

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 19, 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 February 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, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Regan Scott

Departmental Staffing: Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Manager, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Annie Warren – City Clerk, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, and Mitchell Worthington – Director of Finance

Guest(s): None

Media: Lauren Harris – Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Council Member Peterson rendered the invocation and Council Member Albritton led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Community Partner Updates: None

5. Citizens with Input: None

6. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 6a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the May 5, 2020 council meeting.

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

7. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 7a. Mayor Randall Walker - None

- 7b. Council Members - None
- 7c. City Attorney Brooke Newby - None
- 7d. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None
- 7e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith - None

8. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

8a. Matters referred from May 18, 2020 work session and May 19, 2020 pre council meeting. None

8b. Resolution(s) for Introduction and Adoption:

- 1. Resolution Accepting a Donation of Property from Cherokee Pecan Company, Inc. Ms. Newby reviewed the resolution and stipulations proposed by Cherokee Pecan Company, Inc. Council Member Albritton motioned to disapprove the resolution, Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

8c. Consider cancellation of the Hotel Development Incentive Policy.

Mr. Gilmour advised that the policy had met the intended goals, clarifying that cancellation of the policy did not mean that Council could not agree to future incentives if requested. Council Member Albritton motioned to rescind the policy, Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

9. Council Members Items:

No reports from Mayor Pro Tempore King, Council Members Albritton, Bynum-Grace, Hunt, Jones, or Peterson.

No reports from Mr. Gilmour or Mr. Smith.

Ms. Newby advised that she had received a request regarding Project Sleep and the incentives request approved on May 5, 2020. The developer requested that the agreement be modified to require the hotel to pay any and all late fees accrued if not at least 60% completed within one year, and to require the hotel to acquire a Certificate of Occupancy within 20 months of beginning construction. Council concurred with amending the agreement as requested.

10. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Ms. Hardin stated that the Business Guide for City of Perry had been published and is ready for distribution, and that a new business will be coming to Perry. Clover Wine Merchant is projected to open at 907 Carroll St. in July, offering a wine tasting experience.

11. General Public Items:

None

12. Mayor Items:
Mayor Walker stated he is glad to be back and thanked all for being safe by following social distancing and public health guidelines. He also reminded all to participate in the 2020 Census.

13. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held May 19, 2020, Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m., Council Member Hunt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.