

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
April 21, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held April 21, 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, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Regan Scott

Departmental Staffing: Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager, Ashley Hardin – Director of Economic Development, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, and Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development

Guest(s): John Hulbert, Ashley Hulbert – Ocmulgee Developments, LLC., and Gordon Grimm – 112 Windermere Cir.

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 Albritton led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Recognition(s) /Presentation(s):

4a. Proclamation recognizing Professional Municipal Clerks Week: Mayor Randall Walker read a proclamation announcing the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week, to be celebrated May 3, 2020 – May 9, 2020

5. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

5a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the April 7, 2020 council meeting.

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

6. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

6a. Mayor Randall Walker - None

6b. Council Members - None

6c. City Attorney Brooke Newby - None

- 6d. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None
- 6e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith - None

7. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 7a. Presentation of E-Gaming Sports Leagues. Mr. Swan proposed an e-gaming program for Leisure Services to offer video game league opportunities to Perry residents. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to approve the program with the stipulation that Leisure Services have the ability to control gaming content offered to users, Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion, and it carried 5 to 1 with Council Member Hunt opposing.
- 7b. Business Guide for the City of Perry: Ms. Hardin presented the electronic version of the Business Guide for the City of Perry and reviewed content to be distributed to potential business owners. Council thanked Ms. Hardin for her efforts and praised the work. The guide will be available in print and PDF format.
- 7c. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:
  - 1. **First Reading** of Wireless Facilities and Antennas Act Ordinance – Ms. B. Newby. ***(No action required by Council.)***
- 7d. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:
  - 1. Adopted Resolution 2020-24 amending Perry Fee schedule. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the proposed amendments, including allowance for auto traffic signs, a 65-gallon recycling bin, and an adjustment for 2<sup>nd</sup> notice of damage to meters. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted, Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2020-24 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*
- 7e. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Perry and Houston County Land Bank. Ms. Newby reviewed the agreement, noting that it would allow the City to remediate the blighted property located at 1118 Jewell Council Member Albritton motioned to approve the agreement, Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- 7f. Approval of sidewalk encroachment at 809 Carroll Street. Mr. Hulbert reviewed a proposed handicap accessible ramp to the front entrance of the building at 809 Carroll Street. Administration provided Council with options for ensuring ADA compliance, including the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to allow the developer and tenants to create an alternative access solution. Council Member Jones motioned to accept this option, Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- 7g. Consider amending the city services billing process. Mr. Gilmour recommended tabling this item matter pending further research. Mayor Pro Tempore King

motioned to table the item, Council Member Albritton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

7h. Approval to go to bid for Houston Lake Road sidewalk project. Mr. Gilmour presented the estimated construction costs for Houston Lake Road Sidewalk additions. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to approve the project, Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7i. Council approval to proceed with funding request to Perry Public Facilities Authority. Mr. Gilmour advised that the request for funding would cover the acquisition of property and improvements to the Perry Branch sewer main. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to proceed with the funding request, Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

8. Other Business / Supplemental Agenda: Mayor Randall Walker

8a. COVID-19 Credits – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed the proposed commercial and residential account credits in response to significant impact of the COVID-19 virus. Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the issuance of credits, Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

9. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore King and Council Member Albritton had no reports.

Council Member Jones noted concerns he had related to elevation and grade in the development of apartments on Highway 41.

Council Member Peterson also noted concerns relative to elevation and grade in apartment development on Highway 41.

Council Member Bynum-Grace expressed concerns relative to children playing on inoperative splash pad equipment in Legacy Park.

10. Department Heads/Staff Items: None

11. General Public Items:

Mr. Gordon Grimm shared concerns relative to stormwater issues possibly related to construction near Cheshire subdivision, as well as concerns relative to elevation and grade of the apartment development project on Highway 41.

Ms. Pamela Smith inquired via Facebook Live about City requirements for salon operators with respect to COVID-19 virus concerns. Mayor Walker recommended that all business owners follow guidelines outlined by Governor Kemp's Executive Order.

12. Mayor Items:

Mayor Walker reminded all about the Shelter in Place order issued by Governor Kemp and emphasized the importance of using personal protective equipment, washing hands frequently, and maintaining social distance.

13. Executive session entered at 7:28 p.m. On a motion by Mayor Pro Tempore King, seconded by Council Member Albritton, and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for the purpose of real estate.
14. Executive Session adjourned at 7:40 p.m.: Council regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held April 21, 2020 and reconvened into the regular council meeting.
15. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-25 stating purpose of executive session held on April 21, 2020 was real estate acquisition. On a motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore King, and carried unanimously, Council voted to purchase the Houston County General Government Building from the Houston County Board of Commissioners for a purchase price of \$1,600,000.00. The interest rate will be 2.250% for a five-year period per a set payment schedule. (*Resolution No. 2020-25 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)
16. Council Member Bynum-Grace requested the Mayor encourage citizens to complete the 2020 United States Census form.
17. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened council meeting held April 21, 2020, Council Member Albritton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.