

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 4, 2019
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held June 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker; Council Members William Jackson, Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Riley Hunt and Willie King.

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Robert Jones

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

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager and Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Director.

Guest(s): Mr. Daniel Rhodes, 21st Century Partnership, Jean Berry, and Slayten Carter

Media: Ms. Jada Dukes - Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

4. Community Partner Updates:

Mr. Dan Rhoades advised it is budget season with the federal government and that the House and Senate are currently working through their versions of the bill. The hope is they come to an agreement to create a balanced budget. Mr. Rhoades stated they are representing Middle Georgia in Washington D.C. at the upcoming Great American Defense Communities Summit.

5. Citizens with Input: none

6. Public Hearing: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:08 P.M. Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:05 p.m. to provide any interested parties

with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-81-5.

6a. Public Hearing for FY 2020 Operating Budget for the City of Perry

Mr. Gilmour provided a summary relative to the 2020 Operating Budget for the upcoming fiscal year with an increase of approximately \$3.6 million over the prior year. Mr. Gilmour advised there are no recommendations for proposed increases in taxes, fire fees, or stormwater fees.

Public Input: Mayor Pro Tempore Walker called for any public input for or against the proposed FY 2020 Operating Budget for the City of Perry.

For: None

*At this time, Mr. Rhoades thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support of the 21st Century Partnership.

Against: None

Public Hearing Closed at 6:09 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

7. Review of Minutes: Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker

7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the May 20, 2019 work session, May 21, 2019 pre council meeting and May 21, 2019 council meeting.

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

8. Old Business: Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker

Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker asked council for a motion at this time to waive the normal waiting period between the first and second reading of the ordinance calling for a special election; Council Member Hunt motioned to waive the normal waiting period; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8a. Ordinance for Second Reading and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance calling for a special election – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour recommended council adopt the ordinance waiving the normal waiting period for the calling of a special election on September 17, 2019.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2019-10 calling for a special election. Council Member King moved to adopt the amended ordinance; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Any Other Old Business: Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker

9a. Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker – none

9b. Council Members – none

9c. City Manager, Lee Gilmour – none

9d. Assistant City Manager, Robert Smith – none

9e. City Attorney, Brooke Newby – none

10. New Business: Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker

10a. Matters referred from June 3, 2019 work session and June 4, 2019 pre council meeting.

1. Proceed with the hiring of Joseph R. Prine, Jr., Attorney at Law for the City's Prosecuting Attorney in the Municipal Court of Perry.

Mr. Gilmour stated our current city attorneys have advised they are no longer able to continue representation and we will need to obtain another firm/person. Administration recommends proceeding with this process. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the hiring of Joseph R. Prine, Jr., Attorney at Law as prosecuting attorney for the City of Perry; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Proceed with the establishment of the Office of the City Attorney as an in-house operation.

Mr. Gilmour presented for Council's approval hiring of an in-house legal representation. Council Member King motioned to proceed with the process; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Appointment to Downtown Development Authority – Council Member Bynum-Grace

Council Member Bynum-Grace recommended the appointment of Mr. Marlon Rhodes to the Downtown Development Authority Board. Council Member Jackson motioned to appoint Mr. Rhodes; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance adopting FY 2020 Operating Budget for The City of Perry – Mr. L. Gilmour. *(No action required by Council).*

10c. Award of Bid No. 2019-30 CCTV Pipe Inspection Crawler – Ms. King

Ms. King presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for the purchase of a sewer camera to be used by ESG. Of the four bidders contacted, three returned with bids. Staff recommended awarding the bid to P & H Supply in the

amount of \$107,995.00 which will be paid for from the water fund through the Capital Lease program. Council Member King motioned to award the bid to P & H Supply in the amount of \$107,995.00; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10d. Approval of an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Elections relative to special elections – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour presented for Council's approval an amendment that would allow a provision in the agreement for special elections. Administration recommends approval of the amendment. Council Member Hunt motioned to approve as presented; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Council Member Items:

Council Member Phyllis-Bynum Grace thanked the City of Perry for getting the benches in place at the pavilion at Rozar Park and also for getting the restrooms ready at Creekwood Park in time for the expected summer crowds.

Council Members Hunt, Jackson, King had no items.

12. Department Heads/Staff Items:

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

Mr. Wood, Ms. King, and Chief Parker had no reports.

Ms. Hardin advised The Perry Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 7th annual Progressive Wine Tasting on Friday night from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance, or can be purchased at the door for \$20.00.

Chief Lynn reminded everyone the 5th Annual Stuff the Cruiser event will be held this Saturday in the Wal Mart parking lot at 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This is a charity effort in support of Loaves and Fishes and is held twice a year.

Ms. Palmer advised the "Our Perry" app surpassed 1,000 downloads which shows people are using it and encouraged anyone who has not downloaded it to do so now, as it is a useful tool.

13. General Public Items:

Mr. Rhodes thanked Mayor and Council for their support of businesses downtown and throughout the city.

Ms. Jean Beery thanked the Perry police officers and stated the city has the best officers around. Ms. Beery advised the WalMart parking lot has a lot of trash in the parking lot and needs to be cleaned up.

14. Mayor Items:

- Museum of Aviation is having a D Day Celebration on Thursday morning beginning at 9:17 a.m., with events planned all day
- Wine Tasting downtown Perry this Friday night
- Work Session June 17th at 5:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held June 4, 2019, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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