

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

2. Roll.

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Joni Ary

City Staff: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Director of Finance, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, Annie Warren – City Clerk, Fire Marshall Michael Paull – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Cody Gunn – Chief Building Official and Ken Ezell – Perry Police Department.

Guest(s): Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau – Ms. Allison Hamsley and Ms. Becky Wilson. Mr. Chad Bryant – Bryant Engineering and Robin Jackson.

Media: Myoshe Howard - Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Council Member Robert Jones rendered the invocation and Council Member Darryl Albritton led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

- a) Introduction of Chief Building Official, Cody Gunn. Mr. Bryan Wood was introduced to Mayor and Council, Mr. Cody Gunn the new Chief Building Official. Mayor and Council welcomed Mr. Cody Gunn.

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

Perry Convention and Visitors Bureau – Ms. Allison Hamsley updated Council on the launch of the Visit Perry Tourism reimbursement Grant program. The Census Bureau people stayed in Perry 23 nights and provided them material on things to do in Perry. Their focus is marketing and advertising that Perry is the place to visit for low key outdoor leisure activities.

Ms. Becky Wilson spoke to the Mayor and Council about Visit Perry is participating in the US Travel Associations campaign titles “Let’s Go There” and is currently participating in a study with the University of Georgia.

6. Citizens with Input: None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:09 p.m.: Mayor Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:09 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. SUSE-83-2020. Applicant, Chad Bryant, Bryant Engineering, request a Special Exception for Multi-family residential development. The property is located at 100 Ashley Drive (Perimeter Road); Tax Map No. 0P0390 004000 and 0P0390 017000.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed the request for Special Exception for Multi-family residential development. Staff recommended approval of Special Exception for Multi-family residential development with the following conditions – Conform to the layout presented on the site plan prepared by Bryant Engineering, the residential building shall not exceed three stories in height, at least 30% of the exterior façade of each building shall be brick or stone with the remainder consisting of cement-based material with garages being clad with 100% cement-based material and to have a fence installed on the property along with the Perry Housing Property the entire boundary of the existing building plus 20 feet extra.

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

For: Chad Bryant, 906 Ball Street, Bryant Engineering stated that he was in favor of the Special Exception request. He had questions about the fence along with the Housing Authority Property but will get with Mr. Bryan Wood to get further directions.

Against: None

7b. RZNE-127-2020. Applicant, Bryant Engineering request the rezoning of the property from PUD, Planned Unit Development District, to R-3, Multi-family residential district. The property is located on Perry Parkway and Moss Oaks Road; Tax Map No. 0P0340 037000.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed the request for rezoning of the property from

PUD, Planned Unit Development District, to R-3, Multi-family residential district. Staff recommended approval of the request to change the zoning of the property from PUD to R-3 with the remaining portion of PUD-zoned property will remain unchanged.

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

For: Mr. Chad Bryant, 906 Ball Street, Bryant Engineering stated he agreed with the recommendation.

Against: None

Public Hearing Closed at 6:25 p.m. Mayor Walker closed the hearing at 6:25 p.m.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the September 14, 2020 work session, September 15, 2020, pre-council meeting, and September 15, 2020 council meeting.

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

9. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

9a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance repealing the Tree Board, as found in Division 3 Article V, Chapter 2. – Ms. Newby reminded Council that this would have to be a voice vote.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2020-24 for the repealing the Tree Board, as found in the Division 3 Article V, Chapter 2. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt the motion as submitted; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. All Council Members voted by saying "I" in agreement for approving the ordinance. (*Ordinance 2020-24 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

10. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 10a. Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker – none  
10b. Council Members - none  
10c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - none  
10d. City Attorney – none  
10e. Assistance City Manager Robert Smith – absent.

11. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

11a. Matters referred from October 5, 2020 work session and October 6, 2020 pre council meeting. None.

11b. Special Exception Application – 83-2020. Mr. B. Wood.

Mr. Wood reviewed Special Exception Application-83-2020 with the conditions - Conform to the layout presented on the site plan prepared by Bryant Engineering, the residential building shall not exceed three stories in height, at least 30% of the exterior façade of each building shall be brick or stone with the remainder consisting of cement-based material with garages being clad with 100% cement-based material and to have a fence installed on the property along with the Perry Housing Property the entire boundary of the existing building plus 20 feet extra. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to approve the Special Exception application 83-2020 with the conditions as outlined. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11c. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction.

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance the rezoning of property from PUD, Planned Unit Development, to R-3, Multi-family residential district. The property location is Perry Parkway and Moss Oaks Road; Tax Map oP0340 037000 -Mr. B. Wood. *(No action required by Council.)*

11d. Resolutions for Consideration and Adoption. Mr. L. Gilmour

1. Adopted Resolution 2020-62 to amend the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour stated the fee schedule to adjust the fees to charge to pay for a customer's broken water meter register for the second and subsequent damage events and the additional charge for totter customers for extra services. Mayor Pro Tempore King moved to approve Resolution 2020-62; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2020-62 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

11e. Request to restore a position. Mr. Gilmour stated that a firefighter position was suspended due to funding relative to COVID-19, but the funding is now available, and recommend reestablishing the position. Administration recommends approval to restore the position. Council Member Jones motioned to restore the firefighter position. Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11f. Westwood Mobile Home Park paving requirements. Ms. Newby reviewed with Mayor and Council the Westwood Mobile Home Park paving requirements of 20 feet.

Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to approve the paving requirements of 20 feet for Westwood Mobile Home Park. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Council Member Items.

Mayor Pro Tempore King and Council Members Bynum-Grace, Jones, and Hunt had no reports.

Council Member Peterson commended Main Street organization in getting the merchant meeting attendance increased.

13. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Mr. Gilmour, Ms. B. Newby, Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, Chief Lynn, Mr. Gunn, and Ms. Warren had no reports.

Mr. Wood

- The deadline for Census is October 31, 2020, has been extended, and noted that 66% of citizens have completed their Census online.
- 368 permits for new single-family have been issued, will break last year's record.

Chief Parker

- Thanked Mayor and Council for reestablishing the firefighter position.

Ms. Clark

- The City's Facebook page has over 10,000 followers.

Ms. Hardin

- Sandler Nonwoven will be having a job fair on October 22, 2020, at the Art Center, they are looking to hire 30 new employees. Ms. Hardin will be working with them on the job fair.

14. General Public Items:

Mr. Robin Jackson, 1102 Lovely Lane, stated during last tropical storm, the old ball field on James Street flooded. Mr. Jackson also asked for the City to speak to the School Board about the grass on the old ball field being cut. Mayor Walker stated he would investigate both issues.

15. Mayor Items:

- October 19, 2020 Work session meeting
- October 20, 2020, Pre council and Council meeting

16. Executive Session entered at 6:40 p.m.: On the motion by Mayor Pro Tempore King, seconded by Council Member Albritton and carried unanimously, Council went into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate and personnel.

17. Executive Session adjourned at 7:31 p.m.: Council adjourned the executive session held on October 6, 2020 and reconvened into the Council's regular meeting.
18. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-63 stating the purpose of the executive session held on October 6, 2020, was for real estate and personnel. On a motion by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Peterson and carried unanimously adopted a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on October 6, 2020, was to discuss real estate and personnel. No action was taken. (*Resolution No. 2020-63 has been entered in the City's official book of record.*)
19. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held October 6, 2020, Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.