

**City of Temple  
Monthly Council Meeting  
November 6, 2017, 6:30pm  
Temple City Hall**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Council Members Present:**

Richard Bracknell, Todd Rothwell, Howard Walden, Thomas Wallace

**Council Members Absent:**

Penny Ransom

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lester Harmon.

**Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council Meeting, as presented:**

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the agenda, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

**October 2, 2017 Regular Meeting**.....Mayor Lester Harmon

There was a motion to approve the October 2, 2107 minutes by Councilmember Walden, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

**October 18, 2017 Special Called Meeting**.....Mayor Lester Harmon

There was a motion to approve the October 18, 2017 minutes by Councilmember Walden, second by Councilmember Wallace. Vote 4-0.

**Old Business:**

1. Select the streets in the City of Temple to be upgraded through the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program of the Georgia Department of Transportation , with 30 percent of the cost to be provided by this local government.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the City has more money from the LMIG program than originally thought. Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart stated that he had some streets that he said need attention. He also received streets from some of the Council members that they wanted considered for this project. Mr. Eberhart stated he would be reviewing the list of streets and he would get with vendors to get quotes.

2. Report on the continuing work by the City of Temple and its consulting engineering firm to find ways to reduce the percent of water purchased from the Carroll County Water Authority from entering the

City's distribution system through the Rainey Road meter and correspondingly to increase the percent of water coming into the system through the City's other intake points.

Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart reported that there is no significant change at this time. He said that he has a meeting with Howard Ray on Wednesday and he will report back to the Council in December. Mayor Harmon emphasized the importance of determining why so much of the water is going through this meter.

3. Updated report on the Farmer's Market, which was held on several Saturdays this fall on the grounds of the Temple City Hall. Councilmember Todd Rothwell gave the elected officials a copy of the contract and schedule for the Villa Rica farmers market. He stated that they would like to do a Farmers Market for the full season next year, from April through October, with a weekly market. He said they can work together to do a fee schedule and sort out all of the details; it is time to start recruiting farmers now. After a discussion, it was determined that although everyone is excited about the farmers market, there are a lot of questions that need to be answered. Mayor Harmon suggested that Councilmember Rothwell and City Administrator Osborne get together with the City Attorney to work out some of the details and bring their findings back to the Council.

4. Updated report on completion of a current City Zoning Map, with a joint meeting with the City of Temple Planning Commission to be scheduled for mid-November.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that Howard Ray is ready to get back together with the Council and Planning Commission to discuss estate density and animals on property. Mr. Osborne recommended having a joint meeting with the Council and Planning Commission on November 16th, the Planning Commission would then have an additional meeting before the end of the month. He hope to have this wrapped up and have action taken at the December Council Meeting on the zoning map.

5. Brief status reports on development of the City of Temple's 2018 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget and Water and Sewer Fund Budget and on approval of amendments to these budgets for the 2017 Fiscal Year.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reminded the elected officials that there would be a budget work session on Wednesday November 8th at 5:30PM. On the following Monday, he would like to have the first reading of the ordinance to amend the 2017 budget.

#### **New Business:**

1. Change the date of the City Council's regular meeting in January 2018 from Monday, January 1, to Tuesday, January 2, with the usual 6:30 p.m. starting time.

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to change the January meeting date to Tuesday January 2, 2018, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0.

2. Announce the City of Temple has won second place in the Community Beautification Award category in the Keep Georgia Beautiful 2017 Awards Program, and will be recognized on November 30 during KGB's annual luncheon meeting in Atlanta.

City Clerk Kristin Etheredge reported that she submitted the Temple "Adopt a Pot" program to the Keep Georgia Beautiful Awards, in the category of community development. In her application/essay to the program, she explained that the program was started this summer, as a small step in helping to add some color and beautify the City's downtown area. The City of Temple won second place in the "community beautification" category for our beautification efforts, and will be honored at a luncheon later this month.

3. Request for a report on what steps would need to be taken by the City of Temple and its voters in order for the City to be able to receive revenues from the package sales of liquor.

Councilmember Todd Rothwell stated that at all of the budget meetings they have been discussing increasing water rates and that he asked everyone to bring other options to the table that could bring revenue to the City. He reported that this year the City has made over \$100,000 from beer and wine sales. He suggested getting creative in finding ways to pay off the debt and discussed the possibility of allowing a liquor store in Temple. There was discussion and input from the City Attorney regarding the process; 35% of the City's voters would have to call for the sale of liquor by the package.

Councilmember Rothwell also questioned where the approval of Sunday sales in Temple was legally done.

4. Select the company from whom the City of Temple will purchase a specific list of Christmas decorations at a set price, as set forth in the respective bid proposal letters from three companies.

Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart presented three quotes and options for new Christmas decorations for the City. He stated they would purchase 18 each of two different designs. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to go with the quote from Temple Designs, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

5. Discuss plans for 2018 Christmas season events in the City of Temple.

There was discussion of having the Christmas parade and tree lighting at 5:30PM on Saturday December 2nd. Mayor Harmon asked Councilmember Rothwell to get in contact with the schools to see if the band could perform in the parade. Mayor Harmon would work on getting refreshments for the library and he would ask Santa Claus to be there. Councilmember Bracknell brought up the employee Christmas party. He said he would like to bid out for the catering and have it at the Senior Center. Mayor Harmon suggested that he checked with the employee and see when would be a good date and to let them know at one of the upcoming special called meetings.

6. Discuss plans for 2018 activities in the City of Temple during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mayor Harmon stated that Councilmember Bracknell has agreed to head this up and that he would contact the Baptist Church. Councilmember Bracknell explained to the audience that this is an annual event for the community to come together and eat. Volunteers are also needed to serve and deliver meals. Last year over 300 meals were prepared.

7. Adopt a resolution to approve a one-time holiday season payment to eligible full-time and part-time employees of the City of Temple.

City Administrator Bill Osborne discussed two plans for a bonus: one week's pay for employees, or \$600 for full time employees, \$200 for part time employees. He wanted to add in the resolution that these would be employees as of November 20, 2017 so that Red's widow could receive his bonus.

Councilmember Bracknell made the motion for full time employees to receive \$600 and he would like part time employees to receive \$300, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

8. Consider changing the current part-time Public Works Technician position in the City of Temple Public Works Department to a fourth full-time position in this job classification.

City Administrator Bill Osborne state that there is no way that the City can replace Red, but we do need to put someone in his position, and he would like to change that position to full time, this would add an additional ten hours to the budget. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to change this position to full time, second by Councilmember Wallace. Vote 4-0.

9. Consider establishing the position of Public Works Crew Chief, creating one job in said position, and directing the City Administrator to have a job description prepared for said position.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that a Crew Chief would have the same duties as a Public Works Technician along with some supervisory responsibilities. He said that a lot of times Mr. Eberhart is not there to supervise projects, so you need someone with rank to do so. He said they will look at interviewing their three current employees and come back to the elected officials with a recommendation. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to proceed with hiring a Crew Chief, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

10. Consider approving the employment of an individual who is a certified law enforcement officer to fill a Patrol Officer position in the City of Temple Police Department.

Chief Lee stated that Mr. Alexander is a certified Police Officer with over ten years of experience. Mayor Harmon stated that Mr. Alexander is his appointment to fill one of the law enforcement officer vacancies. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to accept this appointment, second by Councilmember Wallace. Vote 4-0.

Mayor Harmon also stated that there is an employee in the public works department who was not re-hired correctly and is currently working as a contract employee. Mayor Harmon said that he would like to appoint David Lewis to a regular full time employee. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve David Lewis as a regular employee, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-0.

11. Staff report concerning the City of Temple's settlement agreement with the State of Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) resulting from two unpermitted discharges of raw sewage into William Mill Creek during the spring due to operational problems at a sewer lift station.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that back in the spring there were storms that knocked out the power causing some sewage spillage. The City has had contact with the EPA and received an order from them that included a settlement amount. This has been taken care of.

12. Announce that a public hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, in the historic Courtroom in the old Courthouse in Carrollton in order for the proposed new Solid Waste Management Plan for unincorporated Carroll County and all municipalities in Carroll County, including the City of Temple, to be presented and for public comments to be received.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that there will be a public hearing on November 7th for the proposed new solid waste management plan for unincorporated Carroll County. He stated that no action needs to be taken; it was decided at a prior meeting that the City of Temple would be a part of this.

#### **Closing Comments:**

**Chief Lee-** gave the elected officials his monthly report and wanted to commend his officers for doing a great job.

**Mayor Harmon-** presented Councilmember Rothwell a plaque to recognize him for his work on Founder's Day 2017

**Councilmember Rothwell-** wanted to remind everyone to vote in the election tomorrow

**Councilmember Bracknell-** wanted to thank the police department with their work on Halloween. He also suggested doing a letter or resolution for Red Henry that could be given to his wife and daughters to show the city's appreciation for Red's dedication to the City.

**Mayor Harmon-** stated that Red Henry will be greatly missed. He would like to recognize him by having Red Henry Day and a resolution.

**Councilmember Walden-** said that Red Henry always gave personal service and went the extra mile.

**Adjournment:**

There was a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden. The meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.

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Mayor

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City Clerk