

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 16, 2021
6:00 pm.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held on November 16, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) 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, Ashely Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Sgt. Jacob Laster – Perry Police Department, and Annie Warren – City Clerk.

Media: William Oliver – Houston Home Journal

Guest(s): Laura Mathis – Middle Georgia Regional Commission

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. Presentation of the 2021 Fire Safety Poster Contest: Chief L. Parker.

1. Honorable Mention – Kelli Pomazal – Langston Road Elementary School. Chief Parker stated that Ms. Pomazal was not able to attend the meeting tonight.

2. Runner-Up – Paxton Wood – Langston Road Elementary School. Chief Parker asked Mr. Paxton Wood to come up with his family to be presented by Mayor Walker the Certificate of Achievement.

3. Winner – Ella Cannon – The Westfield School. Chief Parker asked Ms. Ella Cannon and her family to come before Council to present the Certificate of Achievement by Mayor Walker.

- 4b. Recognition of an award from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in the Governor's Challenge for 2020-2021. Sgt. Jacob Laster presented to Mayor and Council the award from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Challenge that recognizes statewide law enforcement agencies. The City of Perry won 2nd place.

- 4c. Introduction of John Howell, Part-time Logistics Technician. Chief Lynn introduced to Mayor and Council Mr. John Howell, part-time logistics technician. Mayor and Council welcomed Mr. Howell to the City.

- 4d. Proclamation recognizing Small Business Saturday. Mayor Walker presented to Ms. Jazmine Thomas and Main Street Committee members: Ms. Trish Cossart, Ms. Yetoria DeShazier, Ms. Angela Walker, and Mr. Jim Lay a proclamation declaring Small Business Saturday, November 27, 2021.

- 4e. Special Events Application.
 1. Christmas at the Crossroads event. Mayor Walker reviewed the Christmas at the Crossroads event application for December 5, 2021, from 6 pm – 7:30 pm.

Council Member Albritton motioned to approve the application as submitted. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 2. Peaches to Beaches event. Mr. Gilmour requested that this application be tabled until Council 's next meeting to clarify the support staff requested.

Council Member King motioned to table this item until Council's next meeting. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

6. Citizens with Input. None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:17 pm: Mayor Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:17 pm 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. TEXT-256-2021. Applicant, The City of Perry, requests the proposed amendment define and addresses self-service units, within the City of Perry. This amendment updates Section 1.13 Definitions, by defining "Self-service

vending unit” and Section 4-1.1 (d) Prohibited uses, by adding (h) freestanding self-service vending units as a prohibited use.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood stated the proposed amendment would promote design guidelines that reinforce the human scale of development and support more aesthetically pleasing commercial centers and corridors. Staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the application as submitted.

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

For: None.

Against: None

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:19 pm Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 6:19 pm.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

8a. Council’s Consideration – Minutes of the November 2, 2021, pre council meeting, and November 2, 2021 council meeting. (*Mayor Pro-Tempore Robert Jones was absent from the November 2, 2021 meetings.*)

Council Member King motioned to accept the minutes as submitted, and Council Member Peterson seconded the motion, and it carried with Mayor Pro-Tempore Jones abstaining from the vote.

9. Old Business:

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

1. **Second Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Animals, adding Section 4-111 to address Public Nuisance for Dogs.**

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-24 to amend Chapter 4, Animals, adding Section 4-111 to address Public Nuisance for Dogs. Ms. Newby stated that this amendment defines when dogs become a nuisance and recommends approval. Council Member King motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented; Mayor Pro-Tempore Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2021-24 has been entered into the City’s official book of record.*)

2. **Second Reading of an ordinance to amend City Code, Chapter 15, Article VI, Transient Merchants.**

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-25 to amend City Code, Chapter 15, Article VI, Transient Merchants. Ms. Newby stated that this amendment prohibits transient merchants in the city limits and

recommends approval. Council Member King motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2021-25 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

10. Any Other Old Business.

- 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 November 16, 2021 pre council meeting. None.

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

- 1. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending Sections 1.13 and 4-1.1 (D) to address Self-service Vending Machines- Mr. B Wood.
(*No action required by Council*).

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

- 1. Resolution declaring certain assets surplus– Mr. M. Worthington.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-55 declaring certain assets surplus. Mr. Worthington requested declaring asset 1928, “Paddy Wagon” surplus. Council Member King motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2021-55 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

11d. Award of emergency contract to repair Valley Drive stormwater pipe.

Mr. Worthington explained that the situation was an emergency because the collapsed stormwater pipe ran under the driveway to one of the City's pump stations, and that there are gas and sewer lines in the vicinity that could be affected. Mr. Worthington requested Council approve the emergency contract to repair Valley Drive stormwater pipe to TMT Utilities in the amount of \$15,000.00. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to approve the request as submitted, and Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Council Members Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Jones and Council Members Albritton, Hunt, Peterson, and King had no reports.

Council Member Bynum-Grace stated that someone has been dumping materials at the vacant lot on Oliver Street and would like to have a sign put up and the location cleaned up. Mr. Gilmour stated that the sign and lot would be cleaned.

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

13. Department Heads/Staff Items:

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

Ms. King stated that the Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplemental Grant had been submitted. The ARPA State and Local fiscal application status have changed to pending committee evaluation, and I hope to hear something in the upcoming weeks.

Chief Lynn reported four (4) new hires police trainees started today and will be attending the Police Academy in January 2022.

Chief Parker reported that the City of Perry's ISO rating beginning December 1st would be a 3. Chief Parker stated that the information would be published in the local paper and media release.

Sedrick Swan reported that the youth basketball participants increased from 240 participants to 400 participants from last year. The 3-year-old to the 4-year-old program now has a waiting list.

Ms. Clark reported that Thursday, November 19th at 4:00 pm would be the Andrew Heights Park dedication.

Ms. Thomas reported that the Downtown Holiday open house would be on November 20th. During Small Business Saturday, you can receive tokens, and anyone with 20 tokens will be entered to win \$250.00 downtown dollars. You can go on Main Street's website to purchase downtown dollars.

Ms. Hardin stated that the Project Tuscan recruitment effort has paid off and is happy to announce that the Amici restaurant and brewery would begin construction on Perry Parkway/Washington Place Drive in 2022.

14. General Public Items: none.

15. Mayor Items:

1. Redistricting Map Proposals. Mayor Walker asked Ms. Laura Mathis from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to review the two redistricting map proposals for the City of Perry. Ms. Mathis reviewed the two redistricting maps. Based on the recent Census, the City of Perry districts must be changed. The first map proposal plan 3 has the City broken up into five (5) districts with one (1) council member per district and one (1) council seat at large. The second map proposal, plan 1B has the City broken up into three (3) districts with two (2) council members seats per district. Ms. Mathis stated that once Council

decides, the information would have to go before the General Assembly's approval, with a December 10th deadline to submit. Mr. Gilmour stated that once Council decides, Council would sit down with the Regional Commission to review the district lines.

Council Member Peterson motioned to approve Plan 1B for the redistricting map for the City of Perry then Council Member Peterson amended her motion to maintain three (3) districts with two council seats per district. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Mayor Walker stated the next council work session would be on December 6th at 5:00 pm and pre council and regular meetings on December 7th beginning at 5:00 pm.
 3. The City Council and Planning Commission joint meeting will be on November 30, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held November 16, 2021, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.