

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
October 19, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held October 19, 2021 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Riley Hunt

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

Departmental Staffing: Brenda King - Director of Administration, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director, Chief Lee Parker - Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Holly Wharton – Community Planner, Anya Turpin – Special Events Administrator, Jazmin Thomas – Downtown Manager, Asst. Fire Chief Kirk Crumpton – Perry Fire and Emergency Services, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator.

Media: none

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): none

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of October 19, 2021 council meeting agenda.

4a. Promotion – Fire Lieutenants Austin Redmond and Jonathan Yoder. Chief Parker will recognize Lieutenants Auston Redmond and Jonathan Yoder for their accomplishments of being promoted to lieutenants.

4b (2). The City of Perry’s International Festival event Ms. Turpin advised Council that the International Festival Committee met this afternoon and decided to modify the street closure request. Instead of closing the streets on Friday, November 5th and Saturday, November 6th, they decided to request for street closures only on Saturday, November 6th, at 6 am.

8a (1). Second Reading of an ordinance for the annexation of property to the City of Perry. The property is located at 2315 Marshallville Road and South Perry Parkway; Tax Map Numbers 000180 018000 and 000190 10A000. Mr. Wood stated this is the second reading of an ordinance to annex two parcels of land on South Perry Parkway and one parcel on Marshallville Road for a total of 78-acres. Staff and the Planning Commission recommends approval of the annexation request.

8a (2). Second Reading of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from R-AG (County), Residential-Agricultural District to R-2A (City), Single-family Residential District. The property is located at 2315 Marshallville Road and South Perry Parkway; Tax Map Numbers 000180 018000 and 000190 10A000. Mr. Wood stated this is the second reading of an ordinance to rezone a 44.68-acre parcel from R-AG (County) to R-2A (City). Staff and the Planning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zoning classification of R-2A, single-family residential based on the following conditions: 1) Building permits for the proposed development shall only be issued at such time as the subject property has adequate sewer capacity as determined by the City of Perry in accordance with its sewer capacity assessment and developing sewer master plan, 2) The developer/builder shall install landscaping along South Perry Parkway in accordance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Land Management Ordinance and shall thereafter grant a landscape easement in favor of the City for landscape maintenance to support corridor enhancement, particularly along arterial roads near commercial nodes, and 3) Access to the parcels adjacent to South Perry Parkway shall only be via internal subdivision roads. There shall be no direct access to South Perry Parkway except for subdivision entrance roads.

10a (1). Award of emergency contract to repair Houston Lake Drive Sewer Main. Mr. Worthington stated a 12” sewer main that runs under Houston Lake Drive has collapsed near the intersection of Houston Lake Drive and Sunshine Avenue. In the interest of expediting the repairs, staff is asking Council to award an emergency contract to Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors, Inc. to make the repair.

10a (2). Approval to proceed with an application for environmental grants. Mr. Smith presented for Council’s consideration two grants to be prepared and submitted on the behalf of the city by Carndo. One is a Brownfield Assessment Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 in which there is no local match and the other is Brownfield Cleanup Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 in which there is a 20% match of total project cost.

10a (3). Proceed with award of bid FY 2022 Police Vehicles. Mr. Worthington stated the FY 2022 budget includes the purchase of nine vehicles for the police patrol division. Mr. Worthington was approached by Prater Ford, Inc., it was awarded Bid No. 2021-31, which was the previous bid to purchase police vehicles. Prater Ford, Inc., offered to keep the price the same and sale the city 2022 models at the same price. Staff’s recommendation is to award to Prater

Ford, Inc. and purchase the nine vehicles from Prater Ford Inc., in the amount of \$40,753.14 per vehicle.

10c. Selection of a grant writer and administrator for 2022 CDBG and CHIP applications. Ms. Wharton stated the City of Perry plans to apply for a 2022 CDBG and CHIP grant and its time to procure a grant writer and administrator. The City of Perry received two complete and qualifying proposals by the posted deadline. The proposals received were Gilbert and Associates and Grant Specialists of Georgia. The proposals were objectively reviewed and scored by staff. Staff recommends selecting Grant Specialists of Georgia for 2022 CDBG and CHIP grant writing and administration.

4. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Jones, and Council Members Bynum-Grace, and King had no reports.

Council Member Peterson stated she spent a lot of time thinking about transient merchants and as long as there is a place for them to work, she is not going to vote against it.

Council Member Albritton reported there was an accident on Houston Lake Road between Meadowdale school and Publix and asked if there could be any widening of the road. Mayor Walker stated a contract has been let to extend to a full three lane street.

Council Member Peterson discussed water line breaks in New Haven Subdivision. Administration will send out letters to the residents in New Haven Subdivision and Avington Glen Subdivision.

Council Member Peterson revisited fee waivers for non-profit temporary banners.

Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Newby had no reports.

5. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Ms. Clark provided a brief overview of Youth Leadership today.

Ms. Hardin stated Sandler and Gilmer Warehouse are still looking for employees.

Ms. Thomas reported on the Scarecrow Fest, Sweets & Treats, and Storywalk events.

Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, Chief Lynn, Chief Parker, Mr. Swan, Ms. Fitzner, Assistant Fire Chief Crumpton, Ms. Wharton, and Ms. Warren had no reports.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held October 19, 2021 Council Member King motioned to adjourn the

meeting at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.