

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, March 17, 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 March 17, 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. Council Member Robert Jones was present via teleconference.

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

Departmental Staffing: Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager.

Media: Lauren Harris - Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Council Member King rendered the invocation and Mayor Randall Walker led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

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

Introduction of Mr. Scott has been delayed to a later date.

5. Appointment(s):

5a. Appoint Perry Area Historical Society lead agency for the City of Perry 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Mayor Walker.

Council Member Hunt moved to appoint Perry Historical Society lead agency for the City of Perry 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

None

7. Citizens with Input:

Mayor Walker asked that if citizens had comments, they were to type them in

on the City of Perry's Facebook livestream and they would be read to Council Members for their consideration.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the March 2, 2020 work session, March 3, 2020 pre council meeting and March 3, 2020 council meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the March 2<sup>nd</sup> work session, March 3<sup>rd</sup> pre council and council meetings as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

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

1. **Second Reading** of a text amendment regarding Conservation Subdivision Development Requirements – Ms. B. Newby.

Ms. Newby advised staff recommended approval of the text amendment as submitted.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2020-04. Mayor Tempore King moved to adopt the amendment; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2020-04 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

2. **Second Reading** of RedSpeed Ordinance – Ms. B. Newby.

Ms. Newby advised staff recommended approval of the ordinance as submitted.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2020-05. Council Member Hunt moved to adopt the ordinance; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2020-05 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

10. Any Other Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 9a. Mayor Randall Walker – none  
9b. Council Members – none  
9c. City Manager, Lee Gilmour – none  
9d. Assistant City Manager, Robert Smith – none  
9e. City Attorney, Brooke Newby – none

11. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 11a. Matters referred from March 16, 2020 work session and March 17, 2020 pre council meeting.

1. The March 16, 2020 work session and the March 17, 2020 pre council meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19.

11b. Resolution(s) for Introduction and Adoption:

1. Selection of a voting delegate for the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual election – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour recommended approval of the resolution as submitted.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-15. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to adopt the resolution for the selection of a voting delegate for the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual election; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2020-15 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

2. Resolution relative to the Houston County Government Building – Ms. B. Newby.

Ms. Newby recommended approval of the resolution as submitted.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-16. Mayor Pro Tempore King moved to adopt the resolution relative to the Houston County Government Building; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2020-16 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

3. Resolution terminating the temporary moratorium on the permitting of conservation subdivisions – Ms. B. Newby.

Ms. Newby recommended approval of the resolution as submitted.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-17. Council Member Hunt moved to adopt the resolution terminating the temporary moratorium on the permitting of conservation subdivisions; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2020-17 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

4. Resolution to declare certain real property surplus property – Ms. B. Newby.

Ms. Newby recommended approval of the resolution as submitted.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-18. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to adopt the resolution declaring certain real property surplus property; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2020-18 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

5. Resolution appointing prosecuting attorneys for Municipal Court for the City of Perry – Ms. B. Newby.  
Ms. Newby recommended approval of the resolution as submitted.

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-19. Mayor Pro Tempore King moved to adopt the resolution to appoint prosecuting attorneys for Municipal Court for the City of Perry; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2020-19 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

11c. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2020-13 Arts Center AV Equipment – Mr. R. Smith.

Mr. Smith recommended this bid be rejected and brought back before Council at a later date due to only being one bid returned.

Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to reject the bid for Arts Center AV Equipment; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Bid No. 2020-25 Mini Excavator – Mr. R. Smith.

Mr. Gilmour recommended rejecting bids due to the serious economic impacts relative to COVID-19.

Mayor Pro Tempore King moved to reject bids for the Mini Excavator; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Council Member Items:

Council Member Peterson advised she is taking a hard look at how the City fills positions for its Boards and Commissions. She advised she would continue to research and bring information back to Council for consideration.

Council Member Albritton asked if the City was moving forward with fencing for Pine Needle Park, and if so, what the timeline was. Mr. Gilmour advised the decision would be up to Council.

Council Member Hunt advised the dumpster at the Church in the Park was full due to Peaches to Beaches and asked if the City would authorize emptying the dumpster.

Council Member Hunt moved that Council authorizes the City to pay for one dumpster pull at the Church in the Park; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore King and Council Members Albritton and Bynum-Grace voted not to authorize paying for the dumpster pull; Council Members Hunt, Peterson and Jones voted in favor of authorizing payment for the dumpster pull. A tie vote of three to

three was received; Mayor Walker voted in favor of paying for emptying the dumpster, thereby breaking the tie.

Mr. Smith advised Council that dates needed to be determined relative to the Strategic Plan Refresh. Mr. Smith asked Council to get back to him by the end of the week with four dates for consideration.

Mr. Gilmour advised there is an issue from Code Enforcement regarding a home vehicle repair business that has been operating for over twenty years at 513 Martin Luther King Drive. The homeowner was unaware a business license was required and therefore does not have a license at this time. Mr. Gilmour recommended consideration of grandfathering the home business with the stipulation that he will have to acquire a business license, as well as bear the responsibility of environmental impact.

Council Member Peterson moved to grandfather the vehicle repair home business at 513 Martin Luther King Drive; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Gilmour recommended that no vacant positions be filled unless they are considered to be an essential position. Mr. Gilmour stated this would be reviewed on a quarterly basis. Council was in concurrence with this recommendation.

Council Members Hunt, Bynum-Grace, Jones and City Attorney Newby had no reports.

13. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Mr. Gilmour recapped the current status concerning COVID-19 and stated we are following the latest CDC guidelines. The Worrall Center, Perry Arts Center, Customer Service, and the Tax and License Department have been fully closed. All employees have been advised that if they can operate from home, they may do so. Mr. Gilmour stated he will continue to keep everyone abreast of the situation.

Ms. Clark - None

14. General Public Items:

None

15. Mayor Items:

Mayor Walker encouraged everyone to follow the recommendations put out by the CDC and asked that everyone be patient as we go through this process to protect our citizens and employees. Mayor Walker thanked Council Members and staff for their support.

16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held March 17, 2020, Council Member Albritton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried

unanimously.