

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
February 15, 2022
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held February 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

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, Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chief Lee Parker - Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn- Perry Police Department, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Holly Wharton – Community Planner, Ashly Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator.

Media: William Oliver – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of February 15, 2022 council meeting agenda.

4a. 33rd Annual Dogwood Festival. Administration recommended Council handle the request for Public Works to collect trash in the same manner the city did for Peaches to Beaches. The city provides a dumpster, and the organizers are responsible for getting the trash collected and placed in the dumpsters. The remaining requests for city services are standard and acceptable.

5a. Worrall Foundation – Pine Needle Park Presentation. Mayor Walker stated the Worrall Foundation will be presenting a donation to the city this evening for Pine Needle Park to help the city built out some equipment the city would like to put in the park and the Foundation would like to invest in ADA compliance equipment for all child to use.

8a (1). Second Reading of a Charter Amendment for Reapportionment of Representatives Districts. Ms. Newby stated this is the second reading of the ordinance that will amend the Charter to provide for the redistricting of the city. After the second reading there will be a change to the districts, and this is provided under home rule. The ordinance will be effective upon Council's adoption.

8a (2). Second Reading of an ordinance for the annexation of property to the City of Perry. The property is located at 2019 Hwy 41; Tax Map No. 000310 022000. Mr. Wood stated this is a 1.08-acre parcel located at 2019 Hwy 41. This ordinance is to annex the parcel into the city. The Perry Planning Commission recommends approval with no conditions.

8a (3). Second Reading of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from R-1 (County) to C-2, General Commercial (City). The property is located at 2019 Hwy 41; Tax Map No. 000310 022000. Mr. Wood stated this is a request to rezone the property listed as item 8a (2) from R-1 (County) to C-2, General Commercial (City) and it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Perry Planning Commission recommends approval.

10a (1). Resolution to approve the revised Military Leave Policy. Ms. Newby stated this an update to the City Military Leave Policy so that the city is following current law and federal/state policy. Ms. Newby noted one change was made to the resolution after last evening's meeting to clarify 18 days required under state law would be interpreted as 18 shifts for our firefighters and police officers.

10a (2). Resolution to adopt the Perry Sewer Master Plan for the south and east Perry service areas. Administration recommended Council adopt the resolution to establish the plan of how the city will address sewer service in the south and east portions of our service areas.

10b (1). Bid No. 2022-20 Perry Branch Sewer Upgrades. Mr. Worthington stated this is a project to replace the main sewer line of Hwy 127 South to Big Indian Creek. Mr. Worthington's office received three responsive bids. Staff recommends awarding the bid to low bidder Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$2,977,940.00. The funding source is Perry Public Facilities Authority and American Rescue Plan.

10c (1). Resolution to approve the City of Perry Meeting Growth Demands Through Annexation. Mayor Walker stated there is a strong movement in the state legislature to restrict much of the work we do through annexation, and not only restrict what we do through annexation, but requiring approval of county and school boards. Mayor Walker stated this resolution makes a statement that the city is in favor of growth through city annexation.

10c (2). Resolution to amend the Service Delivery Strategy for the City of Perry. Ms. Wharton stated this resolution amendment reduces Perry's southern sewerage collection and sewerage treatment service area boundaries from Fire

Tower Road, Gilbert Road, and Grovania Road to Flat Creek, Golden Isles Parkway, and Boutwell Road. Assuming the City of Perry goes forward with adopting this amendment, the other governments in Houston County will also go through the same resolution process agreeing to this amendment. Ms. Wharton reported the Service Delivery Strategy is reviewed every ten years.

10d. Approval of Mission Square Retirement Governmental Profit-Sharing Adoption Plan Agreement and Hardship Withdrawal Amendment. Ms. Newby stated to ensure the city's retirement plan is kept up to date, legislative and regulatory amendments, the IRS requires the city to execute a new adoption agreement every six years, approving governmental profit-sharing adoption plan and also reflecting Council's approval of providing up to 4% match to employee contribution.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Member Albritton inquired about the golf cart path at Houston Springs to Heritage Park. Administration stated the path is under design now.

Council Member Peterson asked for an update on the Langston Road stormwater situation. Ms. Fitzner stated the project was complete last week.

Mayor Walker stated in the Communication meeting there was a great deal of discussion relative to broadband. The takeaway from the discussion was broadband is a bigger issue than just the city. Ms. Hardin provided input relative to broadband and suggested a community assessment on broadband.

Council Albritton asked what's the city's stance on the gentleman playing the accordion in the parking lots of Kroger/Publix? Administration stated if the property owner has no issues than the city will not get involved.

Ms. Wharton shared information relative to the Vacant Property Leadership Institute trip.

5. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held February 15, 2022, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.