

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 19, 2020**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held October 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn –Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Annie Warren – City Clerk, Michael Paull – Fire Marshal, Haley Bryant – Main Street Coordinator and Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager.

Guests/Speakers: None

Press: Myoshe Howard – Houston Home Journal

3. Item of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Department of Community Development

1. Consider options relative to South Street right-of-way:

Mr. Wood brought up a discussion relative to South Street right-of-way options for Council's consideration. The potential owner submitted a plan in reference to the restaurant size and parking. The owner asked if the City would consider overflow parking on the South Street right-of-way as an alternate to Mr. Wood's plan relative to the parking issues. Mr. Wood stated Mr. Gilmour suggested shifting the retention pond to accommodate additional parking.

Mr. Wood informed Council the utilities are located in a portion of South Street right-of-way. He also advised there is an undeveloped parcel

directly across from South Street that needs to remain accessible. The driveway is recommended to be developed as a City Street.

Mr. Gilmour recommended Council approve Mr. Wood's plan.

Council concurred to move forward with Mr. Wood's recommendation for review.

2. Naming of building: Mr. Wood recommended to Council to name Community Development building "Planning, Engineering & Building Services", as suggested by Council Member Peterson.

Council concurred to name the building "Planning, Engineering & Building Services".

3b. Presentation(s):

1. Presentation the City's WaterFirst program: Mr. Smith conducted a presentation regarding the City's WaterFirst program. The program will provide the citizens of Perry with better water services. The City of Perry is committed to water stewardship, growth management, quality of life, long-range planning, state collaboration, and superior service.

Council Member Jones and Mayor Pro-Tempore King congratulated Mr. Smith for a presentation well done.

Mayor Walker stated that Mr. Smith's presentation was very well received by the review panel. The City was selected as a WaterFirst community.

Mayor Walker also thanked Public Works for their hard work.

3c. Department of Public Works

1. Rozar Park Culvert Repair: Ms. Fitzner presented to Council a proposal for contract services to repair a pipe located at Rozar Park. The cost of the repair is \$41,221.00.

Administration recommended Council concur with Ms. Fitzner's repair proposal.

Council concurred to approve the proposal, for Rozar Park Culvert repair.

3d. Department of Leisure Services

1. Consider offering a modified youth basketball program: Mr. Swan proposed to Council a modified youth basketball program due to COVID-19 restrictions and health concerns.

Mr. Swan proposal to Council included the following proposed solutions:

- Adhere to the guidelines provided by the CDC and GHSA
- Adjust operations
- Video streaming

Mayor Walker inquired if there had been any discussions with the high schools relative to the practicing and utilizing of their facilities. Also, Mayor Walker asked what they are going to require of the City to clean their facilities after using them. Mr. Swan responded that the school system has been restricting access to any outside institute. Their goal was to continue using their facilities for practice through the rest of the year.

Administration is not recommending the program due to COVID-19 restrictions and a new Executive Order from the government. Administration is recommending cancelling the program until further notice.

Mayor Walker supported Administration's decision.

Council concurred after a long discussion regarding costs, restrictions and safety concerns for participants to allow Mr. Swan to proceed with the program with the following conditions: 1) Program players must follow the CDC and GHSA guidelines, 2) no video streaming, and 3) strict adherence to adjusted operations. Council Members Jones and Hunt were not in agreement.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Members had no reports.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Department heads had no reports.

Mayor

- Pre-Council meeting October 20 at 5:00pm
- Council Meeting October 20 at 6:00pm

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held October 19, 2020, Council Member Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.