

**City of Temple
Monthly Council Meeting
January 8, 2018, 6:00PM
Temple City Hall**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by City Clerk Kristin Etheredge.

Council Members Present:

Richard Bracknell, Howard Walden, Thomas Wallace, Terron Bivins

Council Members Absent:

Todd Rothwell

Invocation

Mr. Jay Conaway gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristin Etheredge

Swearing in of Mayor-elect Michael Johnson

Mayor Michael Johnson was sworn in by Judge John Simpson.

Swearing in of Re-elected Councilmember Howard Walden

Council Member Howard Walden was sworn in by Judge John Simpson

Swearing in of Councilmember-elect Terron Bivins.

Council Member Terron Bivins was sworn in by Judge John Simpson.

Presiding.....Mayor Michael Johnson

Comments by New Mayor:

Mayor Michael Johnson wanted to thank everyone for coming and being here tonight. He gave special thanks to his wife. He stated that most of the activities that they are involved in, it is a partnership. He also gave thanks to his mother for her support and for allowing him to use his dad's bible during the swearing in ceremony. He also gave thanks to his children. He gave thanks to former Mayor Lester Harmon for his service during the last four years and he extended prayers to him and his family for his wife's health, and he encouraged citizens to pray as well. He thanked everyone that voted and campaigned for him. He stated that he has lived in Temple since 1984 and has raised two children here. He said Temple is a great town to live in. He pledged to work with the council and to manage positive advances in the community.

Comments by New Council Member Terron Bivins:

Council Member Terron Bivins thanked everyone for their votes. She said that she is humbled to be back here and she does not take this position for granted. She said she has a grandson that will be graduating from Temple this year and she plans to stay here.

Comments by Re-elected Councilmember

Council Member Howard Walden wanted to thank all of the voters who supported him and gave him the opportunity to serve four more years. He said that a lot was accomplished in the last four years and he is proud to be a part of that. He thanked his wife Linda for her support. He stated that he does not take this position lightly and he is very dedicated to serving the citizens of temple.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem.....Mayor Michael Johnson
There was a motion by Councilmember Walden to appoint Councilmember Bracknell to continue as the Mayor Pro Tem, second by Councilmember Wallace 3-0. Bracknell abstained.

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 5-0.

Public Comments:

Mr. Avanti Helton was scheduled to speak during this time, but he was not present. There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes:

December 4, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve by Councilmember *****

Old Business:

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1. Staff report concerning two stormwater issues in the Windy Mill subdivision

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that they are still working on the storm water issue that is affecting Mr. Avanti Helton and some of his neighbors. He also mentioned that Ms. Penny Ransom had discussed with him issues due to some grading and the storm water not running off as it should. He said they are working on these issues and will be back with an update for the Council no later than the February meeting.

2. Status report concerning completion of the work on the Current Zoning Map

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that last fall the Planning Commission and City Council began working on updating the zoning map. This is still in process and he hopes to pick up on this in the next couple of weeks and hopefully an updated zoning map will be adopted within the next few weeks.

New Business

1. Approve a Proclamation honoring the Temple Girls Basketball Team on the 40th Anniversary of winning the State championship.

Coach Donald Sticher, Ms. Lynn Pope Thomas and Ms. Donna Conaway Johnson were present at the meeting to accept the proclamation. There was a motion by council member Bracknell to approve the proclamation, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 4-0.

2. Background Reports on former Mayor Harmon's vetoes of the City of Temple's 2018 Budgets and on the City Council's Veto Override Process.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that former Temple Mayor, Lester Harmon, vetoed the City's 2018 budget. He said that in order to override the veto it takes an affirmative vote of at least four council members. City Attorney Mike McCrae explained that if they chose to override, they would need to do a separate motion for items three, four and five.

3. Consider Veto Override of 2018 General Fund Budget: Notwithstanding then-Mayor Harmon's veto on December 12, 2017, approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 General Fund Budget.

Council member Bracknell made a motion to override the veto of the 2018 General Fund Budget, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

4. Consider Veto Override of 2018 General Fund Capital Budget: Notwithstanding then-Mayor Harmon's veto on December 12, 2017, approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 General Fund Capital Budget.

Council Member Walden made a motion to veto the override of the 2018 General Fund Capital Budget, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

5. Consider Veto Override of 2018 Water and Sewer Fund Budget: Notwithstanding then-Mayor Harmon's veto on December 12, 2017, approve an Ordinance to adopt the City of Temple's 2018 Water and Sewer Fund Budget.

Council Member Bracknell made a motion to override the 2018 Water and Sewer Fund Budget, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

6. Approve a Resolution recognizing the services of a retiring member of the City of Temple Planning Commission.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the resolution, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

The resolution was read by Council Member Walden.

7. Consider the respective nominations made by Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Walden, and Councilmember Bivins of three individuals to serve on the City of Temple Planning Commission

Mayor Michael Johnson nominated Gary Thomas to the Planning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve this appointment, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

Council Member Howard Walden nominated Mr. Greg Doster to the Planning Commission.

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to approve this appointment, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

Council Member Terron Bivins nominated Randy Williams to remain on the Planning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to approve this appointment, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

8. Adopt a resolution to change those approved to sign checks from former Mayor Lester Harmon to new Mayor Michael Johnson and, if needed, with the Mayor Pro Tem.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to have the following signers on the City's bank accounts: Mayor Michael C. Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bracknell, City Administrator Bill Osborne, and City Clerk Kristin Etheredge, there was a second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 3-1, Bracknell abstained.

9. Brief reports concerning the City of Temple's web site, the City's logo, and a display area in the Temple City Hall.

Council Member Bracknell made a motion for the following: 1. that the City buy display cases to clean up the foyer area and make information more easily accessible, 2. that the department heads get together and discuss what the City's website and to discuss looking at another company to redesign. He also wants City Employees to have access to update the website and 3. to authorize the City Clerk to have a contest on the City's facebook page for a new logo/slogan.; second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

10. Brief report on the City of Temple's bank account with Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated the packet includes a memo concerning this matter and a copy of the letter from Michael Romano/Bank of America. He said while we have not fulfilled all of the requirements in the past, they have forgiven us. He stated we need a ratio of 1.05 and this is something we will be working on; no action needs to be taken tonight.

11. Brief presentation concerning a printed report on fiscal and operational issues involving the City of Temple's water system and sewer system.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that the memo in the packet shows the different challenges the City has. He said we will begin to work on that shortly with work sessions and special called meetings. In the next couple of weeks, there will be in depth discussion regarding this.

12. Consider approval of a company to provide certain field maintenance services in the City Park in 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$13,109.00 for the six step treatment process and \$6,000.00 for grass cutting and for game preparation work on the infields.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that the City only received one quote for this project, and that was from River Bottom Farms. He stated there is \$15,000 in the budget and it will take \$13,000 to do the six step treatment process. He said they would charge \$12.50 an hour for grass cutting. He explained that leaves \$2,000 for any additional work that needs to be done. He said if more work needs to be done, he is comfortable coming back to the council and asking for more funds. He also explained that the City is currently recruiting for the full time position of Field Maintenance Supervisor. Council Member Walden made a motion to leave it at the \$2,000, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

13. Consider, in separate actions, the approval of bids for the purchase and installation of fencing and a scoreboard for the new ballfield facilities in the City's park.

Because this is a major project and the Recreation Department Director was not present at the meeting to answer questions, Council Member Bracknell made a motion to table this item until a meeting where the Director is available to answer questions, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0.

14. Consider approving plans to re-activate the City of Temple's Code Enforcement program.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that we have not had a Code Enforcement officer since August of 2017 when the intergovernmental agreement with Villa Rica ended. He said they had looked at continuing the services of Ricky Watts who worked with Temple under that agreement. He stated that Mayor Harmon requested that the job be advertised, which was done, and there were two applicants, one being Mr. Watts. The other applicant was interviewed. He stated the majority of the Council wanted to bring Mr. Watts back, but the Mayor was not supportive of recommending him. He said the City could use the same job description as Villa Rica has, but make the minor changes of it being called a Codes Enforcement Officer working in the Administration Department. It was discussed that this position would be part time, no more than 30 hours a week. Mr. Osborne stated if they approved the job description tonight, they could later discuss where the money is coming from. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to establish the Codes Enforcement Position using the job description presented and not to exceed 30 hours a week, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-0. Mr. Osborne stated that he would contact Mr. Watts and see if he is still interested in the position.

15. Report concerning the City of Temple's fiscal services during the final quarter of 2017 and for the first quarter of 2018

Financial Director Cynthia Geyer gave a brief report which summarized tasks and responsibilities that are important for the City's Finance Department. She emphasized the importance of having Caselle Training for staff, she recommended doing an RFP to all of the local banks in the area, to review merchant services contracts, and the importance of debt service and bond compliance.

16. Consider a 90-day extension of the City of Temple's fiscal services agreement with consultant Cynthia Geyer

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Ms. Geyer has been a life saver for the City since Villa Rica ended the intergovernmental agreement for fiscal services. He stated that the City needs to create a Finance Director Position and begin the recruiting process on that. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to extend Ms. Geyer's contract for 90 days, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

17. Brief status report on the U.S. Highway 78 - Georgia 113 Intersection Project

Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart reported that they are going to conduct a survey/study and Hughes Ray said it will be completed by next Monday.

18. Approve the purchase of a Subsurface All Materials Locator to enable the City Public Works Department to identify the underground location of PVC and non-ferrous pipe which have been installed over the years by private contractors and this local government and which are part of the City's water and sewer system

Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart stated that former employee, Red Henry, knew where most of the pipes were by memory. He explained they need some assistance in the fields for lines that are not identified on the map. He said this equipment would greatly help them. He was only able to get two bids. He addressed some questions explaining that it would help locate PVC, metal and wood and that he would keep it stored at City Hall. Council Member Bivins made a motion to approve the one that has a warranty (Blue Book), second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

Closing Comments:

Bill Osborne- announced that City Hal will be closed on January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. He said if anyone wanted to attend the GMA meeting in Atlanta January 19-22nd to see him or Kristin. He also asked that the council members let him know by the end of the day Wednesday if there are any days in this month that they are not available for a special called meeting. He stated that on July 6, 2017, the council authorized up to \$12,000 to be spent on a pump for the city's lift stations, and this new pump will be coming in soon.

Mike McCrae, City Attorney- Go Dawgs!

Tom Wallace- Thanked everyone for being here.

Richard Bracknell- Thanked everyone for being here. He stated that he gave all of the council members some information about the Rockmart Farmer's Market. Go Dawgs!

Howard Walden- He said he is excited about working with a new administration; it's like a breath of fresh air and sunshine.

Terron Bivins- Thanked everyone for allowing her to sit on the council. Go Dawgs!

Michael Johnson- Thanked Carroll County Commissioner Tommy Lee for being at the meeting tonight. He also wanted to bring his gavel to everyone's attention. The gavel was given to him by Mr. Jeff Shackelford and is made out of Temple oak. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Go Dawgs!

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Mayor Michael Johnson

City Clerk