

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 2 , 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held November 2, 2021 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Randall Walker, and Council Members Joy Peterson, Willie King, Darryl Albritton, Riley Hunt and Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

Elected Official Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Robert Jones

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby, 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, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Ashley Harden – Economic Development Administrator, Jazmin Thomas – Downtown Manager, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator.

Media: William Oliver – Houston Home Journal

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Becky Wilson and Allison Hamsley, Perry Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of November 2, 2021 council meeting agenda.

9b (1). First Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Animals, adding Section 4-111 to address Public Nuisance for Dogs. Ms. Newby stated this amendment is for clarification relative to dogs that create a public nuisance. In the City's animal control chapter, there is a section that is general to animals and when they create a public nuisance. The city's animal control officer reached out to Ms. Newby wanting clarification relative to citing a particular owner when a dog was running at-large because there is a specific code relative to cats when they are a public nuisance but not dogs. Ms. Newby is coming to Council to add a specific section on dogs.

9b (2). First Reading of an ordinance to amend City Code, Chapter 15, Article VI, Transient Merchants. Ms. Newby stated this is a follow up to

discussions relative to transient merchants and presented a code amendment to include the definition of transient merchants and provided a section that prohibits transient merchants within the city limits.

9c(1). Resolution amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Administration stated the resolution proposing to amend the fee schedule does two things, remove the sewer tap fees since the city no longer does the tap and establish rental rates for the use of Heritage Park.

9d. Mowing proposal. Ms. Fitzner presented for Council' consideration landscaping maintenance proposals at the city's ten pocket parks. Staff's recommendation is to award the bid to Real Turf Solutions, the second lowest bidder, in the amount of \$1,680.00 per month / \$20,160.00 per year because the lowest bidder does not carry workers' compensation coverage.

Council Member Peterson asked Ms. Fitzner what prompted her to ask for this additional help. Ms. Fitzner replied that Sam Nunn Boulevard and the sidewalks are done by the streets division which does not follow the same schedule of maintenance or attention to detail, so they are just lacking that extra time needed.

9e. Approve and accept Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplemental Grant, terms and conditions, and authorize the Mayor to execute any required documents associated with the grant. Ms. King reviewed the grant, terms and conditions and authorization of the Mayor to execute required documents associated with the grant. Mayor Walker stated the City Attorney reviewed the terms and conditions and they are acceptable.

9f. Request to provide QuitClaim Deed to the Sexton Family Properties, LLLP relative to Aultman Street. Ms. Newby provided the history of Aultman Street and reported Aultman Street on the tax accessor's website is located between Kings Chapel Road and Sewell Circle. Ms. Newby's office received a request from the Sexton's Family attorney to have the city execute a QuitClaim Deed to go on record to clear up any title concerns.

- 3b. Discussion of Perry Sippin' Stroll. Ms. Wilson presented to Mayor and Council Perry, GA Sippin' Stroll program and passed out promotion materials.
- 3c. Discuss irrigation water meter proposal. Administration advised Mayor and Council that the City is experiencing a direct impact from the nation-wide supply issue relative to water meters. Rather than placing a moratorium on new constructions Administration recommends the following process: 1) City will immediately cease installing irrigation meters, 2) any permittee who has paid for an irrigation meter will have that fee refunded, 3) the City will continue to install the irrigation meter box and setup, 4) any irrigation system installed without a meter will be provided a bill credit of December – March 7 units/bill and April – November 59 units /bill to compensate for the sewer charges associated with irrigation use, 5) based on application time irrigation meters will be installed at no cost to the customer by city staff, 6) once the irrigation

meter is installed the bill credit will cease, 7) the customer is responsible for the full payment of the city service bill, and 8) the billing permit will not include the irrigation meter charge until the meter shortage is addressed. Subsequent to the preparation of this memo, ESG Operations, Inc. found a meter supplier. Administration recommends Council follow through with the proposal should we need to if the city is not able to get meters on a regular supply. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation.

Council Member Peterson inquired if the meters that ESG Operation, Inc. found are American made. Mr. Gilmour stated the bulk of the meters are manufactured in Mexico.

4. Council Member Items:

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

Council Member Peterson stated she attend the P&Z training and the attorney stated when casting a vote relative to annexation and Land Use the verbiage for the vote should be "having considered the zoning standards, I vote yes to approve, or I do not approve". Ms. Newby stated the motion should include this verbiage.

Mr. Gilmour and Ms. Newby had no reports.

Mr. Smith advised Mayor and Council that the city will be getting a rebate check from ESG Operations, Inc.

5. Department Head/Staff:

Mr. Wood

- advised Council that he sent out an email with links relative to the P&Z training.
- two new employees started today, Kevin Kent (Building Inspector) and Chantavvia Blount (Code Compliance Specialist).

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held October 19, 2021 Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.