

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 6, 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 April 6, 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, Willie King, Darryl Albritton, Joy Peterson, and Riley Hunt.

Elected Official Absent: none

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

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Jazmin Thomas – Downtown Manager, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, and Officer Antonio Scott – Perry Police Department.

Media: Amira Bevill – Houston Home Journal

Guest(s): Ellen Palmer - Perry Chamber, Thomas Carter, and Robert Russell

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

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

4a. Introduction of Officer Antonio Scott. Chief Lynn introduced Officer Antonio Scott to Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council welcomed Officer Scott to the City of Perry.

5. Mayor/Council Joint Appointments. Mayor Randall Walker

5a. Appointment of Mr. Curtis George to the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry. – Ms. J. Thomas.

Ms. Thomas presented for Mayor and Council's consideration Mr. Curtis George, DDA's recommendation to fill the Board's vacancy. Mayor Walker

entertained a motion to appoint Mr. Curtis George to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to appoint Mr. George to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Ellen Palmer, 900 Carroll Street, invited everyone to the 2021 Dogwood Festival that will be held this weekend, April 10-11 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and to Hops and Chops in Bodega Brew parking lot.

7. Citizens with Input. none

8. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:06 p.m.: Mayor Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:06 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.

8a. SUSE-158-2020. Applicant, Thomas C. Carter, request a Special Exception for Community Service Use. The property is located at 510 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive; Tax Map No. 0P0270 099000 - Mr. B. Wood.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed with Council the Special Exception request. Staff recommends approval of the application with the following conditions: 1) The use and operation of the facility shall comply with the details included in the application; 2) Use of the property shall cease by 9:00 pm nightly; and 3) The building and site (parking) must meet current code requirements for the specific non-residential use prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. At the Planning Commission meeting the use of the property cease time was modified from 9:30 pm nightly to 10:30 pm nightly. The Planning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) The use and operation of the facility shall comply with the details included in the application; 2) Use of the property shall cease by 10:30 pm nightly; and 3) The building and site (parking) must meet current code requirements for the specific non-residential use prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Wood stated staff contacted the applicant and advised him that he needs to come to Community Development to discuss the code requirements in a pre-application meeting.

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

For: none

Against: none

8b. TEXT-214-2020. Applicant, The City of Perry, requests a text amendment to clarify Secs. 5-1, 5-2, 6-6.3, and 6-10.1; revise Table 5-1-2; add setbacks for accessory structures in Table 5-1-3; revise, add building heights in Sec. 5-5; and

exempt industrial developments from certain landscape and tree preservation requirements in Secs. 6-3.1 and 6-4.1 – Mr. B. Wood.

Mr. Wood reviewed the text amendment.

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

For: none

Against: none

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:16 P.M. Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

9. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 9a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the March 15, 2021 work session, March 16, 2021 pre council meeting, and March 16, 2021 council meeting.

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

10. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 10a. Mayor Randall Walker - none
10b. Council Members - none
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 April 5, 2021 work session, and April 6, 2021 pre council meeting. none

- 11b. Special Exception Application 158-2020. Mr. Wood advised Mayor and Council that Mr. Carter was present if anyone had any questions. Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve Special Exception Application 158-2020. Mayor Pro Tempore motioned to approval Special Exception Application 158-2020; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

1. **First Reading** of a text amendment to clarify Secs. 5-1, 5-2, 6-6.3, and 6-10.1; revise Table 5-1-2; add setbacks for accessory structures in Table 5-1-3; revise, add building heights in Sec. 5-5; and exempt industrial developments from certain landscape and tree preservation requirements

in Secs. 6-3.1 and 6-4.1 – Mr. B. Wood. *(No action required by Council)*

2. **First Reading** of an ordinance establishing the Court Technology Fee and Uses – Ms. Newby. *(No action required by Council)*

Ms. Newby stated this is a code amendment to add a technology fee.

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

1. Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Cost for PPFA 2021 Series Issue – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-17 Authorizing Reimbursement of Cost for PPFA 2021 Series Issue. Council Member Albritton motioned to approve the resolution as submitted; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-17 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

2. Resolution declaring certain real property surplus property – Tract CP-2, 0.345 acres – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-18 declaring certain real property surplus property – Tract CP-2, 0.345 acres. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the resolution as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-18 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

3. Resolution Declaring Certain Vehicles Surplus – Mr. M. Worthington.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-19 declaring certain vehicles surplus. Council Member Peterson motioned to approve the resolution as submitted; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-19 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

4. Resolution appointing a voting delegate and an alternate to the 2021 Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual Election Committee – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-20 appointing Mayor Walker as the voting delegate and Council Member King as the alternate to the 2021 Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual Election Committee. Mr. Gilmour stated each year Council is requested to designate a voting delegate and an alternate to the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual Election Committee. Administration recommends Council follow the standard process and designate the Mayor as the voting delegate and Council Member King as the alternate. Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve the resolution as outlined by Administration. Mayor

Pro Tempore Jones motioned to approve the resolution as outlined; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2021-20 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

11e. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2021-28 (1) 1/2 Ton Pickup Truck –
Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for (1) half-ton pickup truck for the Department of Public Works. Mr. Worthington stated his office received six responsive bids. Staff recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder, Griffin Chevrolet in the amount of \$25,300.00, and the funding source is the Solid Waste Fund. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones moved to award the bid to the low bidder Griffin Chevrolet in the amount of \$25,300.00, Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Bid No. 2021-31 (6) Patrol Utility Vehicles –
Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for (6) patrol utility vehicles for the police department. Mr. Worthington stated his office received one responsive bid. Staff recommends awarding the bid to the Prater Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$244,518.84, and the funding source is the General Fund. Council Member King moved to award the bid to Prater Ford in the amount \$244,518.84; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Bid No. 2021-32 (1) 1/2 Ton Pickup Truck –
Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for (1) half-ton pickup truck for the Department of Public Works. Mr. Worthington stated his office received six responsive bids. Staff recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder, Griffin Chevrolet in the amount of \$27,860.00, and the funding source is the General Fund. Council Member Albritton moved to award the bid to the low bidder Griffin Chevrolet in the amount of \$27,860.00; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 11f. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Conduct of City of Perry Elections between the City, Houston County Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Elections – Ms. B. Newby.

Ms. Newby stated this is a standard agreement that the City executes with Houston County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Elections to conduct the City of Perry elections and this agreement is for election year 2021 only. Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct City of Perry Elections in 2021 as outlined. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct City of Perry Elections in 2021 as outlined; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 11g. Approval of Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement between Houston County and City of Perry – Highway 127 Widening Project and Relocation of Utilities – Ms. B. Newby.

Ms. Newby stated this an intergovernmental memorandum of agreement between the City and the Houston County Board of Commissioners. The County will be the superintendent for the county-wide SPLOST project that includes the widening of Highway 127. The City will oversee the relocation of City utilities and the vendor bill the City directly and the City will pay the vendor directly. Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement between Houston County and the City of Perry. Council Member Albritton motion to approve Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement between Houston County and the City of Perry; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Council Members Items:

Council had no reports.

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

13. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Chief Lynn thanked Council for approving the vehicle bid for the police department.

Ms. Fitzner reminder everyone of Spring Clean-up Week, April 26-30.

Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Wood, Chief Parker, Mr. Swan, Ms. Clark, Ms. Warren, and Ms. Thomas had no reports.

14. General Public Items:

Mr. Robert Russell, 913 Duncan Avenue

- the dumpsters near his home are being picked up between 3am and 5am
- the coffee shop patrons are blocking his driveway

15. Mayor Items:

- April 19, Work Session
- April 20, Pre council and Council

16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the council

meeting held April 6, 2021, Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.