

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
February 2, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held February 2, 2021 at 5:00 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 Official Absent: none

City 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, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Jazmin Thomas – Downtown Manager, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator.

Media: none

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of February 2, 2021 council meeting agenda.

9b (1). Bid No. 2021-17 – Thompson Road Water and Sewer Extension.

Mr. Worthington advised this is a request for the construction of Thompson Road Water and Sewer Extension. Staff recommends awarding bid for the construction of the Thompson Road Water and Sewer Extension to low bidder Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$117,303.75.

9b (2). Bid No. 2021-18 Creekwood Storm Drainage Improvements CDBG.

Mr. Worthington advised this is a request for the construction of Creekwood Storm Drainage Improvements CDBG. Staff recommends awarding bid for the construction of the Creekwood Storm Drainage Improvements CDBG to low bidder LaKay Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$480,408.00.

9c (1). An ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Animals, relative to Unified Animal Control. Ms. Newby stated this amendment updates two sections, Sec. 4-21 – Definitions and Sec.4-25 – Designations and powers of animal control officer.

9d (1). Resolution of support for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry. Ms. Hardin reported the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry recently obtained GAP financing to facilitate downtown development from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The State requires support from the City of Perry in the form of a resolution to move forward.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Member Hunt stated he spoke to a contractor today who is having difficulty submitting his plans through the internet. Mr. Wood stated he is aware of some the contractors having problems submitting their plans through the City portal and advised he is willing to assist the contractors with submitting their plans.

Council Member Albritton had questions relative to the city offices that will be housed in the old government building. Mayor Walker advised Council will review the master plan at the next council meeting.

Council Member Albritton also commended the policer officers who assisted the lady with the flat tire at the intersection of Perry Parkway and Houston Lake Road.

Council Member Peterson thanked Chief Lynn for his presentation relative to crime statistics at last evening's meeting.

Council Member King inquired about the property being cleared across from Faith Bible Fellowship Church on MKL Drive. Mr. Wood stated a special exception had been applied for to use the house as a place to hold alcoholics anonymous meetings. When the special exception came before the Planning Commission, the Commission found out the applicant had not obtained the property, so it was put on hold. The applicant has since obtained the property and the special exception will be going forward to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jones inquired about the status of the parking lot paving at Pine Needle Park. Administration stated the bid has been awarded and the contract has been executed. Ms. Fitzner dirt is being moved around.

Council Member Peterson inquired about informational signage being posted at Pine Needle Park. Administration will have informational posted.

Council Member King asked for a status update relative to Rotary Centennial Park connection to the Fairgrounds and Creekwood Park. Administration discussed two concept plans.

Council Member Hunt asked about Saint Patrick Extension. Administration responded all rights-of-way have been obtained for the project. Some conceptual

design work has been done and the County with the City's support, will lobby Georgia Department of Transportation to pay for the project.

Council Member Albritton inquired about the number of vehicles on the property of the old asphalt plant located on Smith Drive. Administration advised the city will follow up on this matter.

Mr. Swan introduced student intern Mr. Marquise Dancil, a student at Kent State University. Mr. Dancil is studying sports administration.

Mr. Smith shared with Mayor and Council the National League of Cities Vacant Property Leadership Institute. If the City wishes to participate in the four-day leadership, a Letter of Interest must be submitted by February 26, 2021 to be considered for the institute. Council concurred for staff to complete a Letter of Interest for the Vacant Property Leadership Institute.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held February 2, 2021 Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.