

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
June 1, 2020  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held June 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

Staff: Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Annie Warren

Staff Absent: City Manager Lee Gilmour

City Departmental Staffing: Major Bill Phelps – Police Department, Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager, Bryan Wood – Director Community Development, Chief Lee Parker, Perry Fire and Emergency Services Department, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Manager, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Director of Finance, , Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Haley Bryant – Main Street Coordinator, and Fire Marshal Michael Paull.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Ms. Trish Cossart, Ms. Allison Hamsley, Ms. Ellen Palmer, Mr. Dan Rhoades, Ms. Chrissy Miner, and Mr. Don Hall

Media: Ms. Lauren Harris - The Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review /Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

3a. FY 2021 Operating Budget

1. Perry Main Street Advisory Board. – Ms. Cossart and Ms. Bryant presented to Mayor and Council the Main Street Advisory Board FY 2021 budget. Ms. Cossart’s presentation included an overview of community impact, recent accomplishments, and FY 2021 goals of the Main Street Advisory Board.

2. Perry Downtown Development Authority. Ms. Hardin's report included an update on the pole project at 902 Commerce Street and new downtown boundaries.
3. Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority. Ms. Hamsley presented the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority FY 20201 budget. She also highlighted a few items that were included in the FY 2021 budget.
4. Perry Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Palmer presented for Council's consideration, the Perry Chamber of Commerce FY 2021 budget. Ms. Palmer thanked Council for the FY 2021 budget recommendations.
5. Perry Public Arts Commission. No representative was present.
6. Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition. No representative was present.
7. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership. Ms. Miner reported 2019 was a banner year for the organization. She highlighted a few of the accomplishments of 2019.
8. Perry – Houston County Airport Authority. Mr. Hall thanked Council for its support and shared information relative to the upcoming expansions at the airport.

3b. Office of the City Manager

1. Opportunity Zone Revision. Ms. Hardin reminded Council that the City was awarded a new Opportunity Zone designation. Recently, she was approached by a developer inquiring about what can be done to incentivize, or of any local/state program are available to revitalize to capture blight on General Courtney Hodges Boulevard. Ms. Hardin shared the addresses of several blighted properties on General Courtney Boulevard, Kellwood Drive and South Street. Council concurred to add this item to Council's June 2 agenda for a vote.
2. Claim settlement. Mr. Smith provided Council documentation relative to an ongoing claim for damages due to a sewer back up at residential home. The claims adjuster stated the claim value total is \$55,489.46. Administration recommends the City pay the claimant \$55,489.96. Council concurred to add this item to Council's June 2 agenda for a vote.

3c. Department of Community Development

1. Speed bump petition. Mr. Wood advised his office has received a petition to add speed bumps in the Stonebridge Subdivision to deter speed. The petitioner gathered twenty-eight signatures supporting speed

bumps out of fifty-five homes. There are no policies (ordinances/resolutions) addressing speed bumps. Council concurred to move forward with drafting a policy relative to speed bumps and Mr. Wood will follow up with the petitioner.

4. Council Member Items:

None

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

None

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on June 1, 2020 Council Member Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.