

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
December 16, 2019
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held December 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby and Recording Clerk Annie Warren

City Departmental Staffing: Major William Phelps – Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Ashley Hardin – Department of Economic Development Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Finance Director, Haley Bryant – Main Street Coordinator, Ansley Fitzner – Landscape Manager, Chad McMurrin – Engineering Services Manager and Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): John Corson and Joy Peterson

Press: Jada Dukes

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Department of Economic Development

1. Tree Removal and Replacement Request-1028 and 1030 Ball Street: Mr. Hardin presented to Mayor and Council a request to remove and replace a tree at 1028 & 1030 Ball Street. The oak tree is located in front of the property blocks the exterior façade making it difficult to paint and make exterior façade improvements, the tree size hinders visibility for signage, and there are concerns relative to safety regarding its proximity to power lines. Administration recommended removing the tree and replacing according to the Perry Tree Board standards. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation.

3b. Office of the City Manager

1. Consider request for additional payment for 2019 LMIG contractor. Administration reviewed a letter dated November 15, 2019 from a contractor requesting additional payment for 2019 LMIG project. Administration's recommendation to Council was to deny the request for payment. Council concurred with Administration to deny the request for payment.
2. Consider adjustments to conditions for rentals at the Perry Arts Center. Administration presented for Council's consideration a request to remove the condition to have a police officer onsite at Perry Arts Center rental events when alcohol is being served. Council concurred to proceed with Administration's recommendation on a trial basis to determine what may happen and a renter can request security.
3. Establish a moratorium on the permitting of conservation subdivisions/land use. Administration requested Council authorize a moratorium to put a hold on accepting any type of conservation subdivision.

4. Council Member Items: None

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Smith, Ms. Newby, Mr. Wood, Ms. Fitzner, Ms. Bryant, Ms. King, Ms. Clark, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Swan and Major Phelps had no reports.

Chief Parker reported the winner of the poster contest will be picked up on Thursday morning and driven to school in the fire truck.

Mr. Hardin presented Mr. Curtis George, who announced he closed on 807 Carroll Street and will be opening a restaurant "Orleans on Carroll" November 2020.

Mayor Walker announced a reception will be held tomorrow night to honor William Jackson's 20 years of service.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel and real estate.

6. Executive Session entered at 5:49 p.m.: Mayor Pro Tempore King moved to adjourn the work session and enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel and real estate. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
7. Executive Session adjourned 6:18 p.m.: Council's work session reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held December 16, 2019 and reconvened into Council's work session.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-61 stating purpose of executive session held December 16, 2019 was to discuss personnel and real estate. Council Member Jones moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on November 18,

2019 was to discuss personnel and real estate. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution 2019-61 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

9. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held December 16, 2019 Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.