
Minutes
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 2021
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Michael Johnson

Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council meeting, as presented: There was a motion by Council Member Walden to amend the agenda by moving item #24 up to item #1 to save over time, and to approve the agenda with that chance, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

February 1, 2021, Regular Council Meeting: There was a motion to approve the minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-1, Council Member Miller abstained.

Recognize Carroll County Commission Chair Michelle Morgan for special comments and introduction:

County Chair, Michelle Morgan, introduced the County's new E-911 Director, Clay Patterson. Mr. Patterson stated he has 14 years in law enforcement and his entire adult career has been in Public Safety. He wanted to assure the City of Temple that we would be receiving the same great service, there will also be some upgrades in the future including text 911 and a new CAD system. He stated that he has his phone on 24/7 and he is happy to meet at any time.

State of the City Address: Mayor Michael Johnson gave the State of the City Address.

Special Report concerning the 2021 SPLOST Referendum on March 16: City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the City has been putting out information on the SPLOST referendum with a weekly column on the City's website which features a different department each week. The City is also putting together a video which explains the City's plan for the SPLOST funds if the referendum passes; this video will be available on the City's website and Facebook page. He also explained that 30% of the SPLOST revenue comes from outside the county.

Public Comments

Dale Parrish- Stated that he lives on 113 near the Methodist Church on the curve. When it rains there is a pond down on Buchanan Street. He said years ago they put dirt down there to help with this. He asked if someone could please look into it. He also has pictures, if anyone would like to see them.

Michelle Morgan- Thanked the City for the information on SPLOST. Stated that her parents did their shopping at Ingles when they got their shot and that is an example of someone from outside the county paying taxes in Carroll County.

Announcements- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

1. (Tabled from meeting of February 1, 2021): Approve the City of Temple's 2021 updated list of approved vendors and contractors

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to take this item off of the table, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the updated Vendor List, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hold a public hearing concerning the Application for a Variance for the Verve Church from certain requirements of the City of Temple's Project Design Standards pertaining to development of several church-related facilities on that part of its property near the intersection of Rainey Road and Asbury Road. Application by the Verve Church

Mayor Michael Johnson opened the public hearing. Chris White who is the civil engineer for the Verve Church, explained that they would like to do landscaping at instead of having curbing, gutters and sidewalks. Instead of having a deceleration drive, since he stated there is not a lot of traffic on Asbury Rd, they would like to make a wider entrance. The Planning Commission did not recommend the variance request of not having curbing and gutters, but they did recommend to the Council that a wider entrance be allowed in place of the deceleration lane.

2. Consider taking action concerning the request from the Verve Church for certain variances from the City of Temple's required Project Design Standards pertaining to: (a) installation of curb, gutter, and sidewalk along roadways where subject property has frontage; (b) construction of turning lanes at any entrance from Asbury Road and/or Rainey Road; and (c) installation of a minimum of six-inch high curbs for all parking lot landscape islands, strips or other planting areas. Application by the Verve Church

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to grant variances for all three requests by Verve Church, subject to any new expansion or development of that property being reviewed again, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-1. Council Member Miller abstained.

3. Hold a public hearing concerning the Application for a Variance for Lot 61 at 460 Clematis Court in the residential part of the Perennial Park community pertaining to: (a) a reduction of the side-yard setback requirement from 15 linear feet down to 8 linear feet; and (b) the setting of the front-yard setback at 20 linear feet. Application by KAB Contractors, LLC

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. A representative from KAB Contractors was present at the meeting. He stated that this lot is only 97 feet long and there is a hill in the back, which makes it hard to build on. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that this was brought before the Planning Commission and this request is in line with what our Code allows.

4. Consider taking action concerning the request from KAB Contractors, LLC, to approve setback variances on Lot 61 at 460 Clematis Court in the residential part of the Perennial park community to approve side- yard setbacks of 8 linear feet and the front-yard setback of 20 liner feet. Application by KAB Contractors, LLC

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to approve the variance for KAB Contractors LLC, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

5. Hold a public hearing concerning the request from Georgia & West, Inc., for a split of the 3-acre parcel on Rocking D Road identified as Tax Parcel T04 0060097 in Land Lot 140, District 6, with the resulting new lot identified as Tract 1 being 0.67 acre. Application by Favilla Investments, Inc
Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that the Planning Commission also heard this request and it is similar to the recent split on Matthews Street. There was no further public comment. Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing.

6. Consider taking action concerning the request from Favilla Investments, Inc., to approve the split of the 3-acre Tax Parcel T04 0060097 fronting on Rocking D Road, with the resulting new lot of 0.67 acre to be identified as Tract 1. Application by Favilla Investments, Inc

Council Member Bracknell stated that based on the Planning Commission's recommendation he would like to make a motion to approve the request from Favilla Investments, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

7. Report from Senior Project Manager Jolene Northrop of Keck & Wood, consulting engineers, concerning the Request for Proposals document developed by this firm for the City of Temple to issue to companies interested in submitting a proposal to plan and install a fixed base automatic water meter reading system on a citywide basis, being a turn-key project to be purchased or leased by the City of Temple; discussion.

Ms. Jolene Northrop stated that there are three alternatives for this project: 1. Service Provided, 2. Self Purchased and you own it, and 3. Lease the equipment and you will own it at the end of the lease. All three of these possibilities are listed in the bid. She said that she was there in case there were any additional questions that anyone had. There were no further questions.

8. Report from Temple City Attorney Mike McRae or a member of his staff concerning the law firm's review of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the City of Temple's Water Meter Replacement program and the identification of any modifications needing to be made in the RFP document in order that once the review has been completed and said document modified accordingly, in accordance with the City Council's decision on December 7, 2020, the City Administrator and Public Works Director can proceed to issue said RFP in order for qualified companies to be able to submit proposals for a fixed base automatic water meter reading system, referred to as an AMI system (an Automatic Metering Infrastructure system) and which will be a turn-key project to be purchased or leased by the City of Temple.

Carey Pilgrim stated that he has reviewed the proposal. He said there was one minor bit of language that they usually look for in a municipal contract and he will speak to Ms. Northrop about it.

9. Report from the City Administrator concerning the completed plans for expansion of the Temple City Hall, which were made to the Mayor and City Council during their February 22 committee work session by project architect Chris Redmon and an official of the project engineering firm, the Hughes-Ray Company

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that last Monday night they reviewed plans for this project. We will be dealing with this on the next item.

10. Authorize the City Administrator to issue a bid solicitation for: (a) construction of an addition to the current Temple City Hall by incorporating the roofed space which once was the drive-thru wing of this former branch bank building, in order to construct a large room to be used for holding sessions of Temple's Municipal Court, for community meetings, and for serving as the City Council Chambers; and (b) improvements within the area of the building's current heated space

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator to issue a bid solicitation for the City Hall expansion project, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

11. Extend the deadline for the renewal of City of Temple business licenses to April 28, effective in calendar year 2022

Council Member Bracknell explained that this item has been resolved in house.

12. Consider approval of a new General Services Agreement with the Hughes-Ray Company, Inc., for a period starting March 1, 2021, and extending through December 31, 2023, with all requests for service to be initiated by the City of Temple, with the schedule of standard hourly rates not to be adjusted by said company more frequently than annually, and with either party being able to terminate said agreement following a 30-day notice

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve a new General Services Agreement with the Hughes-Ray Company, Inc for three years, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

13. Report on the status of completion of the City of Temple annual audit for the reporting years of 2018 and 2019, and a report concerning the start of work on the annual audit for reporting year 2020

Finance Director Kenneth Abidde explained that the auditors were at City Hall last Friday. He said they had a productive session and they got all of the information that they needed. Mr. Abidde stated there was a twelve page document that he needs to complete for them and it will be done by noon tomorrow.

14. Grant to all current full-time City of Temple employees the previously-approved 1.50 percent cost of living increase for calendar 2021, with said 2021 increase to be effective with the two-week pay period starting March 1 and with future annual cost of living increases to be effective with the first pay period starting in January

There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to grant this request and going forward for it to begin in January, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

15. Rescind the action of the Temple City Council on December 7, 2020, to authorize the City Public Works Director to issue a bid proposal for the demolition and removal of two old abandoned water storage buildings located on the City-owned property housing the Public Works Department

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to rescind the 12/07/20 action of the Council authorizing the Public Works Director to issue a bid proposal to demolish and remove two abandoned water storage buildings, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

16. Authorize the City Public Works Director to use Public Works Department personnel to demolish the two old abandoned water storage buildings located on the City-owned property housing the Public Works Department

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Public Works Department personnel to demolish the two old abandoned water storage buildings, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

17. Approve the expenditure of \$9,782.00 in 2015 SPLOST funds from the 2020 Capital Fund Budget's Public Works Department \$50,000.00 line item for the "construction of a pole barn for equipment, gravel and cold patch storage" in order to purchase an attachment to the City's "mini hydraulic excavator" from the Yancey Brothers Company

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to purchase an attachment for the City's "mini hydraulic excavator" from the Yancey Brothers Company, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 4-1, Council Member Bracknell abstained; he stated he would like to better understand where the funding is coming from.

18. Authorize the Verve Church to utilize parking and restroom facilities in the City Park on Saturday, April 3, for a community Easter event, and authorize the City Police Department to provide for traffic safety for pedestrian travel crossing Rainey Road between the City Park and the Verve Church property where this Easter event will be held

Not applicable; the church changed their mind.

19. Authorize the City Administrator to process the necessary applications and to obtain the necessary signatures and approvals for the annexation request from Ivory Spear pertaining to property he owns on McClure Road in unincorporated Haralson County adjacent to the current corporate limits of the City of Temple, preparatory to the City Council making a decision on said request

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator to process the necessary applications for the annexation request for Ivory Spears, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. Attorney Carey Pilgrim stated to let him know when the application is signed off on by the property owner.

20. Authorize the Mayor to make contact with the one or more members of the Carroll County State legislative delegation to request the introduction of local legislation in the 2021 annual session of the Georgia General Assembly to change the compensation for the elected officials of the City of Temple government

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Mayor to make contact with the Carroll County State legislative delegation to request local legislation to change the compensation for the elected officials of Temple, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

21. Change the date of the City Council's scheduled voting meeting in April from the usual first Monday to the second Monday, being April 12, due to spring holidays in the local school system

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to change the date of the April voting meeting to Monday April 12th, second by Council Member Bivins. Vote 5-0.

22. Report on the phase in of the school zone speed detection cameras on Sage Street and Rainey Road in the City of Temple now underway, with the current warning tickets for speeding drivers changing to citations with fines during the week of Monday, March 22

Chief Lee said there have been no changes since last week, everything is up and running. They are currently only issuing warnings at this time. Council Member Bivins asked if he knew how many warnings have been given so far. Chief Lee stated that he would check into this.

23. Reports concerning City of Temple staff followups with the Carroll County Community Development Department and with the residential developers and builders concerning enforcement of the City's

Design Standards, which were adopted by the Temple City Council with an implementation date of April 9, 2019.

City Administrator Bill Osborne stated that he has plans to meet with Ben Skipper, Carroll County Community Development, in the next few days and he will report back.

24. Updated report on several Code Enforcement items presented by the City Code Enforcement Officer during the City Council's committee meetings on Monday, February 22

Code Enforcement Officer Amy Campbell, gave the council a report of various codes issues that she is currently working on. There was a brief discussion about these issues, including some new home construction that has not been following the design development code that was adopted in 2019.

Executive Session, if Needed- Mayor Johnson stated that there was a need for an Executive Session for personnel and legal matters. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to go into Executive Session, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The Executive Session began at 9:07PM

At 9:23PM, there was a motion by Council Member Bivins to come out of Executive Session, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments – N/A

Adjournment- There was a motion by Council Member Bivins to adjourn, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:24PM.