

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 5, 2023
6:30 PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson.
Council Members present: Richard Bracknell, Casey Russom. Howard Walden, Tom Wallace

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 he would like to move item #6 under new business up to item #1 and to add an item #12 to designate a voting delegate for the annual GMA business meeting which will take place on June 25th.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the published agenda with these changes: to move item #6 under new business to item #1 and to add an item # 12 to designate a voting delegate for the annual GMA business meeting which will take place on June 25th, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

Approval of Minutes:

May 1, 2023 Council Meeting

There was a motion to approve the May 1, 2023 minutes by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 4-0.

Public Comments- N/A

Announcements: Chief Creig Lee introduced two new officers to the police force: Paul Curtis and LaChristopher Hebert. Mayor Johnson welcomed them to the Temple family.

Nomination of Candidate or Candidates to fill the current vacant Ward 3 City Council seat and to complete the term of former Council member Hiley Miller, which extends through December 31, 2023:

Council Member Richard Bracknell nominated Alexis Boles to fill the current vacant Ward 3 City Council seat and to complete the term of former Council member Hiley Miller. He stated that Ms. Boles has lived in Temple for 21 years, has raised two sons here, she enjoys reading, cooking and basketball games. She is a writer. There were no other nominations.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to close the nominations, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

Decision by City Council:

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to nominate Alexis Boles to fill the vacant Ward 3 City Council seat, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

Administration of Oath of Office to newly appointed Ward 3 City Council Member:

Mayor Johnson administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Ward 3 Council Member Alexis Boles.

Comments by New Member of City Council:

Ms. Boles stated that it is an honor to be able to serve the City of Temple. She is looking forward to learning and being a support to the community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Johnson asked if anyone wanted to remove anything from the Consent Agenda. There were no request to remove any of the items. Mayor Johnson proceeded to read the five items on the consent agenda.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the consent agenda, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

1. Authorize the approval and expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the upgrade of the City of Temple's Villa Rosa Lift Station; also, for the cost of this project in excess of the City of Temple's remaining ARPA funds, authorize the approval and expenditure of funds from the City of Temple's 2015 SPLOST program.
2. Authorize the purchase from Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc., of an upgrade in the City of Temple Waste Water Treatment Plant's SBR (Sequencing Batch Reactor) at a cost of \$49,300.00, with funding in the City's FY2022 Capital Fund Budget being from the 2021 SPLOST program.
3. Adopt the proposed City of Temple Purchasing Policies document, to be dated June 5, 2023.
4. Authorize the use of the Temple City Park's pavilion and gymnasium restroom facilities on Sunday, July 9, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the 10th annual Twice Baked Psyhle Charity Ride for mental health awareness.
5. Cancel the separate night of City Council committee meetings which had been planned for Monday, June 26, and now schedule these committee meetings to be held in conjunction with the new date for the regular monthly voting meeting of the Temple City Council, that being at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, thereby not being in conflict with Independence Day holiday activities to be held during the first week of July.

OLD BUSINESS

1. (Tabled from meeting of May 1, 2023): Council to consider a deferral request from Mike Meshkaty with Blue River Development for a second deferral to present the rezoning/annexation applications to the Planning Commission on July 18, followed by the City Council on August 7. The request is for Parcel #01170039B, in Haralson County, 48.03 total acres, District 6, Land Lot 175 to be annexed into the Temple city limits with rezoning to (R-4) Single-family detached residential

There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to take this item off of the table, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Council Member Walden asked why we were going back and forth regarding this and if there is any new information from when staff members recently met with the applicant at City Hall. Assistant City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that the applicant wanted the opportunity to address some of the questions and concerns that the planning commission had. Community Development Technician Deidra Walker explained that they met with the applicant to let him know what we want to see and that instead of a denial, he wanted a deferral; he has until June 13th to submit his information otherwise he will be denied.

Council Member Wallace questioned whether the annexation request would be voted on separately. City Attorney Carey Pilgrim explained that typically an annexation request and zoning occur simultaneously. Council Member Russom stated that their only interest is in gaining City services. Council Member Boles asked if Haralson County would help to fund police. Mayor Johnson explained that's a good question and he wasn't aware, but the City does get a portion of the SPLOST funds.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to defer this request until the July 18th Planning Commission meeting and the August 7th City Council meeting, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report concerning the proposed changes to the City Council Ward Boundaries in the City of Temple

City Attorney Carey Pilgrim explained that the ordinance was presented at the last meeting and it is before them again tonight. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the City has had the help of Three Rivers Commission and the State Reapportionment Office to make the changes to the ward boundary map. Council Member Walden asked if once this ordinance and map is adopted, would it affect the Planning Commission Members. He stated that his appointee to the planning commission has been drawn out of his district. The City Attorney stated that he would have to check the City ordinance for clarification. It was decided to move this item to the last item on the agenda so that the attorney could determine how we need to proceed.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to move item number one to the end of the agenda, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

2. Hold a public hearing on the proposed new Ward Boundaries map for the City of Temple

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against the proposed new Ward Boundaries map. The public hearing was closed.

3. Consider adopting an Ordinance to establish new boundary lines for each of the five City Council Wards in the City of Temple, to be effective upon adoption

Please refer to item #13; this item was voted on at the end of the meeting as discussed in item #1.

4. Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the request from Kimberley Webb for the rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family Detached Residential District) to CG (General Commercial District) of the 1.0-acre property at 416 West 78 Highway, Parcel T02 0110179 Land Lot 174 District 6 for the purpose of general commercial use

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against this request. The public hearing was closed.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the request for the rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family Detached Residential District) to CG (General Commercial District) of the 1.0-acre property at 416 West 78 Highway, Parcel T02 0110179 Land Lot 174 District 6, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

5. Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the request from Deep Patel for approval of a license for the retail package sale of beer and wine at Super Food, located at 257 Sage Street in Temple

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against this request. The public hearing was closed.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the license for the retail package sale of beer and wine at Super Food, located at 257 Sage St., second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

6. Adopt a resolution in recognition of Municipal Court Clerks Week to recognize Temple's two Municipal Court Clerks for their service to our local criminal justice system

This item was moved to item number one when the agenda was approved. Mayor Johnson read the resolution in recognition of Municipal Court Clerks Week. Court Clerks Tina Duncan and Shawmarie Duckworth were recognized for their service and were presented a plaque by Chief Creig Lee and Mayor Michael Johnson.

7. In accordance with the resolution promoted by the Georgia Municipal Association and adopted by the Temple City Council on April 10, a brief presentation pertaining to the second "resolve" pledge in this resolution: To build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of our community
City Administrator Bill Osborne read a brief memo on civility focusing on how to build a stronger and more prosperous community.

8. Authorize the bid award for the Recreation Department Gymnasium HVAC project with funding from SPLOST 2015

There was a motion by Council Member Russom to authorize the bid from T&T Commercial Services in the amount of \$179,901.21, with the funding to come from 2015 SPLOST, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

9. Authorize Chief Lee to purchase 2 vehicles from vendor selection for the Police Department with one fully equipped vehicle to be funded from Blueline and the second fully equipped vehicle with funding from SPLOST 2021

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize Chief Lee to purchase two vehicles from vendor selection for the Police Department, one fully equipped vehicle to be funded from Blueline and the second to be funded from SPLOST 2021, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

10. Authorize the City Administrator to create and advertise for a new position of Human Resources Specialist within the City of Temple at Pay Grade 19

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator to create and advertise for a new position of Human Resources Specialist with a pay grade of 19, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

11. Authorize the City Administrator to advertise for a second position of Code Enforcement Officer

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator to advertise for a second position of Code Enforcement Officer, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

12. Appoint a voting delegate for the annual meeting at the GMA Conference.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to appoint Mayor Michael Johnson as the voting delegate for the annual meeting at the GMA Conference, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

13. Ward Boundaries

As mentioned in item number one under new business, the City Attorney requested time to review the City's codes and ordinances to determine if when a City Council Member appoints a Planning Commission member, if the Planning Commission member needs to reside in the same district as the Council Member. It was asked that this be discussed at the end of the meeting. City Attorney Carey Pilgrim determined that the City's codes do not state that the appointed Planning Commission member has to reside in the same district as the Council Member. This appears to be the tradition of how things have been done, however, it is not documented in a code or ordinance.

There was a motion to adopt the ordinance to establish the new ward boundary map by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments

Richard Bracknell- Thank you to new Council Member, Alex Boles.

Howard Walden- Welcome to Alexsis Boles, you started out with a short meeting. Congratulations to Ingrid McKinley for getting the AC in the Rec Department. Thank you to Chief Lee for bringing his new officers to the meeting so that everyone could meet them.

Executive Session, if needed- N/A

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Russom, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.