

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
June 15, 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 15, 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: 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, Anya Turpin – Special Events Administrator, Tabitha Clark – Communicator Administrator, and Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager.

Media: Brianna Sheffield – Houston Home Journal and Nick Gibson – WGXA News

Guest(s): Rachana Patel

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

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

- 4a. Introduction of new firefighter Corey Gaston. Chief Parker introduced firefighter Corey Gaston to Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council welcomed firefighter Gaston to the City of Perry.

- 4b. Life Save Award for June 2 SOHO Inn Fire – PFES “B” Shift. Chief Parker introduced and presented each member of Shift “B” who worked the SOHO Inn fire on June 2 with a Life Save Award. The firefighters present were: Captain Michael Paull, Sergeant Austin Redmond, Sergeant Clint Mixon, Firefighter Shawn Jenson, Firefighter Andrew Rowell, Firefighter David Minter, Firefighter Nadad Jeanjulien, Firefighter Joshua Kelly, Firefighter Vincenn Walls, Firefighter Sam Ansley, Firefighter Austin Williams, and Firefighter Kadie

Peterman. Mayor and Council congratulated the firefighters on a job well done.

4c. Special Events – Ms. A. Turpin.

1. The City of Perry’s 2022 Juneteenth Freedom Day Festival. Ms. Turpin presented for Council’s consideration a proposal to host “Lest We Forget Slavery Museum Traveling Exhibit” for the 2022 Juneteenth Freedom Day Festival. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve as presented; Council King seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Member Hunt abstaining.

5. Mayor/Council Joint Appointment.

5a. Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority – Mr. Chris Patel

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to appoint Mr. Chris Patel to the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to appoint Mr. Chris Patel to the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

7. Citizens with Input. none

8. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 p.m.: Mayor Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:10 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. TEXT-146-2021. Applicant, The City of Perry, request modifications to Land Management Ordinance Sections 2-2.1, 2-2.2, 2-3.1, 2-3.2, 2-3.3, 2-3.5, and 2-3.7 to remove duplicative language, to clarify the requirements for various zoning applications, and to clarify the procedures for various zoning applications, including the authority of the Planning Commission and City Council. The specific zoning applications being modified are those for: Official zoning map amendments; Annexation and zoning of land; De-annexation of land; Amendments to the text of the ordinance; Planned unit developments; Special exceptions; and Variances and Appeals of administrative decisions.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed the text amendment.

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

For: none

Against: Mr. Jason Kliethermes, 431 Sandefur Road, voiced his concern that an application should require a site plan.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:35P.M. Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

9. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 9a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the June 1, 2021 pre council meeting, and June 1, 2021 council meeting.

Council Member King motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Old Business:

10a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of 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 – Mr. B. Wood.

Mr. Wood stated the applicant requested this application be tabled until the July 6, 2021 meeting. Mayor Walker entertained a motion to table this application until the July 6, 2021 meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to table this application until the July 6, 2021 meeting; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance adopting FY 2022 Operating Budget for the City of Perry – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-10 adopting the FY 2022 Operating Budget for the City of Perry. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2021-10 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

3. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to implement a Hotel-Motel Tax of 8% – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-11 to implement a Hotel-Motel Tax of 8%. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2021-11 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

- 10b. Council approval of Terms and Conditions and Assurances regarding the American Rescue Plan Act Funding – Ms. B. King.

Council Member King motioned to approve the Terms and Conditions and Assurances regarding the American Rescue Plan Act Funding. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Any Other Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

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

12. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 12a. Matters referred from June 14, 2021 work session and June 15, 2021 pre council meeting.

1. Resolution to establish a wastewater service provision policy – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-28 establishing a wastewater service provision policy. Council Member Albritton motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2021-28 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

2. Resolution establishing a 90-day moratorium on the permitting of conservation subdivisions – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-29 establishing a 90-day moratorium on the permitting of conservation subdivisions. Council Member King motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2021-29 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

- 12b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance for modifications to Land Management Ordinance Sections 2-2.1, 2-2.2, 2-3.1, 2-3.2, 2-3.3, 2-3.5, and 2-3.7 to remove duplicative language, to clarify the requirements for various zoning applications, and to clarify the procedures for various zoning applications, including the authority of the Planning Commission and City Council. The specific zoning applications being modified are those for: Official zoning map amendments; Annexation and zoning of land; De-annexation of land; Amendments to the text of the ordinance; Planned unit developments; Special exceptions; and Variances and

Appeals of administrative decisions – Mr. B. Wood. *(No action is required by Council)*

12c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution to amend the City of Perry Position Classification Plan – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-30 amending the City of Perry Position Classification Plan. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-30 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

12d. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2021-34 Bear Branch Sewer Expansion Phase 1B – Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for the Bear Branch Sewer Expansion Phase 1B. Mr. Worthington stated his office received seven responsive bids. Staff recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder, Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,132,988.25 and the funding source is SPLOST 2018. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones moved to award the bid to the low bidder Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,132,988.25; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried. *(Council Member King had step away from the meeting)*

2. Bid No. 2021-37 Andrew Heights Park - Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for Andrew Heights playground equipment. Mr. Worthington stated his office received three responsive bids. Staff recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder, Bliss Products and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$21,401.80, and the funding for this project comes through a \$3,000 donation and SPLOST 2018. Council Member Albritton moved to award the bid to the low bidder Bliss Products and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$21,401.80; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Sale of surplus land adjacent to Pine Needle Park – Mr. M. Worthington.

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for surplus land adjacent to Pine Needle Park. Mr. Worthington stated his office received one bid from a neighboring property owner in the amount of \$5,305.00. Staff recommends awarding this bid to the neighboring property owner in the amount of \$5,305.00. Council Member Peterson motioned to award the bid to the neighboring property

owner in the amount of \$5,305.00; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 12e. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between Middle Georgia Regional Commission and City of Perry relative to sign inventory – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Council Member King motioned to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Middle Georgia Regional Commission and City of Perry relative to sign inventory as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 12f. City of Perry 2021 LMIG Project Request for Change Order #1 – Mr. C. McMurrian.

Council Member Albritton motioned to approve the City of Perry 2021 LMIG Project Request Change Order #1 as presented; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 12g. Approval of TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement – Mr. B. Wood.

Council Member King motioned to approve the TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement subject to review/approval by the city attorney; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- 13a. Approval of amendment no. 24 to the City's agreement with ESG Operations, Inc. – Ms. B. Newby.

Council Member King motioned to approve amendment no. 24 to the City's agreement with ESG Operations, Inc.; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

14. Council Members Items:

Council had no reports.

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

15. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Chief Lynn advised Mayor and Council that he implemented a traffic enforcement detail on Inverness Drive.

Chief Parker reminded everyone of the water battle on Saturday, June 26, 10am – noon at Rozar Park.

Ms. Clark

- June 18, 7pm – 9pm, Perry Presents at Heritage Oaks Park

- June 19, noon – 4pm, Juneteenth event at the Perry Events Center

Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Wood, Mr. McMurrian, Ms. Fitzner, Mr. Swan and Ms. Warren had no reports.

16. General Public Items: none

17. Mayor Items:

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18. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held June 15, 2021, Council Member Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.