

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 4, 2019
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre-council meeting held June 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

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, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ashley Hardin - Economic Development Director, and Ellen Palmer - Digital Communications Manager.

Media: Jada Dukes – Houston Home Journal

Guests: Daniel Rhoades, 21st Century Partnership

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of June 4, 2019 council meeting agenda.

6a. Public Hearing for FY 2020 Operating Budget for the City of Perry – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour advised the FY 2020 Operating Budget has been adjusted with the addition of one detective position for the Police Department.

8a (1). **Second Reading** of an ordinance calling for a special election. Mr. Gilmour advised this is a second reading of an ordinance calling for a special election and suggested a motion be made to waive the usual seven day waiting period.

10a (1). Proceed with the hiring of Joseph R. Prine, Jr. Attorney at Law for the City's Prosecuting Attorney in the Municipal Court of the City of Perry. Mr. Gilmour advised council that Mr. Prine has been recommended by our current legal counsel to replace them as the City's prosecuting attorney.

10a (2). Proceed with the establishment of the Office of the City Attorney as an in-house operation. Mr. Gilmour advised he recommends proceeding with the hiring of an in-house legal representation and the approximate cost to start the project would be \$113,700.00.

10c (1). Award of Bid No. 2019-30. Ms. King advised this bid was for the purpose of purchasing a sewer camera to be used by ESG and recommended the bid be awarded to P&H Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of \$107,995.00.

10 (d). Approval of an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Elections relative to special elections. Mr. Gilmour stated the Board of Elections requested an amendment due to the fact that they do not handle special elections. Administration recommended approval.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda: Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker

4a. Appointment to Downtown Development Authority – Ms. A. Hardin

Ms. Hardin advised that Ms. Bynum-Grace has a new appointment to the Downtown Development Authority and recommended approval of appointing Mr. Marlon Rhodes.

11. Council Member Items:

No items from Council Members Hunt, King, Jackson, or Bynum-Grace.

12. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Mr. Gilmour advised that the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Leadership group is coming to Perry September 12, 13, and 14. They have requested the City provide transportation for the members around Perry with the estimated cost being \$9,000.00 for the three-day period they are here. Administration recommends approval not to exceed this amount. Payment would come from the hotel/motel tax. The official host for this group is the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce. Council agreed to move forward with the \$9,000.00 cost for transportation.

Mr. Smith, Ms. Newby, Mr. Wood, Chief Parker, Ms. Hardin and Ms. Palmer had no items.

Ms. King advised council that Mitchell Worthington and his wife Megan, welcomed baby girl Hazel last Thursday, weighing in at 6 lbs./19 ins.

Chief Lynn handed out copies of the Houston County Living magazine article on K-9 Officer Brenna Banks. Chief Lynn also reminded everyone of the upcoming Stuff the Cruiser event to be held this Saturday, June 8th at Walmart.

13. General Public Items:

Mr. Daniel Rhoades gave updates on current happenings with 21st Century Partnership.

14. Mayor Pro-Tempore Items:

- advised that the upcoming interviews for the vacant Director of Leisure Services position will be scheduled for June 26th and 27th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. each day. Council agreed to move forward with these dates.

- reminded everyone that the dinner for Mayor Faircloth is being held June 11th at Houston Lake County Club and that everyone needed to get their menu selections to Cyndi Houser as soon as possible.

- advised the Museum of Aviation D-Day celebration will be held June 6th beginning at 9:17 a.m.

15. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the pre-council meeting held June 4, 2019 Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.