

MINTUES
Special Called Meeting
September 1, 2022
Temple Senior Center

Meeting to begin 15 minutes after adjournment of 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:38PM by Mayor Michael Johnson
Council Members present: Casey Russom, Howard Walden, Tom Wallace
Council Members absent: Richard Bracknell, Hiley Miller

Approve published agenda of this date's Special Called Meeting as presented: There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the published agenda, second by Council Member Wallace.
Vote 3-0.

Report concerning the need for the City of Temple to hold this new public hearing and concerning key points from the September 1 public hearing on the City of Temple's proposed 2022 millage rate; discussion:

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that with the help of Carroll County Commissioner Vicky Bearden, it was determined that there was an error in the millage rate calculations. The corrected number is 5.171 mills.

Adopt a new resolution to set the 2022 millage rate for the City of Temple:

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to adopt a new resolution to adopt the millage rate of 5.171, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 3-0.

Reports concerning a new Federal grant program designed to assist local governments whose populations have increased significantly in recent years with making improvements to their waste systems' infrastructure in order to improve water quality and delivery, with the submission deadline being September 9 and with the City's consulting engineering firm of Turnipseed Engineers to prepare and to submit the application by this deadline.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that City Engineer Greg Ashworth made him aware of ARPA funds that will be used for drinking water infrastructure in communities that have had growth in the past 20 years. It is a matching grant and would be a great opportunity to stretch our dollars. Mr. Ashworth was present via phone and stated that he thought of Temple when he heard of this grant opportunity. He thought the project that would be best suited for this grant opportunity would be the E. Johnson and Sage Street water lines, which is estimated to cost 1.9 million dollars, a 20% match would be \$380,000. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that we would use 2021 SPLOST as our funding source. Council Member Walden stated that it seemed to be short time frame to submit this, and asked when we had learned about this grant; Mr. Ashworth explained two weeks ago. Mr. Walden stated that it only makes sense to apply and asked how much staff would be involved in the work necessary to submit this grant. Mr. Ashworth explained that Kristin Etheredge had been working on it since yesterday afternoon and submitted all of the documentation needed. He doesn't foresee much more involvement with staff. There was a motion by Council Member Russom to proceed with applying for this grant with 30% matching and with the funding to come from the 2021 SPLOST, for the E. Johnson and Sage Street project, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0.

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:08PM.

