

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
May 4, 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 May 4, 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, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Jazmin Thomas – Downtown Manager, Anya Turpin – Special Events Administrator, Cody Gunn – Chief Building Official, Officer Kim Morton – Perry Police Department, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager.

Media: Brianna Sheffield – Houston Home Journal

Guest(s): Mr. Dave Cyr and Mr. Bill Loudermilk (Parrish Construction), Ms. Ellie Loudermilk (Perry Historical Society), Mr. Walton Wood and Mrs. Becky Wood, Mr. Jason Kliethermes, Ms. Meredith Lockerman (Commerce Street, LLC), and Mr. Bob Cunningham.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Mayor Pro Tempore Jones rendered the invocation and Council Member Hunt led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

- 4a. Presentation Honoring 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Houston County – Mr. D. Cyr and Mr. B. Loudermilk.

Mr. Cyr and Mr. Loudermik presented Mayor Walker and Council with plaques commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Houston County. Mayor Walker and Council thanked Mr. Cyr and Mr. Loudermilk.

4b. Introduction of Officer Kimberly Morton – Chief S. Lynn.

Chief Lynn introduced Officer Kimberly Morton to Mayor Walker and Council. Mayor Walker and Council welcomed Officer Morton to the City of Perry.

4c. Special Events – Ms. A. Turpin.

1. Presentation of the revised Food Truck Friday footprint.

Ms. Turpin reviewed the revised Food Truck Friday footprint and stated expanding the footprint will put more space between the trucks and showcase Legacy Park and businesses in 700 block of Carroll Street. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to approve the revised Food Truck Friday footprint; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Request for a flag for use at the Courthouse and Event Center.

Ms. Turpin presented for Council's consideration a request to purchase a flag for use at the Courthouse and Event Center. Council Member Kung motioned to approve the request as submitted; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4d. Request for Perry Downtown Merchants Council Wine Tasting Event, May 21, 2021 – Ms. J. Thomas.

Ms. Thomas presented for Council's consideration a request for approval of the Perry Downtown Merchants Council Wine Tasting Event, May 21, 2021. Council Member Peterson motioned to approve the request as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4e. Proclamation recognizing National Historic Preservation Month 2021 – Mayor Walker.

Mayor Walker presented to Ms. Thomas and Ms. Loudermilk a proclamation recognizing National Historic Preservation Month 2021. Ms. Thomas and Ms. Loudermilk thanked Mayor Walker and Council for the proclamation.

4f. Proclamation recognizing Professional Municipal Clerks Week – Mayor Walker.

Mayor Walker presented to Ms. Warren a proclamation recognizing Professional Municipal Clerks Week. Ms. Warren thanked Mayor Walker and Council for the proclamation.

5. Appointments: Mayor Randall Walker

5a. Appointment of Mr. Ben Hulbert to the Perry Public Facilities Authority – Council Member Albritton.

Council Member Albritton nominated Mr. Ben Hulbert to the Perry Public Facilities Authority. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to appoint Mr. Hulbert to the Perry Public Facilities Authority; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

7. Citizens with Input.

Mr. Jason Kliethermes, 731 Sandefur Road, appeared before Council to express his concerns relative to the operation of the Community Development Department.

Meredith Lockerman, 904 Commerce Street, invited Mayor and Council to the groundbreaking ceremony of The Commodore Building on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Bob Cunningham, Houston Springs, requested signage on Country Club Road and stated May 4<sup>th</sup> is National Star Wars Day.

8. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:40 p.m.: Mayor Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:40 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-71-2021. Applicant, Alexy Starling, request a Special Exception to allow a Residential Business. The property is located at 316 Shane Circle; Tax Map No.0P45Co 098000.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed with Council the Special Exception request. Staff recommends approval of the Special Exception request with five conditions; the Planning Commission recommends approval of the Special Exception request with two additional conditions. The conditions are: 1) The Special Exception shall be limited to a Residential Business as an in-home salon only; 2) The Special Exception shall be limited to the applicant, Alexy Starling, and is not transferrable; 3) The applicant shall obtain a business license for the business located at 316 Shane Circle; 4) The applicant shall comply with the provisions of Section 4-4.3 of the Land Management Ordinance regarding Home Occupations and Residential Businesses, all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations; 5) No sign advertising the business shall be posted or displayed on the property; 6) The business shall not begin operations before 9:00 am; and 7) There shall be no appointments scheduled between 3:00 and 4:00 pm.

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

For: none

Against: none

Public Hearing Closed at 6:44 p.m. Mayor Walker closed the hearing at 6:44 p.m.

9. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 9a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the April 19, 2021 work session, April 20, 2021 pre council meeting, and April 20, 2021 council meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones 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 May 3, 2021 work session, and May 4, 2021 pre council meeting. none

- 11b. Special Exception Application 0071-2021 – Mr. B. Wood.

Council concurred to defer this item until the May 18 Council meeting.

- 11c. Resolution(s) for Introduction and Adoption:

1. Resolution for Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Costs of Acquiring Vehicles and Equipment with Tax Exempt Financing – Ms. B. King.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-23 for the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Costs of Acquiring Vehicles and Equipment with Tax Exempt Financing. Council Member King motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted; Council Member Hunt seconded the motioned and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-23 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

- 11d. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2021-24 Georgia Avenue Water Main Replacement - Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for the Georgia Avenue Water Main Replacement. Mr. Worthington stated his office received four responsive bids. Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder, TMT Utilities, LLC in the amount of

\$301,800.00 and the funding source is the Water and Sewer Fund. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to award the bid to low bidder, TMT Utilities, LLC in the amount of \$301,800.00; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Bid No. 2021-29 Bear Branch Sewer Expansion Phase IA – Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for Bear Branch Sewer Expansion Phase IA. Mr. Worthington stated his office received four responsive bids. Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder, Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$419,524.10 and the funding source is the Water and Sewer Fund. Council Member King moved to award the bid to low bidder, Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$419,524.10; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Bid No. 2021-33 Demolition Services – Stanley Property – Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for demolition services of the Stanley Property. Mr. Worthington stated his office received four responsive bids. Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder, Complete Demolition Services, LLC in the amount of \$104,800.00 that includes the additive alternative, the funding source is SPLOST 2018. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones moved to award the bid to low bidder, Complete Demolition Services, LLC in the amount of \$104,800.00 that includes the additive alternative; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Council Members Items:

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

Council Member Peterson commended Ms. Turpin on the Art in the Park Event and Ms. Fitzner on Heritage Park.

Council Member King reported the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia is meeting at the Perry Events Center on Thursday, May 6.

Mr. Gilmour reported Mayor and Council have been provided copies of the recommended FY 2022 Operating Budget and the hearing with department heads will be May 17.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Newby had no reports.

13. Department Heads/Staff Items.

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

Mr. Wood reminded everyone of the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan on May 11 at 5:30 pm in the Houston County Annex.

Chief Lynn

- Saturday, April 24 the first Records Restriction event was held at the Perry Events Center.
- Tuesday and Thursday of last week, the police department hosted two mental health first aid training at the Perry Events Center.

Ms. Hardin provided updates relative to the rural zone and business community.

14. General Public Items: none

15. Mayor Items:

- May 17, Work Session
- May 18, Pre council and Council

16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held May 4, 2021, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.