

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 17, 2019**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre-council meeting held December 17, 2019 at 5:00p.m.

Roll.

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

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Anji Holley.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Robert Smith – Assistant City Manager, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Sedrick Swan - Director of Leisure Services, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Director, Mitchell Worthington, Director of Finance, Haley Bryant – Main Street Coordinator, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager and Anya Turpin – Special Events Coordinator.

Guest(s): Joy Peterson

Media: Jada Dukes - Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

- 3a. Discussion of December 17, 2019 council meeting agenda.

4a (1). Recognition of 2019 Volunteer Coaches. Mr. Swan stated he would recognize his 2019 Volunteer Coaches.

4b (2). Introduction of Firefighter Recruit Jordan Chambers. Chief Parker stated he would introduce firefighter recruit, Jordan Chambers to Council.

7a. SUSE-96-2019. Applicant, William A. Stanford II, for the HALO Group, requested a Special Exception to allow 11 Multi-Family units. The property is located at 800 Main Street; Tax Map No.OP0040 014000. Mr. Wood advised the Planning Commission recommended approval to allow the HALO Group to convert existing rooms to one bedroom and studio apartments.

7b. SUSE-97-2019. Applicant, Dexter Davis, request a Special Exception to allow Automobile Service (Window Tinting) and Automobile Wash and

Detailing. The property is located at 626 General Courtney Hodges Boulevard; Tax Map No. OP0120 033000. Mr. Wood advised Staff's recommendation was to disapprove, but that the Planning Commission's recommendation was to approve the plans.

7c. Petition for RZNE-0095-2019. Applicant, Genesis KC Development LLC requests the rezoning of property from R-1, Single-family Residential District, to IN, Institutional District. The property is located on Keith Drive; Tax Map No. OP0440 03D000. Mr. Wood advised that staff recommended approval of application for Genesis Dialysis Center to relocate to Keith Drive.

9a (1). Second Reading of an ordinance adopting the GMEBS Restated Defined Benefit Plan. Ms. Newby stated the amended retirement plan was required to be submitted as an ordinance.

9a (2). Second Reading of an ordinance amending FY 2019 Operating Budget. Mr. Gilmour recommended Council adopt the ordinance amending the FY 2019 Operating Budget.

9a (3). Second Reading of an ordinance amending the Transient Occupancy Tax Mr. Gilmour advised Council the ordinance would increase the hotel/motel tax from 7% to 8%.

11e (1). Resolution appointing Mr. Mitchell Worthington Finance Director. Mr. Gilmour recommended that Council approve to appoint Mr. Worthington Finance Director.

11f. Consider accepting donation of property for greenspace purposes. Mr. Gilmour recommended Council accept the donation of one half acre near Duncan Avenue subject to a clear title.

4. Council Member Items:

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

Council Member Jones stated he and Mr. McMurrian had not heard back on the entrance lights for Lake Forest subdivision.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Mr. Smith mentioned an email that had gone out regarding strategic planning and demographic data. He and Mayor Walker will be meeting with department heads in the near future.

Mr. McMurrian announced that his department had applied for the 2020 LMIG Grant. He also stated that he had discovered eight storm water violations and advised that they would be repaired within 72 hours.

Ms. Turpin reminded everyone that the Buzzard Drop was in two weeks. She also mentioned that her department would be partnering with Houston County Health Department and the City of Perry's Fire Marshal to host a free class on how to become a vendor in the City of Perry.

Ms. Clark announced that the City of Perry had launched a Twitter account.

Ms. Hardin announced that another permit had been submitted in the Rural Zone and would capture tax credits. She also stated the restaurant "Orleans on Carroll" would bring forty new jobs to the City of Perry.

Chief Lynn asked about public use of the Public Safety Firing Range for a profit venture. Mayor Walker, Mayor Pro Tempore King and Council Members Bynum-Grace and Jackson opposed this measure.

Ms. Peterson stated that she feels that HALO Group should install stoves in the apartments they are to remodel.

Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Swan, Ms. Bryant and Mr. Wood had no reports.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the pre-council meeting held December 17, 2019, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.