

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

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held on March 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None.

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Joni Ary.

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, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, and Annie Warren – City Clerk.

Media: Tyler Meister – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker.

3a. Discussion of January 19, 2021 council meeting agenda.

8a. License revocation hearing for Ghanshyam P. Patel and LaQuinta at 102 Plaza Drive, Perry, Ga. Mrs. Newby stated that per the request of the applicants' lawyer, this item will be deferred until Council's next meeting on March 16, 2021.

8b. SUSE-21-2021. Applicant, Steven Smoot, Watchman Properties, requests Special Exception to establish a 25,000 square feet self-service storage. The property is located at 1309 Main Street: Tax Map No. 0P0090 013000. Mr. Wood stated that the applicant has requested to have this item withdrawn but has not submitted the request in writing. It is the staff's recommendation to deny this request. When the item was heard at the Planning and Zoning Commission, their recommendation was for approval with four conditions.

8c. RZNE-0005-2021. Applicant Joe Meadows and Scott Free, request the rezoning of the property from MUC, Multi-Use Center to M-1, Wholesale and

Light Industrial. The property is located at 311 South Street: Tax Map No. 0P0350-010000. Mr. Wood stated that the staff's recommendation is for approval with the condition that in addition to other applicable provisions, any future development on the property must adhere to Sec. 6-3.3 and 6-3.6 of the Land Development Ordinance – street trees and street buffer yards – to provide protection of nearby residential properties from nonresidential uses.

10a (1). Second Reading of an ordinance to repeal Section 3-11 (r) relative to public requirements for new alcohol license location application. Mrs. Newby reviewed the second reading of the ordinance to repeal Section 3-11 (r) relative to the public requirement for new alcohol license location application. Mrs. Newby stated that this is to establish standards the applicants can comply with.

12b. Special Exception Application 21-2021. Mr. Wood stated that it is recommended denial of this request.

12d (1). Resolution to amend the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Council the resolution to amend the fee schedule on the advice of the City Attorney the \$36.00/account/month delinquent charge is not allowed under the State statute and the tax interest amount is changed from a fixed percentage to the amount provided in the State statute.

12f. Approval of mutual aid agreement between the City of Perry and the Houston County Board of Commissioners Chief Parker reviewed with Council the mutual aid agreement between the City of Perry and the Houston County Board of Commissioners. Chief Parker stated that the City renews this agreement every two years.

4. Council Member Items:

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

Ms. Newby had no reports.

Chief Lynn updated Council on Westwood Mobile home park; during the 2019-2020 year the call volume for the mobile home park has greatly decreased and they are moving in the right direction with all the improvements.

Mr. Wood stated that Westwood mobile home park has met all the terms and conditions per the agreement. They are working on getting two of the dilapidated trailers out but having to find owners. In June 2021 they will be bringing in 20-25 new mobile homes and 10 per month after until to capacity.

Mr. Swan stated that the walkers are happy to be back walking inside the recreational department. The basketball program is currently ongoing and will begin registration for spring sports. Mr. Swan stated that the "Open Streets Macon" event is something

he is interested in bringing to Perry and is working with the organization for more information about the event.

Council Member Bynum-Grace asked Chief Lynn about the mandatory change to dialing ten digits when dialing phone numbers locally. Mr. Gilmour stated that effective April 24, 2021, when you dial a local number from a landline you will have to enter the area code and phone number to dial out. Mr. Gilmour stated that this information is being put on utility bills to notify residents and will be on all City social media sites and outlets.

5. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held on March 2, 2021, Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.