

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 5, 2021
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 January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

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

Departmental Staffing: Brenda King - Director of Administration, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director, Chief Lee Parker - Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Darryl Kitchens – Fire Marshall, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Cody Gunn – Chief Building Official, Major Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Captain Heath Dykes – Perry Police Department, Officer Chad Strom – Perry Police Department, Thomas Archie – Perry Police Department, Lieutenant Brian Emmons – Perry Police Department, Gail Price – Perry Police Department, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator.

Media: Tyler Meister – Houston Home Journal and Ariel Schiller – 41 NBC News

Guest(s): Larry Walker and David Grossnickle, DWG, LLC & Gnat Line Productions, LLC; Lieutenant Emmons’ family, Jim Lay, Robert Russell, and Robbin Jackson

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

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

4a. Introduction of Police Officers Chad Strom and Thomas Archie.

Chief Lynn introduced Police Officers Chad Strom and Thomas Archie to Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council welcomed Officers Strom and Archie to the

City.

4b. Recognition of Lt. Brian Emmons and Gail Price for 25 years of service.

Major Phelps recognized Lt. Emmons for 25 years of service and presented him with a gift card. Mayor Walker presented to Lt. Emmons his 25-year service pin.

Captain Dykes recognized Gail Price for 25 years of service and presented her with a gift card. Mayor Walker presented to Ms. Price her 25-year service pin. Chief Lynn presented to Ms. Price a challenge coin.

4c. Recognition of Council Member King for his service as Mayor Pro Tempore 2020. Mayor Walker presented to Council Member King with a plaque for his services as 2020 Mayor Pro Tempore.

5. Community Partner(s) Update(s): none

6. Citizens with Input.

Jim Lay, 807 Washington Street, had a downtown lightening request. Mr. Lay asked Council if it would leave the little white lights on the oak trees on Carroll Street.

Robert Russell, 113 Evergreen Street, inquired about a barrier/buffer between his home and the coffee shop. Mr. Wood replied plans have been submitted to build a six-foot wall and those plans should be approved shortly.

Mr. Russell also inquired about playground equipment at Andrew Heights Park, and the PVO driveway/roadway. Mr. Gilmour replied the City has authorized per the strategic plan of the Downtown Development Authority to provide children recreational equipment, it is planned to be a concrete circular picnic table, inclusive spinner and two sets of swing sets. Public Works has been instructed to go to bid, once the bid comes in, the bid will come before Council and the City will use some of the donor monies if the donor is agreeable and the remaining balance will come from SPLOST 18 funds. Mr. Russell asked for a definite list of the playground equipment and Mayor Walker directed Mr. Gilmour to send Mr. Russell the listing. Mr. Russell asked if there were any plans to improve the PVO driveway/roadway. Mr. Gilmour advised not at this time.

7. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:28 p.m.: Mayor Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:28 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-66-4.

7a. RZNE-167-2020. Applicant, Larry Walker, request the rezoning of property from C-3, Central Business District, to C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located at 1001 Third Street (formally 1211 Houston Lake Drive); Tax Map No. oP0020 085000.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed the request for rezoning of the property from C-3, Central Business District, to C-2, General Commercial District. Staff and the Planning Commission recommends approval of the application to rezone to C-2, General Commercial District.

Public Input: Mayor Walker called for any public input for or against the application.

For: Mr. Larry Walker spoke in favor of the application.

Against: none

- 7b. TEXT-190-2020. Applicant, The City of Perry, requests a text amendment to modify districts in which self-service storage is allowed.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reported this request is to modify the Table of Uses to allow self-service storage facilities by right in the C-14, M-a, M-2 and IMU zoning districts, to remove that use from MUC district, and allow the use by special exception in the C-2 zoning district. Staff and the Planning Commission recommends approve of the proposed text amendment.

Public Input: Mayor Walker called for any public input for or against the application.

For: none

Against: none

- 7c. Public Hearing relative to authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages at 1222 Main Street.

Staff Report: Mr. Gilmour stated that this request is to authorize brown bagging at this site. This location has not had an alcoholic beverage license in the past.

Public Input: Mayor Randall Walker called for any public input for or against the application.

For: none

Against: none

Public Hearing Closed at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Walker closed the hearing at 6:35 p.m.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the December 14, 2020 work session meeting, December 15, 2020 pre council meeting, and December 15, 2020 council meeting. ***(Council Member Hunt was absent from December***

14, 2020 meeting.)

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and the motion carried with Council Member Hunt abstaining from December 14, 2020 meeting.

9. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

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

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the FY 2020 Operating Budget – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-01 to amend FY 2020 Operating Budget. Administration advised Council everything is in order and recommend adoption. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (Ordinance 2021-01 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)

10. Any Other Old Business:

- 10a. Mayor Randall Walker - none
- 10b. Council Members – Council Member Peterson inquired about the traffic light study downtown. Mr. Smith advised the study is still with the consultant engineer.
- 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 January 5, 2021 pre council meeting. none

- 11b. Authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at 1222 Main Street. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to table this item for further discussion at Council's next meeting; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from C-3, Central Business District, to C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located at 1001 Third Street (formally 1211 Houston Lake Drive); Tax Map No. 0P0020 085000 - Mr. B. Wood. (No action required by Council)
2. **First Reading** of a text amendment to modify districts in which self-service storage is allowed - Mr. B. Wood. (No action required by Council)

3. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending Article 18A, Municipal Court, Section 18A-5 – Failure to Appear – Ms. B. Newby. *(No action required by Council)*

Ms. Newby stated this ordinance amendment authorizes the Judge of municipal court to impose an appropriate fine for failure to appear in municipal court on cases where warrants are issued. The current ordinance sets the fee at \$100.00 but changing the language to allow the Judge to be able to change the fine as appropriate so that the fine can be set by the Judge.

11d. Resolution(s) for Introduction and Adoption:

1. Resolution amending job classification schedule to include a Downtown Manager – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution 2021-01 amending job classification schedule to include a Downtown Manager. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-01 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

2. Resolution amending the Perry Fee Schedule to provide for Municipal Courts fees, and solid waste container fees adjustments – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-02 amending the Perry Fee Schedule to provide for Municipal Courts fees, and solid waste container fees adjustments. Council Member Albritton motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-02 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

3. Establish a formal refund policy for the City – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 establishing a formal refund policy for the City. Council Member Albritton motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-03 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

12. Council Members Items: Mayor Pro Tempore Jones and Council Members Bynum-Grace, King, Albritton, and Hunt had no reports.

Council Member Peterson followed up on the comment about lightening downtown and hopes Council will consider it.

13. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Ms. King, Chief Parker, Ms. Clark, Mr. Swan, Ms. Fitzner and Mr. Gunn had no reports.

Mr. Worthington recommended Council approve him, as Finance Director, administrator of the Synovus P-card program and approve applying for a combined credit limit of \$300,000 for the P-card and APSolutions products from Synovus. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to approve the recommendation as submitted; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Wood reported his office issued 451 single family residential permits in 2020.

Chief Lynn thanked Mayor and Council for recognizing the new employees and long tenured employees.

Ms. Hardin

- Opportunity Zone was approved
- In the next couple of weeks, the new sites and buildings database will launch

14. General Public Items:

Mr. Robbin Jackson wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked if there would be a MLK March this year. Chief Lynn advised the event is hosted by the NAACP and he had not been contacted about the event.

15. Mayor Items:

- January 18, is a Holiday there will be no work session meeting
- January 19, pre council and council

16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held January 5, 2021, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.