

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
June 1, 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 June 1, 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 Joni Ary.

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, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, Annie Warren – City Clerk, Holly Wharton – Community Planner, Cody Gunn - Chief Building Officer, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Rachana Patel – Intern, and Detective Quridsha Gilliam – Perry Police Department.

Media: Brianna Sheffield – Houston Home Journal

Guest(s): Mr. Andrew Baker and Ms. Bonnie Giles.

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. Appearance(s):

- 4a. Discussion relative to hair salons. Mr. Andrew Baker, 1137 Macon Road, stated he was here to speak to Mayor and Council about his business Tre Bella Salon that received notice about the parking lot needed to be paved. Mr. Baker stated he received his Certificate of Occupancy for his business on January 25, 2021, and received the notice on March 16, 2021.

Mr. Gilmour stated that he would review the information from Mr. Baker and will get back to Council and Mr. Baker about the situation.

4b. Freedom Fireworks Application. Ms. Bonnie Giles, Perry Chamber of Commerce, requested Mayor and Council approve the request for Fire and Police for the Freedom Fireworks event at the Fairgrounds on July 4, 2021. Mayor and Council approved the Freedom Fireworks special event permit as submitted.

5. Community Partner(s) Update(s): None.

6. Citizen's with Input. None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:12 p.m.: Mayor Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:12 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.

7a. RZNE-0091-2021. Applicant, Juanita Blanford, request the rezoning of the property from C-2, General Commercial to R-3, Multi-Family Residential District. The property is located at 711 Joe Louis Drive; Tax Map No. 0P0150 025000. Ms. Holly Wharton.

Staff Report: Ms. Wharton reviewed the rezoning request. Staff recommends approval of the application with the following condition; Prior to the development of the subject property, the lots owned by the applicant on Joe Louis Drive (707, 709, and 711) shall be combined in order to develop in conformance with Article 5 – Measurements and Dimensional Standards of the Land Management Ordinance.

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

For: Ms. Juanita Blanford, the applicant stated that she has no problem with the condition and stated the property has been owned by her family and she was raised.

Against: None

7b. Public Hearing for the FY 2022 Operating Budget for the City of Perry.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed with the Mayor and Council the FY 2022 Operating Budget for the City of Perry.

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

For: None.

Against: None.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:26 P.M. Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the May 17, 2021 work session, May 18, 2021 pre council meeting, May 18, 2021 council meeting, and May 25, 2021, called meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Council Member Hunt was absent on May 25, 2021 called meeting and abstained from voting for the May 25, 2021 minutes.

9. Old Business:

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

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the annexation of property to the City of Perry. The property is located at 111 Hill Road.

Denied ordinance for the annexation of property to the City of Perry located at 111 Hill Road. Council Member Albritton motioned to deny the ordinance as presented; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion to deny and it carried unanimously.

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for rezoning of the property from R-AG (County), Residential-Agricultural District to R-2A (City), Single family residential district. The property is located at 111. Hill Road.

Mayor Walker stated since the annexation was denied this petition is not valid.

3. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for rezoning of the property from R-1, Single family residential district to R-2A (City), Single family residential district. The property is located at 125 Hill Road.

Denied ordinance for the annexation of property to the City of Perry located at 125 Hill Road. Council Member Albritton motioned to deny the ordinance as presented; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion to deny and it carried unanimously.

9b. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution to amend fee schedule relative to the James E. Worrall Community Center rental rates.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-26 to amend the fee schedule relative to the James E. Worrall Community Center rates. Council Member King motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-26 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

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 June 1, 2021 pre council meeting. None.

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

- 1. **First Reading** of an ordinance for rezoning of the property from C-2, General Commercial to R-3, Multi-Family residential district. The property is located at 711 Joe Louis Drive; Tax Map No. 0P0150 025000. Ms. H. Wharton. *(No action required by Council).*
- 2. **First Reading** of an ordinance adopting the FY 2022 Operating Budget for the City of Perry. Mr. L. Gilmour. *(No action required by Council).*
- 3. **First Reading** of an ordinance to implement a Hotel-Motex Tax of 8% - Ms. B. Newby. *(No action required by Council).*

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

- 1. Resolution to amend the City's Education Assistance Policy – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-27 to amend the City's Education Assistance Policy. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to approve the resolution as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-27 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

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 stated that representatives from the Perry Police Department attended Major-Chief Deputy Sheriff Kenny Cameron from the Peach County Sheriff's Office funeral that was held today.

Ms. Hardin stated that on June 10, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Advance Drainage System will be hosting a job fair at the Perry Events Center job, and they are looking to hire for 40 positions.

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

14. General Public Items: None.

15. Mayor Items:

- June 14, 2021, Work Session
- June 15, 2021, Pre council and Council
- June 11, 2021, Food Truck Friday Team Spirit Night

16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held June 1, 2021, Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.