

**MINUTES**  
**CALLED MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 25, 2021**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the called meeting of Perry City Council held May 25, 2021 at 5:00 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 and Joy Peterson.

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Riley Hunt

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

City Departmental Staffing: Brenda King – Director of Administrator, Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Jazmin Thomas – Downtown Manager, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Allison Hamsley (PACVB), Dan Rhoades (21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership), Ellen Palmer and Scott and Deborah Cox (PACC), Bill and Ellie Loudermilk and Terre Walker (PAHS).

Media: Ms. Brianna Sheffield - Houston Home Journal.

3. Items of Review /Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker.

3a. FY 2022 Operating Budget

1. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership – Mr. D. Rhoades. Administration reported the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership requested \$12,562.98 and the recommendation from Administration was \$10,400.00. Mr. Dan Rhodes (251 Mossy Lake Road) provided Mayor and Council an update of the on-going activities at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership.
2. Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition – Mr. G. Boike. Administration reported Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition requested \$3,459.75 and Administration recommended \$3,500.00. No representation was

present from Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition.

3. Perry-Houston County Airport Authority – Mr. J. Marquardt. Administration reported the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority requested \$44,600.00 for FY 2022 and Administration's recommendation was \$44,600.00. No representation was present from the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority.
4. Perry Area Chamber of Commerce – Ms. E. Palmer. Administration stated the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce requested the following funding for FY 2022: Membership Dues -\$350.00, Perry Dogwood Festival - \$8,000.00, and Freedom Fireworks Event - \$15,000.00. Administration's recommendation was: Membership Dues - \$400.00, Perry Dogwood Festival, \$8,000.00, and Freedom Fireworks Event - \$15,000.00. Ms. Ellen Palmer (900 Carroll Street) thanked Mayor and Council for their support.
5. Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority – Ms. A. Hamsley. Administration advised the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority requested \$230,000.00 and Administration's recommendation was \$210,000.00. Mr. Gilmour noted that there may be some modifications forthcoming with Governor Kemp signing the bill increasing the hotel/motel tax to 8%. Ms. Allison Hamsley (101 General Courtney Hodges Boulevard) presented a PowerPoint of the PACVB activities and thanked Mayor and Council for their support.
6. Perry Area Historical Society – Ms. E. Loudermilk. Administration stated the Perry Area Historical Society requested \$10,000.00 and Administration's recommendation was \$10,000.00. Ms. Ellie Loudermilk (901 Northside Drive) thanked Mayor and Council for their support and shared that since January 2021 PAHS has received thirty-four requests for information.
7. Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry – Ms. J. Thomas. Administration reported the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry requested \$43,100.00 and Administration's recommendation was \$8,100.00. Ms. Thomas asked that DDA be allowed to come before Council if a viable project becomes available in the future.
8. Houston County Land Bank Authority. Administration stated the Houston County Land Bank Authority requested \$4,300.00 and Administration is recommending \$4,300.00. Administration advised that the money allocated is primary for insurance. No representation was present from the Houston County Land Bank Authority.
9. Main Street Advisory Board – Ms. J. Thomas. Administration reported the Main Street Advisory Board requested \$16,200.00 and Administration recommended \$10,900.00. Ms. Thomas stated Main

Street has had a great year and thanked Mayor and Council for the allocation.

4. Other Business - Supplemental Agenda Items: Mayor Randall Walker

- 4a. GDOT Agreements – Mr. L. Gilmour. Administration presented for Council's consideration two GDOT agreements. The first agreement is for the City's support to install a traffic signal device at the southbound ramp of I-75 / Exit 138 (Perry Parkway). The second agreement commits the City in funding the additional costs of lighting the Hendrick bridge replacement.

Authorized GDOT to install a traffic signal device at the south bound ramp at I-75 / Exit 138. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to authorize GDOT to install a traffic signal device at the south bound ramp at I-75 / Exit 138; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-25 approving the lighting request from GDOT for the Hendrick bridge replacement. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2021-25 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

5. Council Member Items.

Council had no reports

Mr. Gilmour advised Council that he sent out a response to budget session #1.

Ms. Newby and Mr. Smith had no reports.

6. Department Head/Staff Items:

Department heads had no reports.

7. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the called meeting held on May 25, 2021 Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.