

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 23, 2022
5:00 pm.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the special called meeting held on May 23, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Randall Walker. Council Members Riley Hunt, Robert Jones, Joy Peterson, and Darryl Albritton.

Elected Officials Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Willie King and Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace

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

City Departmental Staffing: Captain Alan Everidge – Perry Police Department, Captain Heath Dykes – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager.

Press: William Oliver – Houston Home Journal.

Guest(s): none

3. Citizens with Input: none

4. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

4a. Departmental Budget Hearings

1. Perry Police Department

Captain Everidge reviewed the Perry Police Department FY 2023 budget and requested Council's consideration of the following items:

- Taser Upgrade
- Pole Camera
- License Plate Reader
- Body-Worn Cameras
- Logistics Technician – Full Time

Council had several questions for Captain Everidge and thanked him for his presentation.

2. Perry Fire and Emergency Services Department

Chief Parker discussed with Council the Perry Fire and Emergency Services Department budget, response status, and future needs. Chief Parker requested Council's consideration of the following items:

- Fire Inspector
- Three Firefighters
- Hurst Rescue Tools
- All Terrain Vehicle
- Quint Apparatus
- Fire Chief SUV
- Training Facility Equipment
- Forcible Entry prop

Chief Parker also referenced the strategic plan goals to support his requests.

3. Department of Leisure Services

Mr. Swan presented for Council's consideration the following items for the Department of Leisure Service FY 2023 budget:

- Youth Baseball Expansion
- Youth Soccer Expansion
- Instructors Pay
- Adult Athletics

Mr. Swan also discussed the fee waiver, and leisure camps.

4. Department of Community Development. Mr. Wood stated he was fine with the recommended budget, and the position funded. The position not funded was the Assistant Engineering personnel. Mr. Wood stated in the near future we need to look at that position because of the number of capital projects coming onboard.

4b. Office of the City Manager

1. Discussion of 427 Stonegate Trail designation. Mr. Gilmour referred Council to the BoardPaq package that included a map. Administration directed Council to the blue triangle on the map. Administration recommended Council authorize the square at the intersection of Daisy Drive and Stonegate Trail to be used as park and the remaining two triangles be designated greenspace. Council authorized Administration to explore and bring back to Council.

4c. Finance Department

1. Request to increase organization-wide credit limit to \$250,000.
Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration a request to increase the organization-wide credit limit from \$150,000 to \$250,000 and adopt a resolution designating authorized persons of power. Council concurred to moved forward with the request to increase organization-wide credit limit to \$250,000 and adopt a resolution designating authorized person of power.

5. Council Member Items.

Council Members Peterson and Jones attended the Go, Go Gov event at Wooden Eagle Park on May 21.

Council Member Jones had an inquiry on Wooden Eagle Trail of having a sidewalk.

Mr. Gilmour stated at the last Food Truck Friday, there were solicitors just outside the boundary of the food truck event. Mr. Gilmour suggested Council take a look at legal measures prohibiting solicitation within that boundary of that city event. Council concurred with Administration's suggestion to explore and come back to Council.

6. Department Head/Staff Items:

Mr. Worthington stated a 2022 Ford Explorer is available for \$31,000 to replace the City Manager's vehicle that is slated to be replaced in the FY 2023 budget. Mr. Worthington asked for Council's concurrence to contact the dealer to hold the vehicle until approval at future meeting. Council concurred with Mr. Worthington's recommendation.

Mr. Swan reported the Lake Forest HOA has been discussing a neighborhood park. Mr. Gilmour recommended Council take a look and see what is available.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to go into executive session for real estate acquisition.

7. Executive Session entered at 6:30 p.m.: Council Member Hunt moved to adjourn the special called meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

8. Executive Session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.; Council special called meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held May 23, 2022 and reconvened into the special called meeting.

9. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-31 stated that the purpose of the executive session held on May 23, 2022, was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Peterson moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on May 23, 2022 was to discuss real estate acquisition; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution No. 2022-31 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

10. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the special called meeting held on May 23, 2022, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.