

MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
February 16, 2021  
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the council meeting held February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, Robert Smith – Assistant City Attorney, and Recording Clerk Maria Herrera.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker - Fire Department and Emergency Services, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Director of Finance, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Jazmin Thomas – Downtown Manager, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, and Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager.

Guest(s): Ellen Palmer – Perry Chamber of Commerce and Michelle Rhoades – Mossy Creek Natural

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

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

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

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

- 4a. Mayor Recognition of Battalion Chief Charles Mundy, Captain Kenneth Genthner, Lieutenant Gerald Michel, Sergeant Brian Banks, Sergeant Jonathan Yoder, and Firefighters Kyle Newsome, Nadal Jeanjulien, Jeremy Douglas, and Keion Johnson.

Mayor Walker recognized this group of firefighters recommended by Chief Lynn for their outstanding job on a recent incident in the City. The firefighters were introduced to Mayor and Council by Chief Parker. Mayor Walker thanked the firefighters for their outstanding service and advised Chief Lynn recommended them for a Lifesaving Award.

5. Appointments to Boards/Authorities and Commissions. Mayor Randall Walker.

5a. Ms. Penny Byrd Houston County Land Bank Board of Director. Mr. Wood recommended Ms. Byrd to be re-appointed to the Houston County Land Bank Board of Directors. Mayor Walker entertained a motion to re-appoint Ms. Byrd to the Houston County Land Bank Board of Directors. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to re-appoint Ms. Byrd to the Houston County Land Board of Director; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Office of Economic Development:

6a. Mossy Creek Natural Announcement. Ms. Hardin introduced Ms. Michelle Rhoades, owner, and founder of Mossy Creek Natural to Mayor and Council. Ms. Rhodes has been in business since 2015 in the City of Perry. She develops personal bath and body care items. In 2017 Ms. Rhodes was recognized by the Perry Chamber of Commerce as the women of the year. Ms. Rhodes thanked the City of Perry for all the support and announced that she will be opening a new location in Ball Street.

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

- Ellen Palmer, 900 Carroll Street, gave a general update regarding the Chamber of Commerce.
  - The Chamber launched their first virtual meeting and went well.
  - Leadership Perry kicks off March 3
  - Dogwood Festival April 10 – 11 at the Fairgrounds
  - Kicked off diversity and inclusion series
  - New initiatives relative to business networking
  - Ms. Palmer and the Chamber are also working on business education.

Council Member Peterson commended Ms. Palmer and the Chamber for going forward with the Dogwood Festival.

8. Citizens with Input: none

9. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

9a. Council's consideration – Minutes of February 1, 2021 work session meeting, February 2, 2021 pre council meeting, and February 2, 2021 council meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

10a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to amend to amend chapter 4 -Animal Control – Ms. B. Newby.

2.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-05 amending Chapter 4 – Unified Animal Control. Council Member Hunt motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2020-05 has been entered into the City’s official book of record*).

11. Any Other Old Business:

11a. Mayor Randall Walker – none

11b. Council Members – none

11c. City Attorney Brooke Newby – none

11d. Mr. Gilmour – none

11e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith – none

12. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

12a. Matters referred from February 16, 2021 pre council meeting. none

12b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to repeal Section 3-11 (r) relative to public hearing requirements for new alcohol license location applications – Ms. B. Newby. (*No action required by Council*).

Ms. Newby stated this ordinance will repeal the public hearing requirements for new alcohol license location applications.

12c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Adopted Resolution 2021-09 to amend the City of Perry Fee Schedule.

Mr. Gilmour advised this resolution is to amend the fee schedule for the Perry Event Center to adjust the fees from day/night Monday through Thursday then Friday through Sunday. Council Member Albritton motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2021-09 has been entered in the City’s official book of records*).

2. Adopting Resolution 2021-10 to amend the guideline for the installation of septic tanks in the corporate city limits.

Council Member Peterson motioned to adopt the guidelines for permitting septic tank installation in the corporate limits of the City; Mayor Pre-Tempore Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2021-10 has been entered in the City’s official book of records*).

3. Adopting Resolution 2021-11 to amend the cemeteries policies by establishing standards for columbariums.

Ms. Newby stated that this resolution is to amend the cemetery policies for the city both cemeteries relative to columbariums. Council Member Hunt motioned to adopt the resolution to amend the cemeteries policies by establishing standards for columbariums; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2021-11 has been entered in the City's official book of records*).

12d. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2021-19 (2) Custodian Van – Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington advised this is a purchase for two (2) custodial vans for the Department of Public Works to be funded by the General Fund. Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder, Phil Brannen Ford of Perry in the amount of \$50,330.38. Council Member Albritton motioned to award the bid to low bidder, Phil Brannen Ford of Perry in the amount of \$50,330.38; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Bid No. 2021-20 (1) Building Maintenance Van – Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington advised this is a purchase for one (1) building maintenance van for the Department of Public Works. Funding for the van will come from the General Fund. Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder, Prater Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$36,656.28 with Phil Brannen Ford of Perry given the right to exercise the local vendor preference. Council Member Peterson motioned to award the bid to low bidder Prater Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$36,656.28 with Phil Brannen Ford of Perry given the right to exercise the local vendor preference; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Bid No. 2021-21 (1) Special Events Van – Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington advised this is a new purchase not a replacement for one (1) van for the special events division. Funding for this van will come from the Hotel/Motel Fund. Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder, Phil Brannen Ford of Perry, in the amount of \$30,992.73. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to award the bid to low bidder, Phil Brannen of Perry in the amount of \$30,992.73; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Bid No. 2021 - 22 (1) CID Truck – Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington advised this was a replacement truck for Criminal Investigation Units for the Perry Police Department and will be funded by the General Fund. Staff recommends awarding bid to the low bidder Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$38,640.00. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to award the bid to low bidder, Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$38,640.00; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Bid No. 2021 – 23 (6) Patrol Vehicles – Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington advised that he received two non-responsive bids but neither bids met the minimum specifications of the solicitation. Staff is recommending Council to reject both bids, revise the minimum specifications, and re-bid the purchase. Council Member Peterson motioned to reject the non-responsive bids; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12e. Amendment to the Intergovernmental Contact with the Perry Public Facilities Authority to amend the Project Description for Series 2019 Bonds.

Ms. Newby stated in April 2019 the City entered an intergovernmental contract with the Perry Public Facilities Authority for a part of a Series 2019 Bonds issuance. Some of the projects came in under budget and there are some additional funds left in the Series 2019 Bonds. The City has made the request to Perry Public Facility Authority to agree to amend the project description to add the gas line service and connections that need to be replaced as part of the Houston Lake Road project. Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the amendment to the Intergovernmental Contract with the Perry Public Facilities Authority; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

13. Council Member Items:

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

Council Member Peterson reported she attended a meeting at the Houston County Development Authority, and commended Ms. Bynum-Grace for her work on the Black History month banners.

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

14. Department/Staff Items:

Chief Lynn and Chief Parker thanked Mayor Walker for recognizing the group of firefighters that responded to the recent incident that occurred at the Perry Police Department.

Mr. Wood, Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, Ms. Hardin, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Fitzner, Mr. Clark, and Mr. McMurrian had no reports.

15. General Public Items:

Robert Russell, 913 Evergreen Street, Perry GA.

Mr. Russell asked about the area behind the Perry Volunteer Outreach building and the pavement. He showed a picture to Mayor and Council of the area. Mr. Russell requested gravel to be placed in the area as he uses the area several time per a day.

Mayor Walker asked Mr. Gilmour if that was allowable.

Mr. Gilmour responded it is partly permissible because part of it is city owned property. There is also a piece of private property located there as well. Mr. Gilmour advised that the area is not planned as a service road, it is planned as a driveway for the Perry Volunteer Outreach Center. Mr. Gilmour had concerns relative to improvements as it is highly trafficked and is unsafe. Mr. Gilmour recommended not to disturb it.

Mayor Walker advise they will do more investigation and will follow up with Mr. Russell.

Mr. Russell also mentioned about the buffer between his house and the coffee shop.

Mr. Wood mentioned that the building officer spoke to Ms. Stricklen and she will be starting to work on this shortly.

16. Mayor Items:

- March 1, Work Session
- March 2, Pre-Council and Council and the meetings will be open to the public

17. Executive Session entered at 6:52 p.m.: Council Member King moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter an executive session for the purpose of real estate. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

18. Executive Session adjourned at 7:17 p.m.: Council adjourned the executive session held February 16, 2020 and reconvened into the council regular meeting.

19. Adopted Resolution No.2021-12 stating the purpose of the executive session held on February 16, 2021 was real estate. On a motion by Council Member Bynum-Grace, second by Council Member Peterson and carried unanimously adopted a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on February 16, 2021 was to discuss real estate. No action was taken. (*Resolution No. 2021-12 has been entered in the City's official book of records*).

20. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held February 16, 2021, Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to

adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Council Member Hunt second the motion and it carried unanimously.