

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**July 16, 2019**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held July 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

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

Departmental Staffing: Major William Phelps – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Finance, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ashley Hardin – Director of Economic Development, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Finance Director, Haley Myers – Main Street Coordinator and Anya Turpin – Special Events Coordinator.

Guests: Mr. Gary Moulliet

Media: Jada Dukes – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of July 16, 2019 council meeting agenda.

4(a). Appointment to Main Street Advisory Board – it was noted the appointment must be voted on.

7(a). Public Hearing for De-Annexation Application No. ANNX-0048-2019. Applicant Bryant Engineering for Alexis Investments LLC requested the de-annexation of 49.3 acres of property located off Mood Road (a portion of The Woodlands Subdivision); Tax Map No. OP0490 05600. Mr. Wood noted that this parcel had been discussed at several meetings and staff recommended approval of the de-annexation. It was further noted that no services will be provided by the City. Mr. Gilmour requested that wording be added to the ordinance regarding maintenance of the retention pond so the City's structures are not affected if any changes are made.

10c. (1) Resolution amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour noted most fees will go up 2.5% except for water and sewer which will go up 4% to cover the increase in expenses. The good news is that the fire and solid waste fees will remain the same.

10c. (2) Resolution to appoint Mr. Sedrick Swan Director of Leisure Services. Mr. Gilmour advised the resolution is the final step and must be approved by Council per the City Charter.

10d. (1) Bid No. 2019-31 Hill Road Draining Improvements. Mr. Worthington advised two (2) bids were received and staff recommended Jecon with the low bid of \$53,153.25.

10d. (2) Bid No. 2019-32 Wingfield Way Sidewalk Improvements. Mr. Worthington advised two (2) bids were received and staff recommended LaKay Enterprises, Inc. with the low bid of \$66,540.00.

10e. Authorize an increase in purchase order. Mr. Gilmour advised that there was a misunderstanding on the total cost because a portion of the signage included in the purchase order was done ahead of schedule.

10f. Appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tempore. Mr. Walker advised Council he would be tendering his resignation and therefore Council would need to appoint a new mayor pro-tempore to serve until the special election is held September 17<sup>th</sup>.

4. Council Member items:

No items from Council Members Jackson, Hunt, Bynum-Grace or Jones or City Attorney Newby.

Council Member King inquired about the leak on Main Street in front of the cleaners.

Mr. Gilmour requested Council consider authorizing an entry level administrative position for the Leisure Services Department. This will provide the new director the opportunity to conduct interviews and hire a person based on his assessment of the department without having to wait for the authorization.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

- Mr. Wood advised followed up on the memo sent to Council yesterday regarding the number of permits issued for the past fiscal year.
- Ms. Turpin reminded all of the Summer at the Splash Pad event scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Hardin noted she would be providing information during the regular meeting on the highlights of the Economic Development Department for the past year.

- Ms. Myers advised that she had a visit from the Department of Community Affairs – State Main Street representative. She is looking forward to working with DCA/Main Street to make the downtown even more vibrant.
6. Executive Session entered at 5:25 pm: Mayor Pro Tempore Walker entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel. On a motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Hunt and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for the purpose of personnel.
  7. Executive Session adjourned at 5:30 pm: Council's pre-council meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held July 16, 2019 and reconvened into the pre-council meeting.
  8. Adopted Resolution 2019-34 stating the purpose of the executive session held on July 16, 2019 was for the purpose of personnel. Council Member Hunt moved to adopt Resolution 2019-34 stating the purpose of the executive session held on July 16, 2019 was for the purpose of personnel. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution No. 2019-34 has been entered into the official the City's official book of record.*)
  9. Adjournment: On a motion by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Bynum-Grace and carried unanimously, the reconvened pre-council meeting of July 16, 2019 was adjourned at 5:32 pm.