

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 5, 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 May 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staffing: Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Manager, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager and Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager.

Guest(s): Stephen Shimp, Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter

Media: Lauren Harris – Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor Randall Walker

Council Member Jones rendered the invocation and Mayor Pro Tempore King led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Recognition(s)/Presentation(s): Mayor Randall Walker

4a. Recognition of Ms. A. Warren, Professional Municipal Clerks Week

Mayor Walker and Council recognized Ms. Warren and thanked her for her service.

5. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

5a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the April 2, 2020 council meeting.

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

6. Old Business:

6a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of Wireless Facilities and Antenna Act Ordinance – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Ordinance 2020-06 Wireless Facilities and Antenna Act Ordinance. Ms. Newby reviewed the ordinance and recommended approval in order to be in compliance with Federal and State laws. Council Member Albritton moved to adopt the ordinance as presented; Mayor Pro King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2020-06 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

7. Any Other Old Business:

- 7a. Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker - none
- 7b. Council Members – none
- 7c. City Attorney Brooke Newby -none
- 7d. City Manager Lee Gilmour - none
- 7e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith -none

8. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

8a. Project Sleep: City of Perry Hotel incentives request. Ms. Hardin presented a request from a company that would lease land on the Fairgrounds to build a hotel to be tied to the Miller Murphy Howard Building. Ms. Hardin asked on the behalf of the company, 1) waiver of permit fees and utility connection fees, 2) review and permitting process be expedited and 3) a road be constructed on property connecting the hotel to General Courtney Hodges Boulevard. Mr. McMurrian estimated the cost of the road would be \$80 thousand to \$100 thousand. Mr. Shimp did not promote the construction of a public roadway on state property and stated he would discuss the roadway with the company. Administration recommended Council proceed with expediting the permit and review process and waive the requested fees. Administration also recommended Council not agree to the roadway request. Council Member Jones moved to approve the incentive package but not the road and include the stipulations recommended by Administration relative to connecting water and sewer to the fairgrounds. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8b. Adjustment to fee billing process. Administration reviewed its memo dated April 27, 2020 requesting Council authorize an adjustment of who the City charge for service fees (stormwater and fire protection fees), subject the review by the City Attorney. Administration requested Council authorize the invoicing of the property owner that has a qualifying structure and/or impervious surface on the parcel with no utility service account, subject to review by the City Attorney. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to proceed with the adjustment

to the fee billing process, subject to review by the City Attorney; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8c. Designation of a handicap parking space. Administration stated this is a follow up to the last meeting relative to front or rear ADA access to 809 Carroll Street. The City has received notice from the state agency stating for historical purposes no ramp or lift can be installed in the front but can be installed in the back alley. Administration requested Council's permission to establish a designated handicap parking space on Ball or Jernigan Street. Council Member Jones moved to designate a handicap parking space to be determined later Ball or Jernigan Street; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Council Members Items:

Council Member Jones inquired relative to the status of remediation plan for erosion control at Creekwood Estates. Mr. McMurrian advised he would follow up on the request.

Council Member Peterson recognized ESG Operations, Inc. for its repair of a water main break in Grand Reserve.

10. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Mr. Gilmour

- Discussed exposure at Legacy Park relative to water feature. The City contacted the insurance carrier and it recommended signage stating no playing or throwing coins in the fountain. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with Administration's recommendation. Mr. Smith advised Council that the fountain is vacuum every two weeks.
- Recommended dates for budget hearings between Council and department heads: May 21, May 26, and May 28. June 1 will be outside agencies and the public hearings will be held June 2 and June 16.

Mr. Smith provided follow up information and dates relative to the proposed strategic planning process.

August 8 – Kick off retreat

August 24 and 25 - Department sessions

September 26 – Strategic Plan Retreat

11. General Public Items: none

12. Mayor Items:

- Encouraged everyone to complete the 2020 Census
- May 18, work session
- May 19, pre council and council

Ms. Newby reviewed the roles of mayor, council, and the city manager

13. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held May 5, 2019 Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.