

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**July 20, 2020**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held July 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Robert Jones

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and Recording Clerk Annie Warren

Staff Absent: City Attorney Brooke Newby and Assistant City Manager Robert Smith

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker - Perry Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Director of Finance, Bryan Wood – Director Community Development, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Manager, Haley Bryant – Main Street Coordinator, Maria Herrera - and Fire Marshal Michael Paull.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Chris Lyons, Jeff Leonard, Rich Knoll, Ellen Palmer, and Burke Murph.

Media: Josh Miller - The Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review /Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Appearance(s):

1. Presentation by Hargray relative to communication issues. Mr. Knoll presented a PowerPoint presentation which included: 1) Hargray's plans regarding infrastructure development, service delivery and growth; 2) work with the City of Perry in locating high-tech industry; and Hargray's plan of action to address complaints relative to residential service issues.

Council Member Hunt expressed his concerns relative to the level of service he received from Hargray.

2. Discussion relative to lease agreement and request for a reduced rental rate for Classroom 1 at the Perry Arts Center – Ms. Susan Verrochi and Mr. Micah Goguen. Mayor Walker advised Council that Ms. Verrochi stated she would not be at the meeting this evening. Mayor Walker withdrew the item from the agenda and stated it would be placed on an agenda in the future.

3b. Office of the City Manager

1. Short Term Rentals: – Ms. Hardin provided a presentation relative to short term rentals. Ms. Hardin’s presentation included local listings, projected revenue, and compliance recommendations. Administration recommended gathering additional information and bringing back before Council. Council concurred with Administration’s recommendation.
2. Discussion of fire code appendices: Chief Parker presented to Mayor and Council the process of determining fire flow and the number and location of fire hydrants as well as discussed, the appendices involved in the process.
3. Main Street Downtown Business Gift Card Program: Ms. Bryant presented for Council’s consideration a yiftee eGift Card to be used with the downtown businesses. Council concurred to move forward the eGift card.

3c. Department of Public Works

1. Legacy Park Dedication Signage: Ms. Fitzner presented an updated sketch of Legacy Park Dedication Signage. Mr. Murph advised Council that GWES would donate the fabrication and installation to the City of Perry to honor the men and women who served in the armed forces. Council concurred to move forward with the project.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Members Bynum-Grace, Hunt, Peterson, and Albritton had no reports. Mayor Pro Tempore King voiced his concerns relative to children getting into the water at Legacy Park. Administration stated signage is posted and if it persists, enforcement would be encouraged.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Mr. Gilmour had no report.

Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Wood, Ms. Harden, Ms. Bryant, Chief Parker, Chief Lynn, Ms. Fitzner, Ms. Warren and Ms. Clark had no reports.

6. General Public:

Ms. Palmer

- July 25<sup>th</sup>, Drive-In Fireworks show at the Georgia National Fairgrounds
- August 27<sup>th</sup>, Legislative Appreciation Reception

7. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on July 20, 2020 Council Member Albritton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.