

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
July 19, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held on July 19, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Riley Hunt.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Joni Ary.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Annie Warren – City Clerk, Heath Dykes – CID Captain Police Department, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, and Holly Wharton – Community Planner.

Press: Brianna Sheffield – Houston Home Journal

Guest (s): None

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

3a. Department of Community Development.

1. Connectivity Working Group request to apply for a trails grant. Ms. Holly Wharton presented to Mayor and Council the Connectivity Working Group trails grant for the Weleetka trail extension. Ms. Wharton stated they are currently working on receiving estimates and potential designs for the trail extension. Ms. Wharton stated this would be a matching grant with 20% required for the City with grant funding up to \$200,000.00. The pre-application due date is November 1, 2021. Ms. Wharton stated she is asking Mayor and Council concurrence to proceed with the trails grant.

City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the Administration's recommendation is to delay applying for the grant until 2022 and proceed with getting the design and layout costs for the Weleetka trail extension and report back information to Council to review. Council concurred to proceed as recommended by the City Manager.

2. Monthly capital projects update. Mr. Chad McMurrian presented to Mayor and Council the monthly capital projects for the City of Perry. Mr. McMurrian reviewed all the capital projects and status. Mr. Gilmour asked that the sidewalk connectivity extension for Heritage Oaks to Houston Springs be included on the capital projects listing. Council agreed.

The Administration stated that the funding for the projects will come from multiple funding sources i.e SPLOST, bonds, and enterprise funds. The City of Perry will be receiving from the United States Treasury the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for the City water and sewer projects. Mr. Gilmour stated the City will be reviewing the water and sewer projects to create a priority list of projects.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. McMurrian for all his hard work and look forward to his monthly updates.

3b. Office of the City Manager.

1. FY 2021 Communications Office Statistics. Ms. Tabitha Clark presented to Mayor and Council the Communication Office statistics for the fiscal year 2021. Ms. Clark stated the Communications Office's goal is to keep Mayor and Council, staff, citizens, businesses, and visitors informed and educated while enhancing the City's visibility and transparency. The City of Perry's media platform has increased with more citizens subscribing. The overall feedback from the citizens is positive and find the information we are releasing informative.

Council Member Bynum-Grace stated that she has received phone calls from as far away as California inquiring about the City of Perry Black History month recognizing distinguished African Americans. Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Clark for all her hard work.

2. Contracted solid waste collection Mr. Gilmour presented to Mayor and Council the proposal from Waste Management to assist the City with providing toters for our customers. The City currently outsources the toters but the orders have not been filled in a timely matter. Waste Management stated they would take over our toters and pay the City \$280,000 but would also increase the City's monthly charge. Mr. Gilmour stated the increase would not effect the current fiscal budget, but the increase would be gradually phased in. The Administration recommends Council to 1) accept Waste Management's offer to take over the toter provision, 2) the City amend its contract with Waste

Management to adjust for the new rates, the annual adjustment factor, and length of the contract, and 3) the City uses its totter purchase money to cover the additional costs in contractor collection costs until it can phase in additional costs. Council concurred with the recommendation as outlined.

3. Consider the proposal to replace table furnishing at pocket parks. Mr. Gilmour presented to Mayor and Council the proposal to replace the table furnishings at the City's pocket parks. The metal furnishings at the parks are showing their age and proposes the table be replaced with concrete tables that will be ADA accessible. Council concurred to proceed.
4. Consider approving signage at Perry Industrial Park. Mr. Gilmour presented to Mayor and Council the proposal to consider approving signage at Perry Industrial Park. There will be two signs, one sign will be located at the intersection of Perry Parkway/Valley Drive and the existing sign at Valley Drive/Industrial Park Drive will be replaced with a new sign. The signage would have slats for business identification and would be two-sided. Council concurred to proceed.

3c. Office of City Attorney

1. Discuss establishing a No Smoking Policy for the City of Perry buildings, facilities, and vehicles. Ms. Newby discussed with the Mayor and Council relative to establishing a No Smoking policy for the City of Perry buildings, facilities, and vehicles. The City does not currently have a written policy. After discussion, Ms. Newby stated she would research what other municipalities' policies are for smoking and report back the findings.

4. Council Member Items:

Council had no reports.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

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

Ms. King, Ms. Warren, Mr. Wood, Det. Dykes, Chief Parker, Mrs. Fitzner, and Ms. Clark had no reports.

Mrs. Hardin stated the LNW Hospitality and the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority signed a long-term lease on July 14th to being a new hotel coming to the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Mayor and Council thanked Mrs. Hardin for all her hard work on this project.

Mayor Walker

- Mayor Walker introduced Mayor Steve Edwards from Sugarhill that is visiting Perry.
- Pre-Council July 20, 2021, at 5:00 pm.
- Council Meeting July 20, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on July 19, 2021, Council Member Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.