

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 3, 2020
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held November 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Randall Walker; Mayor Pro Tempore Willie King and Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Darryl Albritton, Joy Peterson, Riley Hunt and Robert Jones.

Elected Official Absent: none

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, and Recording Clerk Annie Warren.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Fire Marshal Michael Paull – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Director of Finance, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, and Sarah Nottingham – Stormwater Inspector II.

Guest(s): Ellen Palmer (President/Perry Chamber), Bob Cunningham, Robbin Jackson, Ansley Jones (GEFA), Trish Cossart (MSAB), and David Butler

Media: Myoshe Howard - Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

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

4a. Presentation of WaterFirst Designation – Ms. A. Jones, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA).

Ms. Ansley Jones of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority presented a plaque to Mayor and Council designating the City of Perry a WaterFirst Community. Perry is only one of 37 Georgia communities designated as a WaterFirst Community.

4b. Recognition of 2019 (CAFR) award – Mayor Walker.

Mayor Walker recognized Ms. Brenda King, Department of Administration for receiving the Certificate of Achievement. Ms. King thanked the Perry Finance Department, Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accountants, LLC for their professional, and dedicated services and Mayor and Council for their support. The City of Perry has received this recognition twenty times since 1996.

4c. Proclamation recognizing Small Business Saturday – Mayor Walker.

Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing Small Business Saturday to Ms. Trish Cossart, Chairperson of the Main Street Advisory Board. Ms. Cossart thanked Mayor and Council for the proclamation and announced the downtown merchants will have extended hours throughout the holiday season.

5. Appointments:

5a. Appointment of David Butler to the Planning Commission – Council Member Joy Peterson.

Council Member Peterson nominated Mr. Butler to the Planning Commission. Mayor Walker entertained a motioned to approve the nomination as presented. Council Member Bynum-Grace motion to approve as presented; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Ellen Palmer, 1014 Cherokee Road (President of the Perry Chamber) provided an update of upcoming events.

- November 5, State of the Community event
- November 6 -15, Perry Restaurant Week
- Thanked the City for hosting Perry Youth Leadership

7. Citizens with Input.

Mr. Robbin Jackson inquired about the mowing of the grass in front of Sunshine Avenue. Mayor Walker directed Mr. Gilmour to connect the Board of Education relative to the grass mowing.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the October 19, 2020 work session, October 20, 2020 pre council meeting, and October 20, 2020 council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Bynum-Grace abstaining from the October 19 -20, 2020 meetings.

9. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

9a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance repealing Division 4-Perry Public Arts Commission, of Article 5, Chapter 2 and amending Section 2-252 relative to recommendations for appointment to the Main Street Board – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2020-26 to repeal Division 4-Perry Public Arts Commission, of Article 5, Chapter 2 and amending Section 2-252 relative to recommendations for appointment to the Main Street Board. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (Ordinance 2020-26 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)

10. Any Other Old Business:

- 10a. Mayor Randall Walker - none
- 10b. Council Members - none
- 10c. City Attorney Brooke Newby - none
- 10d. City Manager Lee Gilmour - none
- 10e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith - none

11. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

11a. Matters referred from November 2, 2020 work session and November 3, 2020 pre council meeting.

1. Resolution to accept a donation of property from DZ&W Investments, LLC – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-68 accepting a donation of property from DZ&W Investments, LLC. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to approve the resolution as submitted; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (Resolution 2020-68 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)

11b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend the Charter of the City of Perry, Georgia by adding a new section immediately following Section 1.15, to be designated as Section 1.16, so as to provide for additional powers, duties, and authority of the City Council of the City of Perry, Georgia with respect to a joint utility commission; to repeal all other acts and ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes – Ms. B. Newby. (No action required by Council)

11c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution to Accept Donation of Stormwater Management Area Property from WOH Homeowners Association, Inc. – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-69 accepting the donation of stormwater management area property from WOH Homeowners Association, LLC. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to approve the resolution as submitted; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2020-69 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

11d. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2021-09 Pine Needle Park and Rozar Park Improvements – Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for Pine Needle Park and Rozar Park Improvements. Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder JWS, LLC in the amount of \$280,885.64. Council Member Jones motioned to award the bid to low bidder JWS, LLC in the amount of \$280,885.64; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The project will be funded by 2018 SPLOST.

- 11e. Intergovernmental Agreement for the Emergency Use of County Fuel Supply by the City of Perry – Ms. B. Newby.

Ms. Newby stated this is an intergovernmental agreement between the County and City in which the County will supply the City emergency fuel assistance in the event of natural disaster. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the intergovernmental agreement as presented; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Council Members Items:

Council had no reports.

13. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, and Mr. Smith had no reports.

Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, Chief Lynn, Mr. Swan, Ms. Fitzner, Mr. McMurrian, Ms. Hardin, Ms. Clark, and Ms. Warren had no reports.

Mr. Wood reported the City will be receiving several awards from the Department of Community Affairs at its regional meeting that will be hosted at the Perry Arts Center on November 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Chief Parker announced his office received 80 posters relative to the 2nd Annual Fire Safety Poster contest.

14. General Public Items:

Mr. Bob Cunningham, Houston Springs, inquired if there will be a Buzzard Drop and Christmas program. Mayor Walker advised the Buzzard Drop has been cancelled and the Christmas program will go forward.

15. Mayor Items:

- November 16, Work session
- November 17, Pre council and Council

16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held November 3, 2020, Council Member Albritton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.