

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. All Council members are present.

**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 Wallace, second by Council Member Bracknell to amend the agenda and add item #13 related to an EPA violation and fine.

**Approval of Minutes:**

August 9, 2023 Council Meeting

Approval of the minutes will be postponed to the next Council meeting, due to the City Clerk being out sick and they did not have access to the minutes.

**Public Comments:** N/A

**Announcements:**

Mayor Johnson would like to acknowledge the Steering Committee for their work on developing the Comprehensive Plan. They appreciate them for all of their hard work. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Steering Committee members.

**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 City of Temple Recreation Director to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase and installation of one 4-bay swing set in the City Park's Playground II.

2. Authorize the City of Temple Public Works Director to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the repair and subsequent resurfacing of some 2,700 linear feet of certain residential streets in the Webster Lake residential community by applying a 1.5-inch topping of 9.5mm asphalt on these streets which have an average width of 22 feet, with sealed bids to be received and stamped by the Temple City Clerk prior to 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 22.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. (Tabled from meeting of August 9, 2023): Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the request to the City of Temple from Mike Meshkaty of Blue River Development for approval of the

annexation and rezoning of a 48.03-acre tract of land adjacent to the north side of U. S. Highway 78 in Haralson County adjacent to Carroll County and the corporate limits of the City of Temple, being Parcel #01170039B in Land Lot 175, District 6, from A5 (Agricultural) in unincorporated Haralson County to R-4 (Single-Family Detached Residential) in the City of Temple.

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

There was a motion by Council Member Russom to deny the annexation request, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Because the annexation was denied, there will be no re-zoning.

2. (Tabled from meeting of August 9, 2023): Adopt an Ordinance to identify and clarify certain types of housing which are deemed to be appropriate or which are deemed to be inappropriate within the corporate limits of Temple.

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

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the ordinance to identify and clarify certain types of housing that are deemed to be either appropriate or inappropriate within the City limits, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

3. (Tabled from meeting of August 9, 2023): Authorize the creation of one new position with the current job title of Building and Codes Inspector, with this position to include certain inspection responsibilities pertaining to residential construction in the City of Temple. (Note: If the City Council votes to remove this agenda item from its current "tabled" position, the City Council then immediately would move to the "New Business" part of this agenda without taking further action on this item.)

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Amend the wording of August 9, 2023, agenda item if it has been removed from the table so that this specific agenda item pertaining to the job title of this new position would be changed from the current job title of "Building and Codes Inspector" to the proposed job title of "Construction/Development Inspector". (Note: The result would be that the City of Temple would have one job slot for the position of Construction/Development Inspector.)

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the amended wording pertaining the job title of this new position to be changed from the current title of "Building and Codes Inspector" to the proposed job title of "Construction/Development Inspector"

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the new position of Construction/Development Inspector, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0.

2. Approve a 10-foot buffer variance from the 50-foot setback requirement at 416 West 78 Highway, being Parcel T02 0110179 in Land Lot 174, District 6, a one-acre lot located immediately east of the Bedrock Townhomes in order for the previously constructed concrete building slab on this site to be included in any future development, with this property having been designated on the City of Temple's Future Land Use Map as being "commercial". Variance request filed by CR Palmer with Structured Drywall.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve a 10-foot buffer buffer variance from the 50-foot setback requirement at 416 West 78 Highway, being Parcel T02 0110179 in Land Lot 174, District 6, a one-acre lot located immediately east of the Bedrock Townhomes, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

3. Authorize the purchase of a trailer-mounted high pressure jetting unit for use by the City's Public Works Department, with the selected vendor being usjetting in the amount of \$53,995.00 to be funded from 2021 SPLOST as approved in the 2023 Capital Project Budget.

There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to authorize the purchase of a trailer-mounted high pressure jetting unit for use by the Public Works Department, with the vendor being US Jetting, in the amount of \$53,995.00, to be funded by 2021 SPLOST, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

4. Authorize the company EIC to complete the urgent and specialized work of the Disk Filter Cloth Replacement, in conjunction with the sandblasting and painting being done by the Llamas Company, in the amount of \$30,000 as recommended by Turnipseed Engineers.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the company EIC to complete the work of the Disk Filter Cloth Replacement, in conjunction with the sandblasting and painting being done by the Llamas Company, in the amount of \$30,000 as recommended by Turnipseed Engineers, with the funding to come from 2021 SPLOST, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

5. Adopt a Proposed FY2024 Budget Calendar for the period of September 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, to be adhered to throughout the schedule for preparing and adopting the City of Temple's 2024 fiscal year budgets. (Changed from 2023)

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to adopt a proposed FY2024 Budget Calendar for the period of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, to prepare and adopt the City's 2024 fiscal year budgets, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

6. Continue the review and discussion of information recently received from the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) concerning the 2024 Premium Renewal Summary for the rates and plan designs, with an awareness of the September 12 submission deadline for certain changes in a local government's current plan prior to "open enrollment" and "renewal" deadlines.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that we will want to look at alternative options for health insurance coverage for next year, however we are right at the deadline for making a decision for the coverage that will begin in 2024. It was discussed that moving forward this needs to be researched ahead of time so that there are alternative options. There was a motion

by Council Member Russom to approve the GMA health insurance plan for 2024, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

7. Schedule a Special Called Meeting of the Temple City Council during the week of September 11 – 15.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that it is not necessary to have a Special Called Meeting.

8. Preliminary report concerning the public hearing held at 6:00 p.m. today on the update of the City of Temple's 25-year Comprehensive Plan, as developed by the City of Temple's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee with the assistance of the Three Rivers Regional Commission and several City government staff members; then to be followed by City Council action to schedule a special work session and voting meeting in mid-September to discuss and take action on this proposed updated plan.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that we have a little more time to wrap this up. Paul Jarrell, representative from Three Rivers, explained that the Mayor will need to submit a cover letter to DCA and then we will wait for official approval. Mr. Jarrell expects this to be complete in time for this to be adopted at the October Council Meeting.

9. Information pertaining to GFL's commercial garbage rate increases for '23-24 approved and the City's 7% surcharge.

Information was given about the new GFL commercial garbage rates.

10. Discussion on upcoming changes to CCWA rates and Temple's subsequent water and sewer rates.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that about this time last year we had received information from the CCWA regarding rates. The elected officials were given a rundown of what was done in the past. He explained that with the billing cycle starting December 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a 10% rate increase. There is more of an increase this year with the add on they do with the Rainey Road tank. We have to decide what kind of rate increase we want to adopt for the billing cycle which starts in December. He explained that in early 2024 there will be an automatic 1.5% inflationary increase, unless the Council votes to stop that. Mr. Osborne explained we do not have to take any action at this time.

11. Discussion on personnel with possible action to be taken.

Mayor Johnson explained that there was a need for an executive session regarding personnel with possible action after. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to go into Executive Session, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. Executive Session began at 7:32pm.

There was a motion by Council member Bracknell to come out of Executive Session, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 5-0. 7:41PM.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve for Deidra Walker to be promoted to Community Development Director at level 29, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

12. In accordance with the "Civility resolution" promoted by the Georgia Municipal Association and adopted by the Temple City Council on April 10, a brief presentation to be made on the resolution's fifth pledge which "strives to ensure mutual respect to achieve municipal goals, recognizing that patience, tolerance, and civility are imperative to success and demonstrate our collective commitment to respect different opinions, to consider different perspectives, to allow space for varying ideas to be expressed, debated, supported or opposed, and clarified in a constructive manner."

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

13. It was voted to add this item to the agenda:

Authorize the payment from the City's fiscal year 2023 Sewer Treatment Plant Operating Budget, a \$1102 penalty due to the Environmental Protection Division of the GA Department of Natural Resources for violation of the State's rules and regulations of the water quality control and the EPD's land application system permit issued to the City of Temple being in response to this local government's self reporting of effluent violations which exceeded the monthly limits of this local government's permit in January, February and March of 2023.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained he would prefer that there not be any violation, but he would consider this to be relatively minor. The amount fined indicates this is a minor violation. There was a motion by Council Member Wallace to authorize payment of \$1102 to the EPD from the Sewer Treatment Plant for the violations of the City's permit which took place during January, February and March 2023, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

### Closing Comments

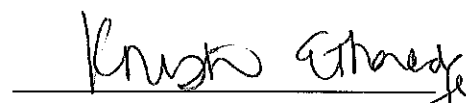
Council Member Walden- Chief Lee and Lt. Parrish did a great job with Jack Jones Funeral

Mayor- Founders Day is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Louise Farmer, Temple's oldest resident will be honored as Honorary Grand Marshal, due to her health she can not be in the parade. Donna Conaway Johnson will be the Grand Marshal. It is the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the City of Temple.

### Executive Session, if needed- Took place earlier in the meeting

**Adjournment:** There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

  
Mayor Micheal Johnson

  
City Clerk