

MINUTES  
PRE COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
March 16, 2021  
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held March 16, 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, Cody Gunn – Chief Building Official, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, Lieutenant Chris Sutcliff, Officers Daniel Layson, Skyler Bryant, Deborah Murberry, Corporal Josh Brown, and Sergeant Jacob Laster – Police Department .

Media: Amira Bevill – Houston Home Journal

Guest(s): none

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of March 16, 2021 council meeting agenda.

4a. Clover Wine Merchant Application. Mr. Gilmour advised Mayor and Council that Clover Wine Merchant wants to host a “Pop Up” Tent Tasting event April 8 – 11, 2021 utilizing two parking spaces in front of its store.

4b. Recognition of Squad 4. Chief Lynn advised Lieutenant Sutcliff will introduce his squad that through a collaborative effort arrested a murder suspect.

5a. Mr. Jim Marquardt, Perry-Houston County Airport Authority.

Mr. Marquart will present to Mayor and Council a PowerPoint update of activities going on at the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority.

7a. License revocation hearing for Ghanshyam P. Patel and LaQuinta Inn at 102 Plaza Drive, Perry, GA. Mayor Walker announced that this matter has been resolved with Mr. Patel and his attorney and a public hearing will not be held. Ms. Newby reported the City entered a negotiated plea with Mr. Patel whereby his business license will be on probation for one year, if at anytime he fails to submit a timely report and payment, then his business license will be automatically suspended for a period of 30 days. Also, the City will hold the Municipal Court citation in abeyance for one year to run consecutively, if there is failure to timely report and pay the tax that is due, the City will ask that the citation be placed on the next hearing calendar to come before Judge Freeman in Municipal Court.

11a (1). Resolution to amend the City of Perry Personnel Management System's Position Classification Plan. Mr. Gilmour advised this a follow up from last evening of some reclassification in Fire and Emergency Services Department. Mr. Gilmour stated this is the resolution to enact those changes.

11b (1). Resolution – DDRLF – Muse Theatre. Ms. Hardin advised this is a state GAP financing program and private partnership between the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry and Ocmulgee Developments, LLC for the purchase/renovation of the Muse Theatre Project. The State requires support from the City of Perry in the form of a resolution to move forward.

#### 4. Council Member Items:

Council Member Albritton inquired about Clover Wine Merchant's "Pop Up" Tent Tasting event utilizing parking spaces at its April 8-11 event. Council Member Albritton asked if the other merchants downtown had any concerns. Administration advised most of the merchants downtown are okay with it.

Council Member Hunt inquired about parking lot paving of Jeff Smith on 41 North. Administration advised 1) enforcement action is on hold pending a decision and review of the site by the Planning Commission that was mutually agreeable to Community Development, the property owner, and the renter, and 2) whether bigger parking lots need to be paved. Mr. Wood will come back to the Planning Commission with suggestions.

Council Member Bynum-Grace

- Inquired about the status of Crossroads Park. Ms. Fitzner reported Phase 1 has been completed and Phase 2 is with the project engineer.
- When will Phase 2 start in Legacy Park? Ms. Fitzner stated after the Main Street realignment project.
- What is the next step of deciding which offices will go into the new city hall? Mr. Smith replied they are working with the architect to determine what functions can go where.

Council Member Peterson reported Mayor Pro Tempore Jones is celebrating his birthday today and thanked staff for the signage at Pine Needle Park.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jones and Council Member King had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour followed up relative to Council concerns about where residents in the northeast go to vote. Mr. Gilmour reported the Board of Elections met with Chief Parker and his staff to look at Davis Farm Station and its training facility. Administration did mention schools in that area as a possible location, but the Board stated it will not conduct elections in schools. The Board of Elections position is to have one location for voting.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Newby had no reports.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held March 16, 2021 Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.