.

City Administrator Osborne stated that in the new agreement with Waste Industries they made a mistake in the contract and refused to sign the agreement. They ask that the City rescind the previous agreement and approve an amendment to the agreement. The only change is that curbside recycling will take place bi-weekly rather than weekly, and they will provide a second container to anyone that needs it. There was a motion by Councilmember Simmons to approve an amendment to the agreement making residential recycling bi-weekly with an additional cart to anyone who needs it, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Rothwell opposed.

9. Review of the organization, membership, and status of the City of Temple Downtown Development Authority.

Councilmember Bracknell stated that he has a resolution in front of everyone that he would like to propose in dealing with the DDA. Mayor Harmon stated that like he has said before he had a member that he appointed in 2014 that was taken off the list; and he strongly objected to that and wants his appointment put back on the list. He then asked Mr. Osborne to read the resolution.

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to adopt the resolution, second by Councilmember Walden. When the Mayor asked if there was any discussion, Councilmember Rothwell stated to the City Attorney that he wanted to make sure that they are in the bounds of the City Charter, the constitution of the State, and of the United States, to act on this. City Attorney McRae stated if your question is does the City Council have the authority to abolish the DDA the answer is yes. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Rothwell opposed.

10. Adopt a resolution to set the time and date for the public hearings by the City Council on a rezoning request for 268 and 282 Carrollton Street and for a Special Land Use Permit request at 104 Perennial Park Drive

City Attorney McRae stated at the last meeting they did not act on this request and tabled the matter. He stated there needed to be a new resolution for a Public Hearing which will be on October 27, 2016. There will be a public hearing where citizens can speak for or against the requests, after the public hearing is closed we will have a review and vote on both of the rezoning and special land use request. Councilmember Bracknell made the motion to set the meeting for the rezoning and special land use request on October 27, 2016 at 6:30p.m., second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.

**New Business:**

1. Approve the subdividing of the property of 7.8087 acres located at 395 Villa Rosa Road, being in Land Lots 139 and 150, District 6, Carroll County, identified as the Villa Rosa Townhomes and also known as Westshire Townhomes, with the eastern 1.2496 acres of the site to include the location of 22 additional townhomes being subdivided from the western 6.5591 acres of the site which includes 88 existing townhomes and with the stipulation for mutual covenants and easements so no walls, fences, or barriers can be placed between these two subdivided properties. Application by Discovery Enterprises, LLC.

Mr. Osborne stated that this has already gone before the planning commission and that no walls, fences or barriers can be put up between these two properties. There was a motion to approve the subdividing of the property by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0.

2. Discussion and possible action by the City Council in reference to unfair and unequal treatment in regards to information that should be shared with all members of the council.

Mayor Harmon stated Mrs. Ransom is not here and he asked for a motion to take this off of the agenda for next month. Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to remove this item, second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.

3. Brief report on current staff-level activities to develop preliminary budget information for the 2017 Fiscal Year for the City of Temple, preparatory to the start of the discussions with the Mayor and City Council members.

City Administrator Osborne stated that we are in the second round of budget meetings with Department Directors. The proposed budget is to be submitted to the City Council by Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. He stated he would like to schedule one or two work sessions with the Mayor and Council.

4. Adopt a resolution to authorize the payment of additional compensation of City of Temple employee Creig Lee for the 11 weeks he served as Interim Police Chief while continuing to be paid the same salary he had been receiving as a Police Major.

Councilmember Bracknell made a motion to table this item to the December meeting; second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.

5. Staff report on completion of the City of Temple's current Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) resurfacing contract with Carroll County Public Works Department, with funding assistance from the Georgia Department of Transportation. (GDOT).

Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart reported that work has been completed on the paving of Rome and Asbury street, some striping has also been done. 2016 LMIG is complete. The deadline for the 2017 submission is December 31<sup>st</sup>.

6. Staff report concerning proposed improvements on the property housing the City of Temple's Public Works Department, including the small office building.

Public Works Director Eberhart reported that he has no office space and that there are building issues that need to be addressed: rain enters the building when it rains, there is electrical equipment and that is a hazard. Also, there are mold and mildew issues which is putting everyone's health at risk. He has one proposal that will address all of these issues, and will also add a 12 x 12 room for additional office space. City Administrator Osborne stated the quote is for \$8,000 and there is \$20,000 in the budget for site improvements. There was discussion of whether this met the City's procurement policy and if RFEs were sent out or if it was advertised. The Attorney stated you could declare this as an emergency due to the mold issue, or you should advertise it now. There was a motion by Councilmember Rothwell to advertise this and follow the procurement procedures, second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.

**Council Comments:**

Mr. Walden- Wanted to welcome the new City Attorney, we are glad to have him on board.

Mayor Harmon- presented a plaque to Councilmember Rothwell for his work in organizing Founder's Day 2016.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Simmons. Vote 4-0.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

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Mayor Harmon

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City Clerk