

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
July 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 July 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Robert Jones.

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and Recording Clerk Janet Duffin.

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

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

Media: Kristin Moriarty - Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

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

4a. Introduction of new hire Martrez Scott – Chief S. Lynn.

Chief Lynn introduced Officer Martrez Scott who recently graduated from the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth. Mayor Walker and Council welcomed Officer Scott to the City of Perry.

5. Community Partner(s) Update(s):

None

6. Citizens with Input:

None

7. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the July 6, 2020 work session, July 7, 2020 pre council meeting, and July 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.

8. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 8a. Discuss adoption of State Minimum Fire Safety Standards – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Council concurred to move the discussion of the adoption of State Minimum Fire Safety Standards back to a First Reading at the next council meeting.

8b. Ordinance(s) for Second Readings and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from PUD, Planned Unit Development District, to R-2A, Single-family Residential District. The property is located at 138 Talton Road; Tax Map No. 0P0490 045000 – Mr. B. Wood.

Mayor Walker advised petitioner requested this item be tabled until the August 4, 2020 council meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to table this item until the August 4, 2020 council meeting; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from PUD, Planned Unit Development District, to R-3, Multi-family Residential District. The property is located at 138 Talton Road; Tax Map No. 0P0490 045000 – Mr. B. Wood.

Mayor Walker advised petitioner requested this item be tabled until the August 4, 2020 council meeting. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to table this item until the August 4, 2020 council meeting; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from RAG (county) to R-2A (city). The property is located at 2162 Kings Chapel Road; Tax Map No. 000830 034000 – Mr. B. Wood.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2020-08 for the rezoning of property from RAG (county) to R-2A (city). Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Ordinance 2020-08 has been entered into the*

City's official book of record.)

4. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the annexation of property from RAG (county) to R-2A (city). The property is located at 2162 Kings Chapel Road; Tax Map No. 000830 034000 – Mr. B. Wood.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2020-09 for the annexation of property from RAG (county) to R-2A (city). Council Member Albritton motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Ordinance 2020-09 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

5. **Second Reading** of a text amendment to revise the Procedures and Standards for Murals – Mr. B. Wood.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2020-10 of a text amendment to revise the Procedures and Standards for Murals. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to adopt the text amendment as submitted; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Ordinance 2020-10 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

9. Any Other Old Business:

- 9a. Mayor Randall Walker – Advised that the Strategic Planning session originally scheduled for August and September has been postponed until January due to risks associated with the pandemic.
- 9b. Council Members – none
- 9c. City Manager Lee Gilmour – Recommended City Council pass a resolution to remove the moratorium currently in place on murals.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-43 Repealing a Temporary Moratorium on the Permitting of Murals Throughout the City. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to adopted a resolution repealing the moratorium on murals; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2020-43 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

10. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 10a. Matters referred from July 20, 2020 work session. None
- 10b. Approval of Tax Authorizations with Ice Miller relative to IRS approval letter for the city's GMEBS plan – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour recommended authorization that necessary documents be signed and executed relative to the IRS approval letter for the city's GMEBS plan. Council Member Albritton motioned to move forward with the execution of documents; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried

unanimously.

11. Council Member Items:

None

12. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Ms. King, Mr. Wood, Mr. Worthington, Chief Lynn, Ms. Fitzner, Ms. Hardin and Ms. Clark had no reports.

Chief Parker thanked Mayor Walker and Council Members for their support of the fire safety standards.

Mr. Gilmour referred discussion relative to the fall youth sports programs to Mr. Swan. Mr. Swan advised that plans for fall soccer and football have been pushed back due to the pandemic. A meeting is being held on August 8th to discuss further plans for soccer. Football is scheduled to begin September 1st. Mr. Swan stated they may offer youth tennis because it is a lesser contact sport.

Mayor Walker stated he has some reservations about sports beginning in the fall and asked for feedback from council members. Mayor Pro Tempore King stated he wants to ensure the safety of everyone. Council members asked Mr. Swan to provide them with updates on a regular basis. Council Member Albritton stated a decision should be made within the week. Council Member Bynum-Grace stated we should not move forward with fall sports if we cannot keep the children safe and that she is not agreeable to doing it right now. Mr. Gilmour advised he concurred with Council Member Bynum-Grace's statements and he does not foresee any changes by September 1st. Mr. Gilmour advised there are no indications that any of these programs are in a safe environment to proceed and recommended youth sports be cancelled for the fall.

Council members concurred to cancel all youth sports programs for the fall in order to protect the youth of our city.

Council Member Peterson advised she would like to ensure council members receive an email notifying them if anything else is cancelled so they will be aware. Mayor Walker advised emails would be sent in the future and apologized if they had not been sent in the past.

13. General Public Items:

None

14. Mayor Items:

Work session will be held August 3, 2020 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Pre council and council will be held August 4, 2020 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00

p.m. respectively.

15. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held July 21, 2020, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.