

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 4, 2009
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held August 4, 2009 at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt. Council Members Charles Lewis, Joe Kusar, and James Moore and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and City Attorney David Walker.

City Departmental Staffing: Brenda King – Director of Administration, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, George Potter – Director of Public Safety and Annie Warren - Recording Secretary.

Guests/Speakers: Ms. Becky Wood.

Press/Media: Ms. Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal and Ms. Natasha Smith – Macon Telegraph.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Council Member James Moore gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Special Recognition: Mayor James Worrall presented to Ms. Brenda King, Director of Administration and the finance department the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

5. Citizens with Input. Ms. Becky Wood – 426 Sanderfur Road. Ms. Wood shared with Council an article that was in Monday, August 3, 2009 *Macon Telegraph* relative new air rules that could affect cement plants in Houston County. Ms. Wood asked Council for their support of EPD stand on stricter rules for air quality. Mayor Worrall advised Council and guests present of a pending joint meeting with past –chairman Mr. Ned Sanders of the Clean Air Coalition, and the County. Mayor Worrall asked Council if they would wait until the City and County come together to discuss this matter before taking action. Council concurred.

6. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor James Worrall.

6a. Council Consideration – Minutes of July 21, 2009 work session and regular meeting.

Council Member Willie King motioned to approve. Council Member James Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Old Business: None

7a. Ordinances for Second Reading/Consideration of Adoption: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

Items 1& 2 were voted on together.

Adoption of Ordinance 2009-19 & Adoption of Ordinance 2009-20: City Manager Lee Gilmour gave the second reading of an Ordinance to conduct the 2010 Election of a Mayor and Councilpersons to Council District 1, Post 1, Council District 2, Post 1, and Council District 3, Post 1, for a term of four (4) years; and the second reading of an Ordinance to conduct a special election of a Councilperson to Council District 2, Post 2, for the unexpired term of James I. Moore, said term to expire on December 31, 2011. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt motioned to adopt the ordinances. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2009-19 & Ordinance 2009-20 have been entered in the City's official book of record*).

7b. Alcohol License Second Reading/Consideration of Adoption: Presented by City Manager Lee Gilmour.

1. Council approved application for alcohol license for Mixed Drinks/Beer/Wine consumed on premises for Santina's Italian located at 807 Carroll Street (former location of Leta's). City Manager Lee Gilmour gave the second reading of an application for alcohol license for Mixed Drinks/Beer/Wine consumed on premises for Santina's Italian located at 807 Carroll Street. The license will be in the name Ricky Carnell Poston. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that the license has gone through the review process and there are no issues; administration recommends the license be approved. Council Member Willie King moved to approve the application request as submitted. Council Member James Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Any Other Old Business Matters: None.

9. New Business: Mayor James Worrall.

9a. Resolutions for Consideration. City Manager Lee Gilmour.

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2009-30 Establishing Certain Operating Requirements for City Cemeteries. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented for Council's consideration a resolution establishing certain operating requirements for City cemeteries. City Manager advised Council that any person buried in a City cemetery shall have a marker placed on his/her plot and prior to any burial the funeral home shall complete and submit an information form indicating the lot, owner and name of the person buried. City Manager Lee Gilmour noted one

adjustment needed to be made, relative that the marker shall be made of granite, marble, concrete or brass/bronze. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt motioned to pass the Resolution establishing certain operating requirements for City cemeteries with the adjustment of brass/bronze as a material for the marker. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2009-30 has been entered in the City's official book of record).*

2. Adopted Resolution No. 2009-31 Amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented for Council's consideration a resolution to amend the City of Perry fee schedule to establish court cost of \$25.00 per case if the person/corporation is found guilty or no-contest. If the person/corporation is found to be innocent, there is no court charge. Council Member James Moore motioned to pass the Resolution to amend the City of Perry fee schedule. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2009-31 has been entered in the City's official book of record).*
3. Adopted Resolution No. 2009-32 Establishing Fencing Installation Policy. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented for Council's consideration a resolution establishing fencing installation policy. Council Member Joe Kusar motioned to pass the Resolution establishing fencing installation policy. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2009-32 has been entered in the City's official book of record).*

9b. Approved unanimously recommendation of the Public Works Oversight Committee from their meeting held on August 3, 2009. Chairman of Public Works Oversight Committee Riley Hunt.

1. Authorized up to \$190,000.00 from the Downtown Development Restricted Account for Commerce Street Parking Phase 2.

Mayor Pro-Tempore made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Joe Kusar clarified to Council that the available balance discussed last night, is not all available. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised he will get an update to Council and DDA relative that restricted account.

Mayor Worrall asked Mr. William Jackson about the landscaping portion of the proposal, the cost of crepe myrtle.

Mr. Jackson advised that the proposal is from Mr. Rick Saunders and that it is just an estimate.

City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council of additional items that were discussed at the Public Works Oversight meeting.

1. Follow up and process for plumbers relative to connecting to City sewer system.
2. Discussion of a piece of tract equipment for storm debris clean up and maintaining off road sewer easements.
3. Series of maintenance questions.

10. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda. City Manager Lee Gilmour.

10a. Approved naming the road on the west side of Evergreen Cemetery – “Tranquil Tree Terrace”. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented for Council’s consideration a request to name the road on the west side of Evergreen Cemetery “Tranquil Tree Terrace”. Council Member Charles Lewis motioned to approve the request to name the road on the west side of Evergreen Cemetery – “Tranquil Tree Terrace”. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Department Head Items.

Director of Public Safety – George Potter: Distributed to Council the action report relative to the interstate fire that occurred this morning.

Director of Community Development – Mike Beecham: No.

Director of Parks and Recreation – Rick Kilgore: No.

Director of Public Works – Ronnie Jones: No.

Director of Administration – Brenda King: No.

12. Council Member Items.

Attorney David Walker – No.

Council Member Willie King – No.

Council Member James Moore – No.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt – No.

Council Member Charles Lewis – No.

Council Member Joe Kusar – No.

13. Executive Session entered at 6:30 p.m.: Council Member Charles Lewis moved to adjourn regular meeting and enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real estate. Council Member James Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

14. Executive Session adjourned; regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held August 4, 2009 and reconvened into the regular meeting.
15. Adopted Resolution No. 2009-33 stating purpose of Executive Session held August 4, 2009 was to discuss real estate. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on August 4, 2009 was to discuss real estate. Council Member James Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2009-33 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

Motion made by Council Member Charles Lewis and seconded by Council Member James Moore carried unanimously to proceed with purchase of property as discussed for fire station number 2.

16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council in the reconvened meeting held August 4, 2009, Mayor James Worrall, the meeting was adjourned.