

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 6, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held April 6, 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, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, and Jazmin Thomas – Downtown Manager.

Media: Amira Bevill – Houston Home Journal

Guest(s): none

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of April 6, 2021 council meeting agenda.

4a. Introduction of Officer Antonio Scott. Chief Lynn will introduce Officer Antonio Scott to Mayor and Council.

5a. Appointment of Mr. Curtis George to the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry. Ms. Thomas will present for Mayor and Council's consideration Mr. Curtis George, DDA's recommendation to fill the Board's vacancy.

8a. SUSE-158-2020. Mr. Wood reviewed SUSE-158-2020 application for a Special Exception for Community Service Use. Mr. Wood stated the applicant wants to use a residential structure to conduct Alcoholics Anonymous and similar meetings. The meetings will be held seven days a week in the evenings,

usually an hour in length but may run two hours for special events, the number of attendees range from 5 to 20 persons, with an average of eight persons per an evening, and parking will be provided on site with overflow on an adjacent site.

At the Planning Commission meeting, the applicant stated meetings typically do not start until 8pm and indicated times when they may have two (2) hour meetings that will go past 9pm.

Mr. Wood stated the Planning Commission recommends approval of the special exception 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 advised regarding condition #3, the applicant must schedule a pre-application meeting with Community Development staff to discuss building and site requirements.

8b. TEXT-214-2020. Mr. Wood reviewed each section proposed language modification.

11c (2). First Reading of an ordinance establishing the Court Technology Fee and Uses. Ms. Newby advised this is text amendment to add Court Technology Fee as Sec. 18A-6. This text amendment will allow the clerk of the municipal court to charge and collect a technology fee as a surcharge for any criminal or quasi-criminal fine that is paid. The technology fee would be set by the order of the judge provided that the fee not exceed \$25.00. The judge of municipal court would be able to authorize any expenditures from the account after consultation with the Municipal Court Clerk, Chief of Police and City Manager.

11d (1). Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Cost for PPFA 2021 Series Issue. Ms. Newby advised passing this resolution will authorize reimbursement to the City certain expenditures relative to the east Perry sewer and water expansion and Langston Road projects.

11d (2). Resolution declaring certain real property surplus property. Ms. Newby advised this is a resolution declaring a small section of Pine Needle Park as surplus and disposed of in accordance with Georgia law.

11d (3). Resolution declaring certain vehicles surplus. Mr. Worthington advised this is a resolution declaring five separate vehicles from the police department surplus equipment. There are four police Interceptors and one Chevrolet Tahoe. The vehicles are out of their 100,000 miles warranty and have been replaced through the normal replacement process.

11d (4). Resolution appointing a voting delegate and an alternate to the 2021 Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual Election Committee. Mr. Gilmour

stated the purpose of this resolution is to name a voting delegate and alternate to the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual Election Committee.

11e (1). Bid No. 2021-28 (1) 1/2 Ton Pickup Truck. Mr. Worthington advised this purchase is for one (1) 1/2 ton pickup truck for the Department of Public Works. Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder Griffin Chevrolet in the amount of \$25,300.00.

11e (2). Bid No. 2021-31 (6) Patrol Utility Vehicles. Mr. Worthington advised this purchase is for six (6) patrol utility vehicles for the police department . Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder Prater Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$244,518.84.

11e (3). Bid No. 2021-32 (1) 1/2 Ton Pickup Truck. Mr. Worthington advised this purchase is for one (1) 1/2 ton pickup truck for the Department of Public Works. Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder Griffin Chevrolet in the amount of \$27,860.00.

11f. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Conduct of City of Perry Elections between the City, Houston County Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Elections. Ms. Newby stated this is a standard agreement the City executes with the County and the Board of Elections for them to operate and conduct all the City's municipal elections and this is for the term of the 2021 election year only.

11g. Approval of Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement between Houston County and City of Perry – Highway 127 Widening Project and Relocation of Utilities. Ms. Newby stated this an agreement between the City and County for the widening project. The County will be the superintendent for the project. The City will oversee the relocation of city utilities - the vendor will bill the City directly and the City will pay the vendor directly.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Members had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour advised Mayor and Council that he and Mr. Smith met with Ms. Hardin relative to incentives for the Eastgate project. Mr. Gilmour stated nothing will be done with this project at this time.

Ms. Newby and Mr. Smith had no reports.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

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

Chief Lynn shared an incident of a citizen who was scammed out of money and how one of our officers went beyond the call to assist her.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held April 6, 2021 Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.