

MINUTES  
PRE COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
August 18, 2020  
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held August 18, 2020 at 5:00 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, 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: None

Media: Lauren Harris – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of August 18, 2020 council meeting agenda.

6a. Proposed retaining of the operation at 14.050 mills. Ms. King stated that three hearings are required by law for this matter and that the subsequent hearings will be held on August 31, 2020 and September 1, 2020. Ms. King reminded all that rate had previously been 14.013 mills, noting that the reassessments in City of Perry warranted maintaining operations at the higher rate of 14.050 mills.

6b. State Minimum Fire Safety Standards Ordinance – Amending Chapter 5A and Sections 6-10 & 6-11 of the LMO. Mr. Wood stated he would review the proposed changes and be available to clarify as needed.

9a (1). A resolution authorizing a limited encroachment on city property. Mr. Gilmour advised that the resolution would allow for encroachment on city property at 757 Carroll Street by a limited step. Council Albritton inquired if the encroachment was the same as one previously proposed by another petitioner at a different location. Mr. Gilmour clarified that the circumstances in the previous situation differed. Council Member Peterson inquired about the possibility of the petitioner for the 757 Carroll Street property including signage to designate the doorway as an emergency exit with caution labels. Fire Marshal Paull stated that as is, the structure complies by having two points of egress and such measures were not required.

9a (2). A resolution establishing an ADA policy for structures in the downtown district. Mr. Gilmour stated that the proposed policy would assist all parties involved with addressing ADA access in the downtown district.

9a (3). A resolution establishing the policy for requesting and implementing traffic control devices on city streets. Mr. Gilmour advised that the proposed policy would provide a general outline for residents requesting the installation of traffic control devices.

9a (4). A resolution to require 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 while inside of City Hall and clarified that employees are already required to wear a mask at all times while inside of City Hall or in areas where they may encounter or interact with citizens. Mayor Walker stated that the order issued by Governor Kemp allows the City to require masks. Council Member Albritton shared concerns relative to the enforcement of the policy. Mr. Gilmour stated that it is the recommendation of administration to proceed with the understanding that it may be amended as needed.

9b (1). Bid No. 2021-04 – Heritage Oaks Park Landscape Maintenance. Mr. Worthington recommended awarding Bid No. 2021-04 to Real Turf Solutions in the amount of \$19,800.00.

9c (1). **First Reading** of the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards Ordinance – Amending Chapter 5A and Sections 6-10 & 6-11 of the LMO. Ms. Newby stated that no action would be required with this reading.

9d (1). Resolution amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour reported the resolution amends the City's fee schedule and recommended adoption of the resolution.

4. Other Business / Supplemental Agenda: Mayor Randall Walker

- 4a. Request for a reduced rental rate for the Main Hall at the Perry Arts Center. Mr. Gilmour stated it is the recommendation of Administration to deny the request to reduce the rental rate for the Main Hall at the Perry Arts Center. Council concurred to deny the request.

4b. Request to purchase city property. Mr. Gilmour advised that the parcel in question is useful for the City and stated it is the recommendation of Administration to deny the request to purchase. Council concurred to deny the request.

5. Council Member Items:

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

Council Member Peterson inquired about the work included in the contract for Bid No. 2021-04. Ms. Fitzner stated that the contract covers the cost for annual upkeep of Heritage Oaks Park.

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

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held August 18, 2020, Council Member Albritton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.