

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
July 16, 2019
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held July 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker, Council Members William Jackson, Robert Jones, Willie King, Phyllis Bynum-Grace and Riley Hunt.

Elected Officials Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, Assistant City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Cyndi Houser

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Finance, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Director of Finance, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ashley Hardin – Director of Economic Development, and Haley Myers – Main Street Coordinator.

Guest(s): Jenny Barfield and Casey Graham-Bryant Engineering, Joy Peterson, Jimmy McLeod and Angela and Lauren Cuti – H.A.L.O. group.

Media: Jada Dukes - Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker
Council Member Robert Jones rendered the invocation and Council Member William Jackson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Authorities: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker announced the Perry Area Historical Society had submitted the name of Jim Lay as their representative on the Main Street Advisory Board. Council Member Jackson moved to approve the appointment; Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

5. Community Partner(s) Update(s): None

6. Citizens with Input: None

7. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:04 p.m.: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:04 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-36-22.
- 7a. Petition for De-Annexation Application No. ANNX-0048-2019. Applicant, Bryant Engineering for Alexis Investments, LLC, requested the de-annexation of 49.43 acres of property located off Moody Road (a portion of The Woodlands Subdivision); Tax Map OP9490 005600. Mr. B. Wood.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed the petition for de-annexation of 49.43 acres in the shape of a finger off Moody Road. Staff recommended approval of the de-annexation as the streets would meander in and out of City and County. The retention pond would return to the purview of Houston County Board of Commissioners.

Public Input: Mayor Pro Tempore Walker called for any public input for or against the petition.

For: None

Against: None

Public Hearing Closed at 6:08 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker closed the hearing at 6:08 p.m.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker
- 8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the June 26, 2019 special called meeting, July 1, 2019, work session, pre council meeting, July 2, 2019, council meeting July 2, 2019, and July 8, 2019 special called meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously.

9. Old Business: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

- 9a. Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker – none
9b. Council Members - none
9c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - none
9d. City Attorney - none

10. New Business: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

- 10a. Matters referred from July 15, 2019 work session and July 16, 2019 pre council meeting.

1. Authorize creating an entry-level administrative position in the Leisure Services Department subject to the new director's review. Administration recommended creating the position and allowing the new Leisure Services director to hire a person after evaluating the department to determine if there is a need and then conduct interviews. Council Member King moved to authorize creating an entry-level administrative position in the Leisure Services Department subject to the new director's approval. Council Member Jones seconded. The motion passed with Council Member Hunt opposing.

10b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction.

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance for the de-annexation of 49.43 acres of property located off Moody Road (a portion of The Woodlands Subdivision). Tax Map No. OP9490 056000. *(No action required by Council.)*

10c. Resolutions for Consideration and Adoption. Mr. L. Gilmour

1. Adopted Resolution 2019-35 to amend the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour stated the fee schedule had been updated to match the budget recommendations. Most fees increased by 2.5%, but Stormwater and Fire Protection fees will stay the same. Council Member King moved to approve Resolution 2019-35; Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2019-35 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

2. Adopted Resolution 2019-36 appointing Mr. Sedrick Swan Director of Leisure Services. Mr. Gilmour stated that all department head position appointments must be approved by resolution per the City's charter. Administration recommended approval. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to approve Resolution 2019-36 appointing Mr. Sedrick Swan as the Director of Leisure Services. Council Member Robert Jones seconded and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2019-36 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

10d. Award of Bid(s). Mr. Worthington

1. Bid No. 2019-31 Hill Road Drainage Improvements. Mr. Worthington advised the bid process resulted in two (2) responses. Staff recommended awarding the bid to low bidder Jecon for \$53,153.25. Council Member Jones moved to award the bid to Jecon for \$53,153.25; Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously.

2. Bid No. 2019-32 Wingfield Way Sidewalk Improvements. Mr. Worthington advised the bid process resulted in two (2) responses. Staff recommended awarding the bid to low bidder LaKay Enterprises for \$66,540.00. Council Member Jones moved to award the bid to LaKay Enterprises for \$66,540.00. Council Member King seconded and the motion passed with Council Member Hunt opposing.

10e. Authorized increase in a purchase order. Mr. Gilmour
Mr. Gilmour stated some of the directional signs were added to the purchase order that were slated for construction at a later time. Administration recommended approval of the increase of \$22,010. Council Member King moved to approve the increase of \$22,010 to the purchase order for directional signs. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

10f. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore. Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Pro Tempore announced he was stepping down as Mayor Pro Tempore and due to state law, he could not continue in his position to run for the Mayor position. He then entertained a motion for nomination for Mayor Pro Tempore. Council Member Jones nominated Council Member King; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the nomination and it carried unanimously.

11. Council Member Items.

Council Members Bynum-Grace, Hunt, and Jackson – none
Council Member Jones thanked the entire Council for responding to a constituent's request to build a sidewalk in the Wingfield Way neighborhood.

12. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, Chief Parker, Chief Lynn and Ms. Myers had no reports.

Mr. Wood reported that Community Development a total of 489 permits were issued in FY 2019 for new homes, home additions and remodels and another 123 non-residential permits. The City of Perry is leading the other entities in Houston County during the past fiscal year for the number of new home permits.

Ms. Turpin reminded everyone of the schedule for "Summer at the Splashpad" on July 20th. Activities include hot dogs for the first 200 people and a free movie at sundown with popcorn to celebrate the new playground.

Ms. Hardin reported during the last fiscal year, Economic Development statistics showed that over \$1 million in capital investments was made with four (4) companies, and two new businesses with forty-one employees including 17 retained.

Mr. Gilmour and Ms. Newby had no items.

13. General Public Items:

Angela Cuti announced the H.A.L.O. group has submitted an application for a fire-truck pull event which will be held on their property on September 21, 2019.

14. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker items:

- Next work session will be August 5, 2019 at 5 pm.
- Next regular meeting will be August 6, 2019 at 6 pm.
- Expressed appreciation for all the Council Members he has worked with during the past 9 ½ years.
- Reminded the public early voting starts on Monday, August 26, 2019 for the September 17th special election.

15. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular meeting held July 16, 2019, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.