

MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
February 28, 2022  
**5:00 pm.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held on February 28, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None.

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington - Finance Director, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Karen Bycenski – Personnel Manager, Matt White – Personnel Technician, Vickie Graham – Customer Service, and Cody Gunn – Chief Building Official.

Press: William Oliver – Houston Home Journal.

Guest(s): Breane Knowles

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

3a. Appearance(s):

1. Ms. Breane Knowles request to host a fundraising/awareness tent for FOPAS on March 18, 2022 in the downtown area. Ms. Knowles appeared before Council to ask for permission to set up a tent on private property for a FOPAS fundraiser at Food Truck Friday on March 18, 2022. After discussion between Ms. Knowles and Council, Mayor Walker recommended this item be placed on Council's March 1, 2022 agenda.

3b. Employee Hearing

1. Input from city employees relative to proposed PTO amendment to the City's leave policy. Mr. White reviewed the proposed amendment to the

City of Perry Personnel Policy. Ms. Vickie Graham, 130 41 Circle, reiterated she does not want to lose her vacation/sick leave she has accrued. Mr. Gilmour stated no employee will lose on this proposal. Mr. Cody Gunn stood in support of the new policy on the behalf of code enforcement and building. Council concurred to move forward with preparing an amendment to enact this change.

3c. Office of the City Manager

1. Consider disposal of assets. Mr. Worthington reported the city purchased bitcoins in 2016 for use in ransomware purchases. The account now has a value of approximately \$100,000. Administration is seeking Council's permission to sell the bitcoins and use the proceeds from the sale will go into a restricted account to be used by the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry for new project financing. Council concurred to move forward with Administration's recommendation.

3d. Department of Community Development

1. Consider a moratorium on townhouse developments. Mr. Wood reported his office recently received an application for a townhouse development following the current design standards for townhouses. This is a large development encompassing 40-acres of land and called staff's attention to the fact that the current standards are lacking and need to be reviewed and some modification made. Mr. Wood requested Council place a moratorium on townhouse developments for the next 120-days to give his office time to research and put together appropriate design standards and other modification to bring before the Planning Commission and Council. Mr. Wood stated the moratorium would not include any townhouse development applications that have been file and excludes any townhouse developments that are PUD. Ms. Newby added it would be recommended that it not apply to any applications to rezone property to allow a townhouse development that is currently pending. Council concurred with Mr. Wood's and Ms. Newby's recommendation and a resolution will be drafted for Council's March 1, 2022 meeting.

3e. Finance Department

1. Options for acquiring pickup trucks. Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration options for acquiring pickup trucks for the Community Development department. Due to supply chain issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and delays of receiving new vehicles, Mr. Worthington reported Phil Brannen Ford of Perry (local dealer) have two new trucks on order from Ford that are scheduled to arrive in late April, 2022. Staff's recommendation is to purchase these vehicles from Phil Brannen Ford of Perry in the amount of \$37,176.00 per vehicle. Mayor Walker recommended this item be placed on Council's March 1, 2022 agenda.

4. Council Member Items.

Council had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour and Ms. Newby had no reports.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Ms. Fitzner provided an update on Pine Needle Park.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on February 28, 2022, Mayor Pro Tempore KING motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 pm, and Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.