

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2020
6:09 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held February 18, 2020 at 6:09 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Randall Walker, Mayor Pro Tempore Willie King, Council Members Darryl Albritton, Riley Hunt, Robert Jones, and Joy Peterson

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Regan Scott

Departmental Staffing: Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Anya Turpin – Special Events Coordinator, Annie Warren – City Clerk, and Mitchell Worthington – Director of Finance

Guest(s): Animal Control Officer Kira Marzig’s family, Bob Cunningham – Houston Springs, Annette Gentry – 205 Inverness Dr., Warren Johnson – 104 Cedar Ridge Dr., Cory Hortman – ESG, Chip Anderson – ESG, Travis Falcione – ESG, Sharon Kelly – ESG, Mike Thomas – GAWP.

Media: Lauren Harris – Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Mayor Pro Tempore King rendered the invocation and Council Member Albritton led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Appearance:

4a. Mr. Warren Johnson

Mr. Johnson shared concerns with Council relative to stormwater issues in Legacy Park subdivision and live gas lines running under houses without the homeowners’ knowledge.

5. Recognition(s) /Presentation(s):

- 5a. Presentation to Mayor and Council from GAWP: Mr. Mike Thomas of GAWP presented representatives of the ESG team with awards:
- George Burke Safety Award
 - Outstanding Operation of Water Waste System
 - Best Tasting Drinking Water
- 5b. Introduction of Animal Control Officer Kira Marzig: Chief Lynn introduced Ms. Kira Marzig, newly hired Animal Control Officer for Perry Police Department. Mayor Walker and Council welcomed her to the City of Perry.

6. Community Partner(s) Update(s):

Ellen Palmer, President/CEO of Perry Chamber of Commerce, advised Mayor and Council that last week the Perry Youth and Adult Leadership groups took trips to Atlanta to tour the Capitol Building. The Adult Leadership group also toured the Chick Fil A Innovation Center. Ms. Palmer reminded all to save the date for Dogwood Festival, April 18-19, 2020.

7. Citizens with Input.

Mr. Bob Cunningham, Houston Springs, inquired about ongoing work on Pebble Beach Rd. Mr. Gilmour advised that the stormwater drainage system is being redone. Mr. Cunningham also asked about changes relative to Highway 341. Mr. Gilmour stated that the changes were to promote through-traffic moving around town as opposed to going straight through downtown. Mr. Cunningham also inquired about the possibility of a traffic light at Airport Rd. Mr. Gilmour advised that the matter is pending a response from Georgia DOT.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the February 3, 2020 work session, February 4, 2020 pre council meeting and February 4, 2020 council meeting.

Council Member Hunt motioned to accept the minutes as submitted, Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

9. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 9a. Mayor Randall Walker - none
- 9b. Council Members - none
- 9c. City Attorney Brooke Newby - none
- 9d. City Manager Lee Gilmour - none
- 9e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith - none

10. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 10a. Matters referred from February 18, 2020 pre council meeting.

None.

10b. Resolution(s) for Introduction and Adoption:

1. Adopted Resolution 2020-09 supporting legislation for the Georgia Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act. Mayor Walker advised that this resolution would assist the Authority in issuing bonds for the purpose of building and infrastructure. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted, Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2020-09 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)
2. Adopted Resolution 2020-10 declaring certain vehicles and equipment surplus. Ms. King reviewed the items proposed for surplus and provided a brief update on the condition of each item. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted, Council Member Albritton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2020-10 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

10c. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2020-30 Two (2) Half-Ton Pickup Trucks. Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for two half-ton pickup trucks. Staff recommended awarding to the low bidder, Humboldt CDJR, in the amount of \$38,982.00. Council Member Hunt motioned to accept staff's recommendation, Council Member Albritton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

10d. Adopted Resolution 2020-11 Amending Purchasing Policy. Mr. Worthington reviewed proposed changes to the City of Perry Purchasing Policy. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt the resolution as stated, Council Member Hunt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

11. Council Members Items:

No reports from Mayor Pro Tempore King or Council Member Albritton.

Council Member Hunt requested assistance in resolving issues relative to a pothole on Tucker Rd. Mr. Gilmour stated that administration would assist.

Council Member Jones invited all to participate in the District 2 Open House on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Matt Arthur Elementary School.

Council Member Peterson also encouraged attendance at the District 2 Open House.

12. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Mr. Gilmour underlined the benefits of allowing for state agency contracts with other states in addition to Georgia.

Ms. Turpin invited Mayor and Council to the International Festival on Saturday,

March 21, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and advised that it would be an excellent opportunity to address the public.

13. General Public Items:

Ms. Annette Gentry shared concerns relative to stormwater issues possibly related to construction near Cheshire subdivision.

14. Mayor Items:

Mayor Walker encouraged all to attend the District 2 Open House at Matt Arthur Elementary School on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

15. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held February 18, 2020, Council Member Albritton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.