

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
September 7, 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 August 17, 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, and Joy Peterson.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Riley Hunt

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Annie Warren.

Departmental Staffing: Brenda King - Director of Administration, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Cody Gunn – Chief Building Official, 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 Manager, Holly Wharton – Community Planner, Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Crumpton – Fire and Emergency Services Department, and Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator.

Media: Joe Speir – WGXA News

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): none

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor Randall Walker

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

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

5. Citizens with Input. none

6. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:03 P.M. Mayor Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:03 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 and Sec. 4-5-32.

- 6a. Proposed retaining of the operation at 14.050 mills – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Staff Report: Administration recommendation to continue to keep millage rate at 14.050 mills.

Public Input: Mayor Walker called for any public input for or opposed to the proposed retaining of the operation at 14.050 mills.

For: none

Opposed: none

- 6b. ANNX-203-2021. Applicant, Dr. Mark Scott for Houston County School District, request the annexation and zoning of Land to GU, Government Use. The property is located at 315 Langston Road; Tax Map No. 005500 198000 – Ms. H. Wharton.

Staff Report: Ms. Wharton reviewed the application and stated the Planning Commission and staff recommends approval of the annexation with the requested GU, Government Use zoning classification.

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

For: none

Against: none

- 6c. ANNX-213-2021. Applicant, Wingate Custom Homes, request the annexation and rezoning of property from R-AG (County), Residential-Agricultural District to R-2A (City), Single-family Residential District. The property is located at 433 Langston Road; Tax Map No. 005500 196000 – Ms. H. Wharton.

Staff Report: Ms. Wharton reviewed the application and stated the Planning Commission and staff recommends approval of the annexation request and the proposed zoning classification of R-2A, single-family residential, based on the following conditions: 1) Upgrades to the Langston Place pump station and force main (if necessary) are required at the applicant's expense and 2) Applicant shall obtain a utility easement from adjacent property owner to provide access to the Langston Place pump station to be used by the City of Perry Staff for maintenance and repairs.

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

For: Steven Rowland, 318 Corporate Parkway, Ste. 301, Macon, GA, spoke in favor of the application.

Against: none

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:20 P.M. Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

7. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the August 16, 2021 work session, August 17, 2021 pre council meeting, and August 17, 2021 council meeting.

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

8. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 8a. Mayor Randall Walker - none  
8b. Council Members – Council Member Peterson asked if COVID funds could be used to assist downtown merchants.  
8c. City Attorney Brooke Newby - none  
8d. City Manager Lee Gilmour - none  
8e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith - absent

9. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 9a. Matters referred from September 7, 2021 pre council meeting. none

9b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance for the annexation of property to the City of Perry. The property is located at 315 Langston Road; Tax Map No. 005500 198000 – Mr. B. Wood. *(No action required by Council)*
2. **First Reading** of an ordinance for the Zoning of Land to GU, Government Use. The property is located at 315 Langston Road; Tax Map No. 005500 198000 – Mr. B. Wood. *(No action is required by Council)*
3. **First Reading** of an ordinance for the annexation of property to the City of Perry. The property is located at 433 Langston Road; Tax Map No. 005500 196000 – Mr. B. Wood. *(No action required by Council)*
4. **First Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from R-AG (County), Residential-Agricultural District to R-2A (City), Single-family Residential District. The property is located at 433 Langston Road; Tax Map No. 005500 196000 – Mr. B. Wood. *(No action is required by Council)*

9c. Award of Bid(s):

1. Award of Bid 2022-01      Houston Lake Drive Sidewalk Addition  
Mr. M. Worthington



3. Resolution amending the City's Personnel Management System to provide for parental leave – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-40 amending the City's Personnel Management System to provide for parental leave. Council Member King motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-40 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

4. Resolution authorizing legal action to abate a public nuisance, 1044 Greenwood Drive – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-41 authorizing legal action to abate a public nuisance, 1044 Greenwood Drive. Council Member King motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-41 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

5. Resolution authorizing legal action to abate a public nuisance, 1016 Duncan Avenue – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-42 authorizing legal action to abate a public nuisance, 1016 Duncan Avenue. Council Member Albritton motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2021-42 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

- 9e. Accommodation excise tax – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Administration recommended adding two positions based on the increase in the accommodation excise tax revenue. An additional position for litter control and a support position for special events with the caveat not to proceed with the filling of the position until we are pass the COVID restrictions issues. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned approve the two positions with the caveat stated by Administration; Council Member Peterson second the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 9f. Proposed job classifications - Mr. L. Gilmour.

Council Member Albritton motioned to accept the proposed job classifications; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 9g. Georgia Power Lighting Agreement – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Administration recommended Council approve Georgia Power Lighting Agreement subject to review by the city attorney. Council Member Albritton

motioned to the Georgia Power Agreement subject to review by the city attorney; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Council Members Items:

Council Members Bynum-Grace, Albritton, King and Peterson had no reports.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jones inquired about a fee waiver for house of worship banners.

Mr. Gilmour and Ms. Newby had no reports.

11. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Mr. Worthington reported surplus vehicles for sale will be posted on GovDeal.com

Ms. Hardin reminded everyone the Restaurant Career Fair on September 22.

Chief Lynn reminded everyone of the kick-off for the Georgia National Fair

Ms. Wharton

- September 18, Strategic Planning Retreat
- November 9 & 10, training opportunity at the Community Planning Institute

12. General Public Items: none

13. Mayor Items:

- September 18, Strategic Planning Retreat
- September 20, Work Session
- September 21, Pre council and council meetings

14. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held September 7, 2021 Council Member Albritton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.