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Perry Youth Advisory Council

September 14, 2023

5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: City of Perry Communications Specialist called to order the Perry Youth Advisory Council held on September 14, 2023, at 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Randall Walker and Councilmember Robert Jones

Youth Advisory Council Members: Katie Spivey, Maggie Bell, Miller Arnold, Wilt Leonard, Ava Garrett

City Staff: Tabitha Clark – Senior Communications Manager and Amber Howell– Communications Specialist

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Councilmember Robert Jones

4. Guest/Speakers:

a. Welcome: Mayor Walker welcomed everyone in attendance. He explained the purpose of the council and encouraged feedback from the members. Councilmember Jones explained the council's agenda and how it works. Mrs. Howell explained the contents of the members' binders that was provided to each member.

b. Introductions: Each members provided a brief introduction of themselves.

5. New Business.

a. Selection of Youth Advisory Council Chairperson: Mrs. Howell opened nominations for the 2023-2024 Youth Advisory Chairperson and Vice-



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Chairperson. Ms. Arnold nominated herself for Chairperson. Her nomination was approved unanimously. Mr. Leonard nominated himself for Vice-Chairperson. His nomination was approved unanimously.

- b. Discussion of Youth Advisory Council interest(s): Youth Councilmember Spivey: Discussed liking the sense of community Perry has. Ms. Bell: Discussed liking the diversity of Perry's events. Ms. Garrett: Also discussed liking Perry's events. Chairperson Arnold: Discussed liking the Perry community. Vice-Chairperson Leonard: Discussed appreciating Perry's sense of unity. No one had concerns or issues about their community.
 - c. Discussion of Perry Youth Leadership Perceived Houston County Issues: Vice-Chairperson Leonard discussed underprivileged children being more involved in sports. Ms. Bell discussed the need for more agriculture education. Chairperson Arnold discussed crime and law enforcement cameras.
6. Discussion of Youth Advisory Council Volunteer Project: Mrs. Howell encouraged each board member to volunteer with the City. She gave examples of City events and advised she would send out volunteer opportunities to the board.
 7. Councilmember Items: Ms. Garrett thanked everyone for the opportunity to be on the Youth Advisory Council. Ms. Bell also thanked everyone.
 8. Staff Items: Mrs. Howell asked each member to take pictures inside the council chamber and reminded everyone about the upcoming City events. Councilmember Jones thanked everyone and reiterated the importance of the Youth Advisory Council.
 9. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Perry Youth Advisory Council in the September 14, 2023, meeting, Chairperson Arnold made a motion to



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adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Ms. Bell seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.