

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
July 20, 2021  
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 July 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Hunt

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

Departmental Staffing: Brenda King - Director of Administration, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chief Lee Parker - Fire and Emergency Services Department, Captain Heath Dykes – Perry Police Department, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Cody Gunn – Chief Building Official, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, and Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator.

Media: Brianna Sheffield – Houston Home Journal

Guest(s): Rev. Dr. Rutha Jackson and Kimberly Hicks – African American Tri-City Newspaper

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

4. Community Partner(s) Update(s): none

5. Citizens with Input. Rev. Dr. Rutha Jackson, 2022 Hiawassee Drive, Bonaire, GA and Kimberly Hicks, founders of the African American Tri-City Newspaper, presented Mayor and Council copies of the newspaper and asked for news articles to place in the newspaper.

6. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

6a. Council’s Consideration – Minutes of the July 6, 2021 pre council meeting, and July 6, 2021 council meeting.

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

7. Old Business:

7a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the annexation of property to the City of Perry. The property is located at US 41 South and South Perry Parkway; Tax Map No. 000340 065000; 000340 015000; 000190 010000 – Mr. B. Wood.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-13 for the annexation of property to the City of Perry. The property is located at US 41 South and South Perry Parkway; Tax Map No. 000340 065000; 000340 015000; 000190 010000. Mr. Wood stated the Planning Commission and staff recommends approval of the annexation with the requested C-2, general commercial, zoning classification, with the following condition: The two parcels that have street frontage are subject to a landscape easement along the front property line in favor of the City for commercial properties located outside 1,100 feet of a major intersection. Council Member King motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Ordinance No. 2021-13 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from R-AG (County), Residential-Agricultural District to C-2 (City), General Commercial District. The property is located at US 41 South and South Perry Parkway; Tax Map No. 000340 065000; 000340 015000; 000190 010000 – Mr. B. Wood.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-14 for the rezoning of property from R-AG (County), Residential-Agricultural District to C-2 (City), General Commercial District. The property is located at US 41 South and South Perry Parkway; Tax Map No. 000340 065000; 000340 015000; 000190 010000. Mr. Wood stated the Planning Commission and staff recommends approval of the rezoning with the requested C-2, general commercial, zoning classification, with the following condition: The two parcels that have street frontage are subject to a landscape easement along the front property line in favor of the City for commercial properties located outside 1,100 feet of a major intersection. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Ordinance No. 2021-14 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

3. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from PUD, Planned Unit Development to R-2, Two-Family Residential District. The property is located on Langston Road; Tax Map No. oP0610 006000 – Mr. B. Wood.

Mayor Walker advised that a council member asked that the vote be delayed until the next Council meeting. Mayor Walker entertained a motion to table this item until Council's August 3, 2021 meeting. Council Member Albritton motioned to table this item until Council's August 3, 2021 meeting; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Any Other Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

8a. Mayor Randall Walker - none

8b. Council Members

\* Council Member Bynum-Grace

- Has the city considered any other contractors for city sewerage, water, and garbage? Administration replied, for the provision for utilities services management the city has gone out and sought proposals and ESG Operations, Inc has consistently given the best service and the best price.
- Heritage Oaks Park lack of parking. Mr. Gilmour replied: 1) Administration is meeting with city staff next week to see what type of temporary parking measures can be made, and 2) based on feedback and experience, additional parking will be part of Phase 2 improvements for the park.
- What preparations are being made for the August event? Administration replied, we are looking at where the city can expand out to have temporary parking.

\* Mayor Pro Tempore Jones

- Ask if it was possible for Mr. McMurrian to give his presentation on water flow to the residents of Langston Road. Administration stated yes.

8c. City Attorney Brooke Newby - none

8d. City Manager Lee Gilmour – none

8e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith - none

9. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

9a. Matters referred from July 19, 2021 work session and July 20, 2021 pre council meeting. none

9b. Intergovernmental Agreement relative to Natatorium Use between Houston County and the City of Perry – Ms. B. Newby.

Council Member Peterson motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement relative to Natatorium Use between Houston County and the City of Perry as submitted; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 9c. Approval of easements relative to Bear Branch sewer expansion – Ms. B. Newby
1. William Edmond Smith, Jr.
  2. Houston County School District

Council Member Albritton motioned to approve easements for William Edmond Smith, Jr., and Houston County School District relative to Bear Branch sewer expansion; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 9d. Selection of a voting delegate for GMA Annual Membership Business Meeting, August 8, 2021 – Ms. A. Warren.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jones moved to elect Mayor Walker as the voting delegate and Council Member King as the alternate voting delegate for GMA Annual Membership Business meeting. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

- 9e. Consider position for crossing guard at Mossy Creek Middle School – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Administration and Chief Lynn recommends approval of the crossing guard position at Mossy Creek Middle School. Administration added the caveat that the crossing guard cannot be a certified officer. Council Member King motioned to approve the crossing guard position at Mossy Creek Middle School; Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Council Members Items:

Council Member Albritton asked if Council could discuss on a future agenda “Sidewalk connectivity extension for Heritage Oaks Park to Sam Nunn Boulevard.” Mr. Smith provided Mayor and Council information relative to future sidewalk plans.

Council Member Peterson thanked Administration for assistance with parking issues downtown.

Council Member King thanked Ms. Fitzner for taking care of the damaged signs at Rotary Centennial Park.

Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, and Mr. Smith had no reports.

11. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Ms. King, Captain Dykes, Ms. Fitzner, Mr. Gunn, Ms. Clark, Mr. McMurrian, Ms. Hardin, and Ms. Warren had no reports.

12. General Public Items: none

13. Mayor Items:

- August 2, Work session
- August 3, Pre council and Council

14. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held July 20, 2021, Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.