

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 2, 2020
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held June 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

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

Departmental Staffing: Major Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King -Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Director of Finance, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Manager, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager.

Guest(s): Senator and Mrs. Larry Walker, III and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tomlin.

Media: Lauren Harris - Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Council Member Hunt rendered the invocation and Council Member Jones led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Recognition(s) / Presentation(s):

4a. Presentation of Champion of Georgia Cities Award to Senator Walker – Mayor Walker. Mayor Walker presented Senator Walker with the 2019-2020 Champion of Georgia Cities Award. Senator Walker advised he was proud to be born and raised in Perry and thanked Mayor Walker and Council Members for their hard work and dedication to the city. Senator Walker also thanked Mr. Larry Hanson with Georgia Municipal Association.

5. Community Partner(s) Update(s):

None

6. Citizens with Input:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tomlin, 1006 N. Davis Drive, introduced themselves and

advised they have just moved to Perry from California. Mr. Tomlin stated he is a certified wine sommelier and he, along with his wife Lynnette, are opening a business in downtown Perry where they will present wines from around the world and educate people. Mr. Tomlin thanked Ms. Ashley Hardin for all of her help, as well as Ms. Liz Nelson whom he stated was very helpful in assisting him with obtaining his business license.

7. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15 P.M. Mayor Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:15 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. 36-81-5.

- 7a. Public Hearing for FY 2021 Operating Budget for the City of Perry.

Mr. Gilmour advised council members that a copy of the ordinance which addresses the concerns expressed were in their packages for review.

Public Input: Mayor Walker called for any public input for or opposed to the ordinance.

For: None

Opposed: None

- 7b. Public Hearing relative to an alcohol license application for 907 Carroll Street.

Mr. Gilmour advised this application is for the proposed use of an upscale wine service located at 907 Carroll Street.

Public Input: Mayor Walker called for any public input for or opposed to the application.

For: Mr. Michael Tomlin, 1006 N. Davis Drive, spoke in favor of the application, stating this would be a wine gallery that would educate and make wine approachable and fun.

Opposed: None

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:20 P.M. Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the May 18, 2020 work session, May 19, 2020 pre council meeting, May 19, 2020 council meeting, and May 21, 2020 Budget hearing meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 9a. Mayor Randall Walker – none
- 9b. Council Members – none
- 9c. City Attorney Brooke Newby – none
- 9d. City Manager Lee Gilmour – none
- 9e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith – none

10. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

10a. Matters referred from June 1, 2020 work session and June 2, 2020 pre council meeting.

1. Approval of Opportunity Zone Revision – Ms. A. Hardin

Ms. Hardin recommended approval of the Opportunity Zone issued by Department of Georgia's Community Affairs be revised to include additional properties as an incentive for future revitalization and redevelopment.

Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to approve the Zone Revision as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Approval of claim settlement – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour recommended approval of the claim settlement as submitted.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the claim settlement; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10b. Application for Alcohol License (Wine Consumption On-Premise/Sales) for Clover Wine Merchant located at 907 Carroll Street. Manager name is Michael Tomlin – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour recommended approval of the application for Alcohol License as Submitted.

Council Member Jones motioned to approve the application for Alcohol License as submitted; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10c. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction.

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance adopting FY 2021 Operating Budget for the City of Perry – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour recommended adopting the proposed ordinance for the FY 2021 Operating Budget for the City of Perry. No further action required at this meeting as it will be voted on at the second council meeting of the

month.

10d. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption.

1. Resolution declaring certain vehicles and equipment surplus – Ms. B. King.

Ms. King recommended approving the resolution declaring two vehicles as surplus.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-26 declaring certain vehicles and equipment surplus. Council Member Albritton motioned to declare the two vehicles surplus; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2020-26 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

2. Resolution to approve the Policies and Procedures and Program Design for the CHIP grant – Mr. B. Wood.

Mr. Wood recommended approving the \$300,000.00 CHIP grant subject to review by the City Attorney.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-27 approving the Policies and Procedures and Program Design for the CHIP grant. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the resolution as presented; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2020-27 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

3. Resolution to adopt CHIP Homeowners Eligibility Requirements for CHIP grant – Mr. B. Wood.

Mr. Wood recommended approving the resolution adopting CHIP Homeowners Eligibility Requirements for CHIP grant subject to review by the City Attorney.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-28 to approve adopting CHIP Homeowners Eligibility Requirements for CHIP grant. Council Member Jones motioned to approve the resolution as presented; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2020-28 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

4. Resolution to adopt the Georgia Statutes Policies by Local Governmental Entities – Mr. B. Wood.

Mr. Wood recommended approving the resolution adopting the Georgia Statutes Policies by Local Governmental Entities subject to review by the City Attorney.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-29 to approve adopting the Georgia Statutes Policies by Local Governmental Entities. Mayor Pro Tempore King

motioned to approve the resolution as presented; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2020-29 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

10e. Approval of 2020 CHIP Grant Agreement – Mr. B. Wood.

Mr. Wood recommended approving the 2020 CHIP Grant Agreement as presented subject to review by the City Attorney.

Council Member Albritton motioned to approve the agreement as presented; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10f. Approval of contract for Grant Specialists of Georgia to administer the CHIP grant - Mr. B. Wood.

Mr. Wood recommended approving the contract for Grant Specialists of Georgia to administer the CHIP grant subject to review by the City Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to approve the contract as presented; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Council Member Items:

None

12. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Smith, Ms. Newby, Ms. King, Mr. Wood, Ms. Hardin, Mr. Swan, Chief Parker, Major Phelps, Mr. Worthington and Ms. Warren had no reports.

Ms. Clark invited everyone to the 1st Annual Live Bingo night on Friday at 7:00 p.m. This is a free event and you do not have to be a resident to participate.

13. General Public Items:

None

14. Mayor Items:

Mayor Walker thanked Chief Paull for taking temperatures and keeping us safe at the meetings.

Mayor Walker reminded everyone that the Census is still being taken in Georgia. Online response is available, and for those who may not have access to a computer, the Houston County Libraries are now open and can assist as well.

Work Session will be held June 15th.

Pre council and council will be held June 16th beginning at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

respectively.

15. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held June 2, 2020, Council Member Albritton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.