

**City of Temple  
Monthly Council Meeting  
May 1, 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, Penny Ransom, Todd Rothwell, Howard Walden

**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...** Mayor Lester Harmon

There was a motion to approve the agenda by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden. Councilmember Rothwell noted that the agenda item #2 under new business stated that it is a ward 3 position for the special election, when it is actually ward 4. Vote to approve agenda, 4-0.

**Visitors:**

**Tami Meeks-** She presented information on the AirMedCare network to the elected officials.

**Public Comments:**

**Randy Atkins-** lives on Villa Rosa Road. He wanted to thank the council for acting so quickly in getting Villa Rosa Road reopened.

**Patrick Cline-** Stated that he has heard more than one public official say things in a less than respectful tone and that speaking over other people is unprofessional. At the end of the day we are all neighbors and should be respectful.

**Approval of Minutes:**

April 3, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

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

**Old Business:**

1. Report on the City of Temple's participation last week in the 2017 Georgia Cities Week, sponsored by the Georgia Municipal Association.

There was a brief report by City Clerk Kristin Etheredge on the activities that took place during Georgia Cities Week: the Second Annual Spring Cleanup, Voter Registration Drive, Town Hall Meeting and Open House at City Hall.

2. Introduction of Nick and Della Leyssius, recently selected as Chaplains for the Temple Police Department

Chief Lee introduced the Police Departments new Chaplains, Nick and Della Leyssius. They stated they are honored to serve the community and are available 24/7.

3. Report on the reopening of Villa Rosa Road after installation of a larger culvert near Double D Road4. Updated Report on activities which seek to improve the operations of the City of Temple's water and sewer services

Dwayne Eberhart reported that Villa Rosa Road is now back open and he wanted to thank the company that did the work to get the street back open.

5. Updated report on the workshop to be scheduled with the State of Georgia Attorney General's Office on Open Meetings, and with the City Attorney's Office on the Personnel Handbook, Policies, and Procedures

City Attorney Mike McRae stated that the consent order was sent months ago and we are waiting on the Attorney General's Office to get back in contact with us. At this point there is nothing further that the City needs to do.

**New Business:**

1. Consider arrangements for an election to select an individual to complete the unexpired term of former City Councilmember William Simmons, which extends through December 31, 2019

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that the City could call for a Special Election for Councilmember Simmons seat, or they could delay the election until November to save the cost of a special election. The quickest way to move forward would be with a Special Election on June 20th, with qualifying to be on May 10th. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the resolution and proceed with the June 20th Special Election, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

2. Adopt a resolution to provide for an election to select a successor to serve in the District 4 position on the Temple City Council, in order to complete an unexpired term which extends through December 31, 2019

As noted in item #1 above; there was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the resolution and proceed with the June 20th Special Election, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

3. Second reading of a proposed ordinance to change the amount of the fine imposed by the City of Temple if an individual is found guilty of possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with no intent to distribute

City Attorney Mike McRae stated the first read of the ordinance was at the meeting last month and he read the ordinance for the second read.

4. Adopt an ordinance to change the amount of the fine imposed by the City of Temple for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with no intent to distribute.

There was a motion by Councilmember Ransom to adopt the ordinance, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 2-2. Councilmembers Walden and Bracknell voted against the ordinance.

5. Report on a proposed new five-year agreement between the Carroll County Water Authority (CCWA) and the City of Temple, being presented by CCWA with an effective date of January 1, 2018

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that in January the City was notified by CCWA that the rates will be going up and that we are getting ready to have some discussion with them. He needs the Mayor and Council to decide who is going to be involved with that.

6. Designation of representatives from the City of Temple to meet with representatives of the Carroll County Water Authority to finalize the details of a new five-year agreement for this local government's purchase of potable water from CCWA

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Ransom made a motion that the Mayor, City Administrator, and Public Works Director be the representatives to meet with CCWA, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0. City Administrator Bill Osborne stated he would follow up with CCWA to see how it will be determined who takes Mr. Simmon's place on the CCWA Board.

7. Report on the City of Temple's Roadway and Infrastructure Project Improvement Fee

City Administrator Osborne stated we are beginning to see some activity in the subdivisions and there are infrastructure needs, therefore a fee was set up. He provided a report and said from a financial standpoint we are due about \$7,000. Councilmember Bracknell questioned the high slabs that are used in Arbor Landing and whether they met code. City Administrator Bill Osborne said he would check into it.

8. Report on the possible scope and operation of a new landscape and maintenance services agreement for the grounds of several City of Temple properties, which would succeed the current agreement that expires on July 31, 2017

City Administrator Bill Osborne asked the elected officials to take a look at the grounds of City Hall, the Police Department, Senior Center, Library and welcome sign and to let him know in the next three weeks if there is anything they would like to see done differently. He wants to get together a proposal to advertise and then get bids and approve this at the July meeting. He estimates that it will be a three month process and he wants to get everyone involved. Councilmember Walden suggested getting a quote on colored mulch instead of pine straw.

9. Report and recommendation on the sale through the sealed bid process of the two vacant modular structures on City of Temple property on Johnson Street, which occupied by the City Police Department

The City received only one sealed bid for the trailers; it was in the amount of \$5,100 from West Georgia Baptist Church. The church would be responsible for moving the trailer in 30 days. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to sell the trailers for \$5,100, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

10. Report on the implementation of the services to be provided to the City of Temple by Caselle and related companies for billing and fiscal operations effective April 27, with City Council action on May 1, 2017, being needed to: Incorporate a meter reading add-on to the current agreement with Caselle Utilities at a additional cost of \$5,500.00, increase the number of concurrent licenses with Caselle from three to five at an additional cost of \$4,000.00, retain the services of Merchant eSolutions and not to enter into an agreement with Chase Paymentech for credit card processing, retain the services of USA ePay and not to enter into an agreement with Xpress Bill Pay, and retain the services of Harris and not to enter into an agreement with Datamatz

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that we are now live with Caselle. He stated on April 24th we were told that we were not getting the meter reading portion of the program, because it was an add on and not included in the original cost. There is an additional cost of \$5,500 for this component which is needed to be able to use the program for water billing. Mr. Osborne recommended taking the money from the intergovernmental agreement line and a budget amendment will be done later. It was also mentioned that an additional \$4,000 is needed so that additional licenses can be acquired although this is not as critical and does not have to be approved tonight. After a discussion, there was a motion by

Councilmember Bracknell to pay the \$5,500 for the meter reader add on, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Ransom opposed.

11. Report concerning insurance policy renewals and possible modifications in certain insurance policies currently carried by the City of Temple

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated he has been working with Preston Hagler at J. Smith Lanier and that he will be getting information to the elected officials in the next few days. Mayor Harmon questioned if that needed to be bid out again. Mr. Osborne stated that if we were going to bid it out, we probably should have started four months ago.

12. Report on a proposed new intergovernmental agreement between the City of Temple and the new Haralson County Tax Commissioner in order to continue the tax billing and collection agreement which expired on December 31, 2016

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that when the other Tax Commissioner left office, our agreement with Haralson County expired. The new Commissioner wants to continue this agreement as there is a small section of Temple in Haralson County.

13. Report on City of Temple revenues and expenditures for the first quarter of the 2017 Fiscal Year

City Administrator Bill Osborne gave the elected officials a report from Finance Director Sarah Hefty. After a brief explanation, he stated that meetings could be set up with Ms. Hefty as needed to keep everyone involved.

14. Updated report on the bonded indebtedness of the City of Temple's water and sewer operations

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that our rate covenant report looks a little better. Debt service is now .71, which is better than .56, but there is still a way to go. He said that Bank of America/Merrill Lynch is watching to see if we can get a handle on this, and they are pleased that we are having a rate study done, and a signed agreement with Mr. Camp. Councilmember Ransom wanted to know if SPLOST money was included when determining the debt service because if it was, the figures would not be accurate. She emphasized that in June or July when you have to send the audit, bank statements and the water and sewer finances, she wants to make sure legitimate finances are sent and that the council receives a copy of everything that is sent to Bank of America.

15. Report on a staff-initiated beautification activity in downtown Temple by the placement of several pots of flowering plants on sidewalks

City Clerk Kristin Etheredge proposed a beautification initiative that she and Accounts Payable Clerk, Cindy Moore, have been planning. They recognized that KREC took the initiative, and used their time and resources helping to restore the downtown area and they believe the City needs now to take the lead in beautification. They wanted to take a small step in that effort by placing eight pots with seasonal flowers throughout the downtown area with the hopes that it will inspire others to do the same. They hope to implement an adopt-a-pot program where citizens, churches, organizations, etc. could volunteer to help take care of these flower pots. They requested approval for this project and funding to come out of the beautification line. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the project with a maximum of \$1,000 from the beautification line, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

16. Report on the new Model Master Right of Way Agreement during the past year by the Georgia Municipal Association and wireless infrastructure company Mobilitie concerning the installation of poles in municipal rights of way and/or the placement of equipment on existing poles

City Attorney Mike McRae stated that if you don't permit them, they likely will just do what they want. He recommended that the Council adopt the agreement subject to the attorney's final review. Motion by Councilmember Bracknell to adopt the agreement, subject to the attorney's final review, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

17. Report on the application of Mobilitie for the attachment of its equipment to an existing pole on City right of way for Park Circle near U. S. Highway 78 and on City right of way for Rome Street at Milner Street

City Attorney Mike McRae advised that we should allow the company to apply so that we can start the process of reviewing this; we will then bring it back to you.

18. Appoint the City of Temple's voting delegate to the business sessions of the Georgia Municipal Association at its June 23-27, 2017, annual meeting

Motion by Councilmember Walden to appoint Councilmember Bracknell as the voting delegate at GMA, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 3-1, Councilmember Bracknell abstained.

19. Vote on the slate of officers for the Georgia Municipal Association's District 3 for 2017, starting in late June

Motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve the slate, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

20. Change the date of the City of Temple's regular monthly meeting from Monday, July 3, to Thursday, July 6, or to Monday, July 10, due to the Independence Day holiday.

Motion by Councilmember Ransom to move the July meeting to Thursday, July 6th, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

**Closing Comments:**

**Councilmember Rothwell-** none

**Councilmember Bracknell-** He asked if there had been complaints of low water pressure in Amy Ridge. Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart said that he had not had any complaints. City Administrator Bill Osborne said we would look into it.

**Councilmember Walden-** wanted to thank Kristin and Cindy for the beautification project

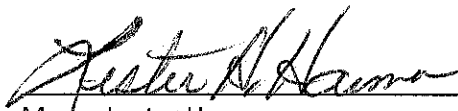
**Councilmember Ransom-** wanted to thank everyone who was on both sides of the ordinance. She asked that the Council consider the issues and she intends to bring it back up in August.

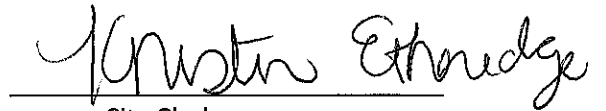
**Mayor Harmon-** asked Mr. Osborne and Mr. Eberhart to get with the DOT regarding a left turn signal at Highway 78 & 113.

**Adjournment:**

There was a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

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Mayor Lester Harmon

  
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City Clerk

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