

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
January 18, 2022  
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 January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official Absent: none

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

Departmental Staffing: Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chief Lee Parker - Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn- Perry Police Department, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ashley Harden – Economic Development Administrator, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Holly Wharton – Community Planner, Cody Gunn – Chief Building Official, Officer Aram Brown – Perry Police Department, Anya Turpin – Special Events Manager, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator.

Media: William Oliver – Houston Home Journal

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Gaynor Holmby, Andrea Dwyer, Katherine Aaron, F. Mike Harden, III, Courteney Jacobazzi, Richardson Henderson, Cason Anderson, James Boone, and Frank Suareo.

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Council Member Albritton 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. Introduction of new hire, Officer Aram Brown.

Chief Lynn introduced Officer Aram Brown to Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council welcomed Officer Brown. Officer Brown thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to work for the City of Perry.

\* Mayor Walker exercised Point of Privilege and moved agenda item 7 up on the agenda.

7. Citizens with Input.

Gaynor Holmby – 312 Haven Way, expressed her anger relative to two water outages this month and seven outages over the last three months. Asked if Perry knew it had bad water pipes and why were home building permits continued to be issued when it was known substandard water pipes.

Andrea Dwyer – 115 Stonegate Trail, stated she is tired of not having water, cannot wash laundry, cannot bath, cannot flush toilets, and it's embarrassing to have watering cans in the bathroom to flush toilets. Two weeks ago, she did not have water, her dishwasher ran three days with no water, and she had to replace her dishwasher.

Katherine Aaron – 210 Worchester Circle, has been a resident since 2018. Ms. Aaron has a two-year old who is immune deficient. She has had water outages multiple times over the years. Ms. Aaron stated no one is being notified for hours that their water is unsafe, and she is not being credited for having to buy water.

F. Mike Harden III – 1103 Cottage Lane, shared his concerns relative to the signage for Black History Month and the legacy for former Council Members Glover and Ingram.

Courteney Jacobazzi, 150 Worchester Circle, had seven outages in three months, pipes are breaking constantly, and the water needs to be tested to make sure it is safe.

Richard Henderson, 123 Stonegate Trail, stated that he had been briefed by engineering and was advised the ESG is on high alert, and plans to install five isolation valves in Stonebridge.

Cason Anderson – 706 Tolleson Avenue, a water meter in Perry is \$2,500 but he can get a water meter in the County for \$750.

James Boone, 304 Stonegate Trail, had two breaks on the street.

Frank Suareo, 101 River Rock Court, has been a resident since 2018. Mr. Suareo suggested cleaning up and getting on one accord when you come up with a solution.

5. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Authorities: Mayor Randall Walker

5a. Mayor/Council Joint Appointments

Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry  
Appointment of Ross Yasin to replace Rebecca Moody  
Appointment Evan Acres to replace Dawn Jerles  
Reappointment of Marlon Rhodes  
Reappointment of Kelly Gordon  
Reappointment of Trish Cossart

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve this slate of candidates to the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the slate of candidates; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Main Street Advisory Board

Appointment of Valerie Moore to replace Amanda Fiebig  
Reappointment of Bill Loudermilk  
Reappointment of Andrew Presswood  
Reappointment of Yetoria DeShazier  
Reappointment of Jim Lay  
Reappointment of Kelly Gordon

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve this slate of candidates to the Main Street Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to approve the slate of candidates; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the January 4, 2022 pre council meeting and January 4, 2022 council meeting.

Council Member Jones motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motioned and it carried unanimously.

9. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

9a. Wastewater Facility IGA – Ms. B. Newby. Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the revised Intergovernmental Agreement as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9b. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to de-annex property from the City of Perry. The property is located at 308 Woodlands Boulevard; Tax Map No. 0P64A0 223000 – Mr. B. Wood.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2022-01 for the annexation of property to the City of Perry. The property is located at 308 Woodlands Boulevard. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted. Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2022-01 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the annexation of property to the City of Perry. The property is located at North Highway 341 and Perry Parkway; Tax Map No. 000160 025000 – Mr. B. Wood

Adopted Ordinance No. 2022-02 for the annexation of property to the City of Perry. The property is located at North Highway 341 and Perry Parkway; Tax Map No. 000160 025000. Council Member Peterson motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Ordinance No. 2022-02 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

3. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from M-2 (County) to M-2 (City). The property is located at North Highway 341 and Perry Parkway; Tax Map No. 000160 025000 – Mr. B. Wood.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2022-03 for the rezoning of property from M-2 (County) to M-2 (City). The property is located at North Highway 341 and Perry Parkway; Tax Map No. 000160 025000. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted. Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Ordinance No. 2022-03 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

4. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to amend Section 5-1.2 of the Land Management Ordinance relative to increasing maximum density for adaptive reuse of existing buildings – Mr. B. Wood.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2022-04 to amend Section 5-1.2 of the Land Management Ordinance relative to increasing maximum density for adaptive reuse of existing buildings. Council Member Hunt motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Ordinance No. 2022-04 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

10. Any Other Old Business:

- 10a. Mayor Randall Walker - none
- 10b. Council Members - none
- 10c. City Attorney Brooke Newby - none
- 10d. City Manager Lee Gilmour - none
- 10e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith - none

11. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

- 11a. Matters referred from January 18, 2022 pre council meeting. none
- 11b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction.

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend Code Section 15-126 revising the definition of Transient Merchant – Ms. B. Newby. *(No action required by Council)*
2. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend Code Section 22-24 (1)(a) relative to investigating curbside toter complaints – Ms. B. Newby. *(No action required by Council)*

11c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-02 amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Council Member Albritton motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2022-02 has been entered into the City's official book of record).*

11d. Approval of LMIG Memorandum of Agreement– Ms. B. Newby.

Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to approve the LMIG Memorandum of Agreement as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11e. Approve compensation for additional duties – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Council Member Albritton motioned to approve the compensation for additional duties; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Council Members Items:

Council Members Albritton and Jones stated they had some thoughts on the water issue at Brookhaven Subdivision.

Mr. Gilmour recommended Council write-off the water/sewer charges for the month of January for the customers in New Haven and Stonebridge. Council Member Jones motioned to approve Administration's recommendation; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Gilmour will put together a schedule for pipe replacement and work with Communications.

Ms. Newby and Mr. Smith had no reports.

13. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Mr. Swan presented for Council's consideration a proposal for the maintenance of the baseball/softball fields. Council Member Jones motioned to approve the proposal; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Clark advised Mayor and Council of the community engagement tool – Perry Points texting service.

Ms. Hardin provided an update relative to the Rural Zone Tax Credit.

Mr. McMurrian stated ESG has been in contact with Pyles Plumbing to install the valves and the City tests every time the water fails.

14. General Public Items: none

15. Mayor Items:

- January 31, Work Session
- February 1, Pre council and council

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to go into executive session for real estate acquisition.

16. Executive Session entered at 7:31 p.m.: Council Member Jones moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

17. Executive Session adjourned at 7:53 p.m.; Council regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held January 18, 2022 and reconvened into the regular meeting.

18. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-03 stated that the purpose of the executive session held on January 18, 2022, was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Albritton moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on January 18, 2022, was to discuss real estate acquisition; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2022-03 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

In the open meeting –

Council Member Jones motioned to purchase two lots for creating a public park in the subdivision to be located at 433 Langston Road from Wingate Custom Homes for \$36,500 each; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried 4-2 with Council Members Hunt and Albritton opposed.

Council Member Jones then moved for the City to proceed with condemnation of the property located at 1506 Houston Lake Road for the public purpose of expanding the existing park. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

19. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular meeting held on January 18, 2022, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the

meeting at 7:55 p.m. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.