

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 18, 2020
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the council meeting held August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Record Clerk Regan Scott.

Departmental Staffing: Haley Bryant – Main Street Coordinator, Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Manager, Detective Jason Jones – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Fire Marshal Michael Paull – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, and Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director.

Guests: Bob Cunningham –302 S. Houston Springs Blvd. and Ellen Palmer – Perry Area Chamber of Commerce.

Media: Lauren Harris – Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

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

Ms. Ellen Palmer thanked City of Perry on behalf of the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce for their support of the Drive-In Fireworks event in July. Ms. Palmer stated that the Chamber held the first Diversity Initiative meeting and are looking forward to the collaboration fostered by the discussions. Ms. Palmer stated the Chamber plans to host a virtual event for the Chamber's Annual Legislative Appreciation event in August and has planned an exciting event for Perry restaurants November 6-13.

5. Citizens with Input:

None

6. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:07 P.M. Mayor Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:07 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 48-5-32 and O.C.G.A. 36-66-4.

6a. Proposed retaining of the operation at 14.050 mills.

Staff Report: Ms. King advised that due to property reassessments in City of Perry it is necessary to continue operations at 14.050 mills as opposed to reverting to the lower rate of 14.013 mills. Ms. King stated that subsequent hearings on the matter will be held on August 31, 2020 and September 1, 2020.

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

For: None

Against: None

6b. State Minimum Fire Safety Standards Ordinance – Amending Chapter 5A and Sections 6-10 & 6-11 of the LMO.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed the proposed changes and stated that the amendments would remove redundancies in the current LMO.

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

For: None

Against: None

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:13 P.M. Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

7. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the August 3, 2020 special called meeting, August 3, 2020 work session, August 4, 2020 pre council meeting, and August 4, 2020 council meeting.

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

8. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 8a. Mayor Randall Walker - None
- 8b. Council Members - None
- 8c. City Attorney Brooke Newby - None
- 8d. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None
- 8e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith - None

9. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

9a. Matters referred from August 17, 2020 work session and August 18, 2020 pre council meeting.

- 1. A resolution authorizing a limited encroachment on city property – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-44 authorizing a limited encroachment on city property. Mr. Gilmour advised that Administration recommended approval subject to conditions as previously discussed. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the resolution, Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2020-44 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

- 2. A resolution establishing an ADA policy for structures in the downtown district – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-48 establishing an ADA policy for structures in the downtown district. Mr. Gilmour stated that it is the recommendation of administration to approve the proposed policy. Council Member Jones motioned to approve the policy, Council Member Hunt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2020-48 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

- 3. A resolution establishing the policy for requesting and implementing traffic control devices on city streets – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-49 establishing the policy for requesting and implementing traffic control devices on city streets. Mr. Gilmour stated that it is the recommendation of administration to approve the proposed policy. Council Member Jones motioned to approve, Council Member Albritton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2020-49 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

- 4. A resolution to require masks of the general public when using City Hall – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-50 requiring masks of the general public when using City Hall. Ms. Newby stated that the resolution would

require members of the public to wear a mask when using City Hall. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve, Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2020-50 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

9b. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2021-04 Heritage Oaks Park Landscape Maintenance – Mr. M. Worthington

Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for Heritage Oaks Park Landscape Maintenance. There were two responsive bidders. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Real Turf Solutions in the amount of \$19,800.00. Council Member Albritton moved to award the bid to Real Turf Solutions in the amount of \$19,800.00. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9c. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards Ordinance - Amending Chapter 5A and Sections 6-10 & 6-11 of the LMO – Ms. B. Newby. (*No action required by Council.*)

9d. Resolution(s) for Introduction and Adoption:

1. Resolution amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-51 approving an amendment to the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the resolution as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2020-51 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

10. Council Members Items:

Council Member Bynum-Grace stated she has received numerous requests for another Virtual Dance Party and that many people enjoyed the event.

Council Members Albritton, Hunt, Jones, and Peterson had no reports.

11. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Mr. Wood reminded all to complete the 2020 Census, either online or in person with census takers who will be working in the area. The deadline is September 30th.

Chief Lynn advised that the initial assessment of surplus police vehicles was relatively low, with the estimated value of each vehicle at \$1,000.00 per vehicle. Chief Lynn recommended seeking other agencies that may find the vehicles to be more valuable.

Administration recommended proceeding with identifying other agencies. Council concurred.

Mr. Swan reported that the children's Traffic Park in Creekwood Park has recently had stop signs installed. Leisure Services will host a bicycle safety course for youth on September 5th.

Ms. Clark stated that a video has been released to all City social media platforms showing City of Perry employees at work while wearing masks to promote health and safety.

Ms. Hardin advised that the new commercial property at 402 Courtney Hodges Blvd. is ready for promotion and has already received inquiries from potential tenants. Ms. Hardin presented a promotional flyer to Council.

12. General Public Items:

Ms. Palmer stated that the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Perry 2020 class has continued successfully and will end with a graduation ceremony in November.

13. Mayor Items:

Mayor Walker reminded all of the next Council Work Session, Pre Council, and Council Meetings, to be held August 31st and September 1st.

14. Executive Session entered at 6:34 p.m.: On a motion by Council Member Hunt, seconded by Council Member Peterson, and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for real estate.

15. Executive Session adjourned at 7:05 p.m.: Council adjourned the executive session held August 18, 2020 and reconvened into the Council's regular meeting.

16. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-52 stating the purpose of the executive session held on August 18, 2020 was real estate. On a motion by Council Member Albritton, seconded by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously adopted a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on August 18, 2020 was to discuss real estate. No action was taken. (*Resolution No. 2020-52 has been entered in the City's official book of record.*)

17. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held August 18, 2020, Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.