

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 2022
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Johnson at 6:30PM.
Councilmembers Present: Hiley Miller, Casey Russom, Howard Walden, Tom Wallace
Councilmembers absent: Richard Bracknell

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Michael Johnson

Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council meeting, as presented: Mayor Johnson explained that the agenda needs to be amended to include a public hearing with the first reading of the proposed Charter amendment. There was a motion by Councilmember Walden to approve the published agenda and to include the public hearing with the first reading of the proposed charter amendment, second by Councilmember Russom. Vote 4-0.

Public Hearing: Mayor Johnson called the Public Hearing to order and explained the purpose is to read the proposed ordinance to amend the City Charter and then there would be the opportunity for public comment.

City Attorney Carey Pilgrim explained that the City had talked about rearranging some of the ward boundaries to reflect data from the 2020 census data. He stated this has to be done by amendment to the City's Charter. There will be a first reading of the ordinance tonight. The file will be kept in the City Clerk's office and will be advertised three times between now and November. There will be a second public hearing in November.

Mayor Johnson read the proposed ordinance.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there are five council wards. Over the last decade Temple's population increased by approximately 1,000 residents. The biggest increase in population was in Howard Walden's ward. In order to evenly distribute the population it was determined that the City would need to move the residents of Bedrock Townhomes into Richard Bracknell's ward. The other three wards would stay the same.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing for public comments. There was no one present that wanted to speak for or against the reapportionment of the council ward boundaries. The public hearing was closed.

Approval of Minutes:

September 1, 2022 Special Called Meeting

Council Member Walden asked for clarification if the council voted for a 30% match for the grant discussed at the September 1st meeting, or was it a 20% match. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that to be more competitive, and to have a better opportunity to receive the grant, the council did vote for a 30% match. There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the September 1st, minutes, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0. Council Member Miller abstained.

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September 12, 2022 Council Meeting

There was a motion to approve the September 12th minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 2-0. Council Members Russom and Miller abstained.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to table approval of the September 12th minutes to the next monthly meeting, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

Public Comments: N/A

Announcements: N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Walden made the comment that if the consent agenda is approved, he requested that the purchase of a vehicle (Item #3) be purchased as close to home as possible, preferable Haralson or Carroll County.

There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to approve the consent agenda, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 4-0.

1. Contingent on the title verification and on an environmental review, approve the acceptance by the City of Temple of the donation by Roush Properties of the 8.18-acre tract of land fronting on U.S. Highway 78 adjacent to the eastern boundary of the City-owned property on which the Temple City Hall is located.
2. Approve centerline and sideline striping on Old Bremen Road, Little Vine Road, and the short section of Villa Rosa Road between Georgia Highway 113 and Mann Drive, with funds from the Roads Repair / Maintenance line item in the Public Works budget in the General Fund.
3. Approve the purchase of a vehicle to be assigned to the Assistant City Administrator, with the funding source being the 2021 SPLOST and with the purchase price not to exceed \$20,000.
4. Establish the position of Kitchen Supervisor in the Temple Senior Center at Pay Grade 10 and adopt a job description for this new position, to be effective immediately.
5. Change the job description for the position of Food Cook/Prep Cook in the Temple Senior Center by placing it at Pay Grade 9, with the change to be effective immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation from Mayor Michael Johnson to recognize and honor Jay Conaway, who served as the Grand Marshal of the City of Temple Founder's Day parade on Saturday, September 24.

Mayor Johnson read the proclamation which recognized and honored the City's Grand Marshal of the 2022 Founders Day parade, Mr. Jay Conaway.

2. Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the request to the City of Temple from The Bentley group for approval of the rezoning of a 16.16-acre tract of land on Billings Road, being Parcel T04 0070019 in Land Lot 141 District 6 from CG (General Commercial) to IL (Light Industrial)

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing and asked the applicant, Fred Bentley to speak. Mr. Bentley stated that he was at the meeting with Jack Chapman and Matt Bentley, and they appreciated the opportunity to discuss their request. He stated that he talked with Mr. Greg Reid and some of the other residents who reside in the neighborhood that adjoins this property. He said he wants to try to work with them. He said the proposed building will be quality construction. Upon completion of the project, they will install a fence between the future building and the zoning buffer to provide additional protection for the residents. He said that they are excited about being here, appreciate the opportunity, and they are hear to answer any questions.

Council Russom asked about the lighting. He said he wants to have one condition, he doesn't want the lighting on the back side of the property to be facing any residents. He mentioned that a lot of the bedrooms are in the back of those homes. He said lighting needs to be high on the priority list so that it will not negatively affect the residents. The applicant explained that the plans are to have the lighting pointing downward.

Mayor Johnson asked if there was anyone else present at the meeting to speak for or against this request, there was not. The public hearing was closed.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to uphold the Planning Commission's unanimous vote and recommendation to change the zoning of this property from General Commercial to Light Industrial, and he would like the photographs and email added to the minutes, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

3. Review of key points from staff presentations by Finance Director Ken Abidde and several other City government staff members during the September 26 City Council Budget and Finance Committee meeting, requesting approval of proposed amendments to the City of Temple's General Fund and Water Fund operating budget for the 2022 fiscal year.

Finance Director Kenneth Abidde went over the key points of the September 26th Budget and Finance Committee meeting. There were questions from Council Member Russom on the holiday pay, he explained that should be a finite number since the number of holidays doesn't change and typically there is not a significant change in the number of employees. Mr. Abidde is checking into those calculations. Mr. Abidde explained that although expenditures have increased, year to date revenues have increased. He also stated that we are still expecting property taxes to come in at the end of the year, along with insurance premiums. Council Member Walden asked if the City should be in good shape in December when those revenues come in, Mr. Abidde confirmed that we should be. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that after each quarter he does an analysis of where the departments are and that overall, the departments are spending within their budgets.

4. Authorize the purchase of a Ford F350 truck for the Public Works Department from Ford Crestview in Crestview, Florida, at a cost of \$57,496, with \$46,500 being funds to be transferred from the Carroll

County Work Detail line item in this department's amended FY2022 General Fund operating budget and with the remaining \$10,996 to be American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that at the last work session, the Council indicated they wanted us to look into this option. He stated that Public Works Director, Hal Burch, couldn't find anything available in the F250 model, therefore he looked at the bigger, more expensive model, the F350. Council Member Walden asked if our policy doesn't require quotes or at least state pricing? Mr. Burch explained that this is state pricing, this is the dealership that we purchased the dump truck from earlier in the year, they have a large inventory of work vehicles and this is a good price. He said the other vehicle he saw of this same model was \$90,000. Council Member Walden said he has never since a request with such little information, we don't know what option it has or what it will be used for. Mr. Burch explained it is flat bed, fully loaded, can be outfitted with a crane, can pull our own pumps and has a goose neck hitch. Council Member Walden stated he has issues with us going to Florida to buy a truck and would prefer that we purchased locally; he asked if we checked Pioneer. Mr. Burch said they had nothing available.

There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to purchase this vehicle with the funds coming from the Work Detail Line and ARPA. There was no second. The motion failed. Council Member Walden stated we should keep looking and try to find something closer to home. City Administrator Bill Osborne said he understands that they are not in favor of where Mr. Burch found this truck and we will look closer to home and follow up.

5. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$37,000.00 for repairs to the Ivey Lake Sewer Lift Station, with payment these repairs to be made from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Mayor Johnson explained that this was discussed at the committees meeting. There was a motion by Council Member Walden to authorize the expenditure of up to \$37,000 for repairs to the Ivey Lake Sewer Lift Station, with payment to be made from the ARPA funds, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 4-0.

6. Authorize Chip's Lawn Care to install a sidewalk adjacent to the curb of the driveway in front of the addition to the Temple City Hall, with this sidewalk to be approximately 85 linear feet including a ramp, to be five feet wide, and to be four inches in thickness, at a cost of \$5,800.00 and with the funding source being the 2021 SPLOST.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to authorize Chip's Lawn Care to install a sidewalk adjacent to the curb of the driveway in front of the City Hall addition, to be approximately 85 linear feet, including a ramp, to be five feet wide and four inches in thickness at a cost of \$5,800.00 with the funding to come from 2021 SPLOST, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

7. Select Cornerstone H2O to install the new screw screen augur shaft at the City of Temple's Sewer Treatment Plant at a cost of \$6,333.00, with the funding source being the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to select Cornerstone H2O to install the new screw screen augur shaft at the City's Sewer Treatment Plant at a cost of \$6,330.00 with the funding from ARPA, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

8. Direct Public Works Director Hal Burch to prepare a feasibility and cost comparison study for the City of Temple pertaining to the start-up and operation of a municipal garbage collection and disposal service.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that there had been some discussion on this. He said it wouldn't cost the City much money at all because we have Mr. Burch on staff and he could use his years of experience to look at some numbers. He said we would like to get this done over the next few months so we are ready to go by next June. Council Member Walden expressed his concerns about liability issues, and that with the size of Temple, he doesn't think we need to get into this. He stated you would have to have more than a truck and containers and this doesn't even address commercial front loader service. He said he thinks the problems will outweigh the benefits. Council Member Russom expressed concerns about not being able to find labor, Council Member Wallace noted the same, saying with the past two companies we have used for garbage service, not having enough employees has been an issue for them. Public Works Director Hal Burch said that the labor shortage is a convenient excuse for the companies to use. He said there are tons of benefits if the City did this, the biggest advantage is you can guarantee your service. He stated he has a proven track record of being to do that very well and that there are many value ad ins. In response to the commercial aspect of this, he said we don't make much money on that anyway, and his opinion is it would be in the City's best interest to let them go back to private. In his opinion the commercial doesn't benefit us. Council Member Walden explained he is not questioning Mr. Burch's ability, and stated that before anything is done, it would be best to check with our insurance carrier first about liability.

Mayor Johnson explained that tonight we are not voting on the City starting their own garbage service, but we are voting on whether or not we want Mr. Burch to pursue the possibility of starting this. There was a motion by Council Member Russom to direct Public Works Director to prepare a feasibility and cost comparison study pertaining to the start-up and operation of a municipal garbage service, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

9. Review of key points from staff presentation by Finance Director Ken Abidde and several other City government staff members during the September 26 City Council Budget and Finance Committee meeting, requesting approval of proposed amendments to the City of Temple's FY2022 Capital Fund budget.

Finance Director Kenneth Abidde explained that he has talked to and emailed all of the department directors regarding capital requests. He stated that he received one more request this afternoon from Sewer Director, Jimmy Jenkins, for a truck. City Administrator Bill Osborne said that another project that has been talked about is air conditioning for the gym. He said is anyone has capital projects they want staff to look into, to please get the information to Mr. Abidde in the next few days.

10. Adopt an Ordinance to approve an amended City of Temple General Fund operating budget for FY2022, incorporating the changes agreed to by the City Council during its September 26 series of committee meetings and during the prior portion of this regular monthly meeting.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to adopt an ordinance to approve an amended City of Temple General Fund operating budget for FY2022, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

11. Adopt an Ordinance to approve an amended City of Temple Water Fund operating budget for FY2022, incorporating the changes agreed to by the City Council during its September 26 series of committee meetings and during the prior portion of this regular monthly meeting.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to adopt an ordinance to approve an amended City of Temple Water Fund operating budget for FY2022, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0

12. Following discussion, approve amendments to the City of Temple's FY2022 Capital Fund budget.
Mayor Johnson asked if there was any discussion or questions, there were none.

13. Adopt an Ordinance to approve an amended City of Temple Capital Fund budget for F2022, incorporating the changes agreed to by the City Council during its September 26 series of committee meetings and during the prior portion of this regular monthly meeting.

There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to adopt an ordinance to approve an amended City of Temple Capital Fund Budget for FY2022, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

14. Adopt an Ordinance providing for the reapportionment of the City of Temple's five districts (City Council wards) due to changes in the percentages of the municipality's population among these districts during the past decade, with the first public hearing on these changes to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2022, and with the second public hearing to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2022.

It was confirmed by City Attorney, Carey Pilgrim, that this ordinance would not be adopted until after the second reading at the meeting next month. No action is required to be taken at this time.

15. Adopt a resolution authorizing special one-time holiday season payments to employees, with the amount of this payment to each full-time and part-time employee being based on whether he/she has completed the initial probationary period.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to adopt a resolution authorizing a special one time holiday season payment to employees, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 4-0.

16. Monthly report by Code Enforcement Officer Amy Campbell.

Code Enforcement Officer Amy Campbell was present at the meeting and available to answer questions. Council Member Russom had a question about item #5 on her report pertaining to a home with no doors and windows, and he questioned the need for demolishing it. City Attorney Carey Pilgrim stated that normally in this situation you would file a nuisance complaint in municipal court. He said he would be glad to work with Code Enforcement on condemning the property.

Closing Comments

Hiley Miller- I am glad to be back

Howard Walden- I am glad that Hiley is back.

Mayor Johnson- said that Founders Day was a great success and that the Lord blessed us with beautiful weather. The fireworks were fantastic at the end. He thanked the Special Events Committee, staff, volunteers, and everyone who came out to make it a successful day.

Executive Session, if needed: Mayor Johnson explained that there was a need for an executive session for legal and personnel matters. He stated there would be no vote after the session.

There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to go into Executive Session for legal and personnel, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 4-0. Executive Session began at 8:20PM.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to come out of Executive Session, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

Adjournment

There was a motion by Council Member Russom to adjourn, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.