

**City of Temple  
Special Called Meeting  
Temple City Council  
January 25, 2018, 6:00PM  
Temple City Hall**

**Council Members Present:** Terron Bivins, Richard Bracknell, Howard Walden, Tom Wallace, Todd Rothwell

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Michael Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

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

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

**Old Business:**

1. Tabled from January 8, 2018, City Council Meeting: 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.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that Recreation Department Director Joe Wilson was not able to be at the meeting tonight due to staffing issues at the Recreation Department. Because the council members still had questions regarding the bids, the fencing, the scoreboard, etc. that needed to be answered before making a decision, this item was tabled. There was a motion by Council member Bracknell to table this item until the Recreation Department Director could be present, second by Council member Rothwell. Vote 5-0.

2. Approve a plan and a schedule for completion of the work to establish a Current Zoning Map for the City of Temple, which provides for larger residential lots to include certain agricultural uses.

City Administrator Bill Osborne gave a brief summary of where the City is with working on the current zoning map. City Attorney Rob Monroe advised that it would be simpler to change a classification that we already have instead of creating a new class. City Administrator Osborne suggested that there needs to be a joint meeting with the planning commission so that we can proceed with moving forward on adopting a zoning map. There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to hold a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and clarify their recommendation, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 5-0.

3. Approve plans for re-activating the City of Temple's Code Enforcement program.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that he did what the council asked him to do at the last meeting, he established the job slot for Code Enforcement and he contacted Ricky Watts who stated that he was ok working for the same rate of pay as he did through the intergovernmental agreement with Villa Rica. He stated that he would need a recommendation from the Mayor, and that there is money in the budget to handle this for several months, but we would have to amend the budget mid year since this position was not listed in the 2018 budget. Mayor Johnson made a recommendation to

hire Mr. Watts as Code Enforcement Officer. There was a motion approve Mr. Watts and hire him as Code Enforcement Officer by Councilmember Walden, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

4. Discussion of several sections of the January 5, 2018, memo from the City Administrator pertaining to water and sewer rates.

City Administrator Bill Osborne gave a brief report on increased water rates with CCWA, the accuracy of meter readings, bills, etc. He stated that he would like to schedule a work session with Phillip Reid to discuss all of these issues in more depth. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that a work session would be scheduled for either the first or second week of February.

**New Business:**

1. Approve a change in the pay scale for the Public Works Technician position in the City of Temple, and increase the current hourly rate for the employees in this position.

City Administrator Bill Osborne reported that there was a discussion in spring of 2017 regarding raising the pay rate for the Public Works Technicians. These raises are in the budget. He recommended raising the pay rate by \$2.00 an hour. He also stated he would like to reclassify this position to have a starting rate of \$13 an hour, instead of \$11. There was a brief discussion of the need to raise the pay rates of a few other positions within the City, and also discussion of hiring a crew chief. There were some questions about other employees salaries that needed to be adjusted, and also to make sure that there are valid reasons for giving a raise. There was a motion to table this item by Councilmember Bivins, second by Councilmember Rothwell. Vote 4-1, Rothwell against.

2. Conduct an executive session on a pending legal matter.

City Attorney Rob Monroe stated that there is a pending legal matter that needs to be discussed in executive session.

There was a motion by Councilmember Bracknell to go into Executive Session, second by Councilmember Walden, Vote 5-0.

There was a motion by Councilmember Walden to take a two minute break before the session, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 4-0

The break began at 7:25 PM. The Executive session began at 7:27 PM.

At 8:06 PM, the councilmembers came out of Executive session and returned to the table. There was a motion by Councilmember Walden to adjourn from Executive session, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

There was a motion by Councilmember Walden to return to open session, second by Councilmember Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Councilmember Walden made a motion to direct the City Attorney to pursue collection of attorneys fees in the Powell matter, second by Councilmember Wallace.

Councilmember Rothwell stated he wanted to make it clear that they are asking to get back attorneys fees for a man that did not know he was not eligible to run for office. Councilmember Bivins stated that

this is about looking out for the taxpayers money. Vote 3-1-1. Councilmember Rothwell was against, Councilmember Bracknell abstained.

**Adjournment:**

There was a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bracknell, second by Councilmember Walden. Vote 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

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Mayor Michael Johnson

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City Clerk