

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
November 3, 2009  
**6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held November 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt. Council Members Charles Lewis, Joe Kusar, James Moore, Willie King and Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

Elected Official Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and City Attorney David Walker.

City Departmental Staffing: Brenda King – Director of Administration, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Deputy Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department and Annie Warren - Recording Secretary.

Guests/Speakers: None.

Press/Media: Ms. Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal,-and Ms. Kristen Berryhill – ComSouth.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Council Member Willie King gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

5. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor James Worrall.

5a. Council Consideration – Minutes of October 20, 2009 regular meeting. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace motioned to approve. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Old Business: Mayor James Worrall.

6a. Ordinances for Second Reading/Consideration of Adoption: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

1.& 2. Adoption of Ordinance 2009-22 & Ordinance 2009-23. City Manager Lee Gilmour gave the second readings of ordinances to rezone and annex 6.76 acres, as submitted in Petition R-09-04 by the City of Perry – from Houston County R-AG to GU (Government Use) for property located east of Langston Road.

Council Member Charles Lewis moved to adopt the ordinances. Council Member James Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinances 2009-22 and Ordinance 2009-23 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt asked how far off the road is the piece of property? Council Member Charles Lewis advised 100 feet from the farthest point.

7. Any Other Old Business Matters: None.
8. New Business: Mayor James Worrall.
  - 8a. Approved programs for City to pursue for federal stimulus money relative to energy savings program. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented for Council's consideration possible programs for the City to pursue for federal stimulus money relative to energy savings program. Administration made to the recommendation to Council to pursue the new windows for the Perry Arts Center, the energy efficient lights for the football field at Creekwood Park and a revolving loan fund to help fund energy retrofits of private buildings. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt motioned to pursue all of the programs up to the \$300,000.00 limit. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - 8b. Approved waiver of the parade and procession fee for the community Christmas parade to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 2 p.m. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented for Council's consideration a request to waive the parade and procession fee for the community Christmas Parade to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Council Member Joe Kusar motioned to authorize the waiver of the parade and procession fee. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - 8c. Approved waiver of fee for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Perry Jingle Jog 5K Run/Walk to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 6: 30 p.m. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented for Council's consideration a request to waive the procession fee for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Perry Jingle Jog 5K Run/Walk to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30p.m. Council Member Joe Kusar motioned to authorize the waiver of the procession fee. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
9. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda. City Manager Lee Gilmour
  - 9a. Resolutions for consideration.
    1. Deferred consideration of local government resolution for emergency management.
4. Citizens with Input. Ms. Helen Law – 210 Inverness Drive. Ms. Law advised Council that she was present relative the stormwater damage to her home. Ms. Law stated that the she had

spoken with the insurance carrier and was offered 40% of her claim but that was unacceptable and Ms. Law asked the insurance carrier if she would counter offer and she stated no. Ms. Law was advised by the insurance carrier that her claim could be denied. Ms. Law advised Council of her damages. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt asked Ms. Law if the insulation wicked. Ms. Law advised the water was three inches high. Council Member Joe Kusar asked if Ms. Law had been made aware of another offer. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised that Ms. Law had been advised of the loan. Ms. Law stated that she would not be taking a loan. Council Member James Moore asked if Council could go into a closed session to discuss some issues. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council would.

10. Department Head Items.

Director of Public Safety – George Potter: No.

Deputy Chief Joel Gray: No.

Director of Community Development – Mike Beecham: No.

Director of Public Works – Ronnie Jones: No.

Director of Administration – Brenda King: Those who have not completed their campaign contributions report that was due October 25<sup>th</sup> please do so.

11. Council Member Items.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace: No.

Council Member Joe Kusar – No

Council Member Charles Lewis – No.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt – On Tucker Road when the school buses try to turn into the school they have to turn out into the left lane to make the turn into the school. I would like for the City to speak to the County/Board of Education about putting in another pipe and widening the entrance to the school to help the bus drivers. Mayor Worrall added that when Perry High was redesigned we were under the impression the buses would be traveling up North Avenue, the buses cannot go up North Avenue and make the turn into the bus ramps, they have to go up Smoak Avenue. We need to make a gesture to the Board of Education to try and get Smoak Avenue resurfaced.

Council Member James Moore – Asked Mr. Jones about some sink holes areas on Windermere and Inverness, did we ever look into this. Mr. Jones advised that the guys should be getting to this within the next week.

Council Member Willie King – No.

Attorney David Walker – No.

12. Executive Session entered at 6:27 p.m.: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt moved to adjourn regular meeting and enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of real estate, personnel and litigation. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  13. Executive Session adjourned; regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held October 3, 2009 and reconvened into the regular meeting.
  14. Adopted Resolution No. 2009-48 stating purpose of Executive Session held November 3, 2009 was to discuss real estate, personnel and litigation. Council Member Joe Kusar moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on November 3, 2009 was to discuss real estate, personnel and litigation. Council Member James Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2009-48 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
- Authorized City Manager Lee Gilmour to proceed with cost reduction plan. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace moved and Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt seconded to authorize City Manager Lee Gilmour to proceed with cost reduction plan as discussed in executive session. Unanimously approved.
15. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council in the reconvened meeting held November 3, 2009, Council Member Joe Kusar motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Charles Lewis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.