

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
April 20, 2021  
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the council meeting held April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, Robert Smith – Assistant City Attorney, and Recording Clerk Maria Herrera.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker - Fire Department and Emergency Services, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Anya Turpin – Special Events Manager, Jazmin Thomas - Downtown Manager, and Annie Warren - City Clerk.

Guest(s): none

Media: Brianna Sheffield and Amira Bevill – Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Council Member King rendered the invocation and Council Member Peterson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Moment of remembrance of Mr. Alando Bray – Mayor Randall Walker requested everyone to have a moment of silence in remember Mr. Alando Bray, an employee for the City of Perry, who recently passed way from COVID-19.

5. Recognitions(s)/Presentation(s):

- 5a. Recognition of Squad 4. Mr. Gilmour presented to Mayor and Council Squad 4 for an outstanding job of working together to capture a murder suspect. As a token of appreciation, Mr. Gilmour presented to each member of Squad 4 a monetary gift to recognize their service of going beyond the call of duty.

Mayor and Council thanked Squad 4 for their outstanding job.

5b. Introduction of Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Crumpton, Fire Training Chief Charles Mundy, and Fire Prevention Chief Ephraim Wheeler. Chief Parker thanked Mayor and Council for approving the new job classifications as part of restructuring the Fire Department. The job descriptions will be as follows:

1. Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Crumpton will be responsible for fire department operations.
2. Fire Training Chief Charles Mundy will be responsible for fire department training.
3. Fire Prevention Chief Ephraim Wheeler is responsible for the fire department education program for children and adults.

Mayor Walker expressed his gratitude for their hard work and dedication they provide for the citizens of Perry.

6. Community Partner(s) Update(s): none

7. Citizens with Input: none

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

8a. Council's consideration – Minutes of April 5, 2021 work session meeting, April 6, 2021 pre council meeting, and April 6, 2021 council meeting.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

9a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second 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; and rename as Table 5-2-1; revise and 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. Wood stated that this amendment is to clarify different sections as to residential developments, density of multi-family developments, maximum building heights, parking lot and landscaping in some sections that does not apply to industrial sites, and to modify the language of appropriateness for signs in the Downtown Development Overlay District. Planning Commission is recommending the approval.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-08 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; and rename as Table 5-2-1; revise and 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. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2021-08 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance establishing the Court Technology Fee and Uses.

Ms. Newby stated that this ordinance was created to allow the Clerk of the Municipal Court to collect a technology fee not to exceed \$25.00. The fee and uses will be set by the judge.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-09 establishing the Court Technology Fee and Uses. Council Member Hunt motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2021-09 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

10. Any Other Old Business:

- 11a. Mayor Randall Walker – none
- 11b. Council Members – none
- 11c. City Attorney Brooke Newby – none
- 11d. Mr. Gilmour – none
- 11e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith – none

11. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 11a. Matters referred from April 19, 2021 work session, and April 20, 2021 pre council meeting. none

11b. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a supplemental lease and project fund agreement to provide financing for purchase of various vehicles.

Ms. King stated that this is a resolution to purchase various vehicles in the amount of \$756,782.92, at 1.59% interest rate for 3 years.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-21 authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute a supplemental lease and project fund agreement to provide financing for purchase of various vehicles. Council Member King motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Council Member Albritton seconded the

motion, and it carries unanimously. (*Resolution 2021-21 has been entered in the City's official book of records*).

2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a supplemental lease and project fund agreement to provide financing for purchase of a knuckleboom truck.

Ms. King stated this is a resolution to purchase a knuckleboom truck in the amount of \$149,920.00, at 2.35% interest rate for 7 years.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-22 authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute a supplemental lease and project fund agreement to provide financing for purchase of a knuckleboom truck. Mayor Pro-Tempore Jones motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Council Member King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2021-22- has been entered in the City's official book of records*).

12. Council Member Items:

Council had no reports.

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

13. Department/Staff Items:

Mr. Wood updated Mayor and Council about a public hearing regarding the City's comprehensive plan scheduled for May 11, 2021 at 5:30pm at the County Annex building on Carl Vinson Parkway.

Chief Lynn:

- Expressed his gratitude to Mr. Gilmour and Council for recognizing Squad 4.
- Reminder that on Saturday, April 24 the Truth Initiative Committee will be having its first records restriction event at the Perry Event Center from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Ms. Fitzner give Mayor and Council a final reminder regarding Spring Clean-up April 26<sup>th</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>.

14. General Public Items: none

15. Mayor Items:

- April 24, Criminal Record Restriction program at the Perry Event Center.
- Dogwood Festival starting on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 10:00 am.
- May 3, Work Session
- May 4, Pre-Council and Council

16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held April 20, 2021, Council Member Albritton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25p.m. Council Member King second the motion and it carried unanimously.