

MINUTES
CALLED WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
February 8, 2016
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth called to order the called work session meeting held February 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker, Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Robert Jones, Riley Hunt, Willie King and William Jackson.

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk, Nancy Graham

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Decius Aaron - Director of Public Works and Robert Smith – Department of Economic Development.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Mr. Paul Armistead

Press: Jake Jacobs – Houston Home Journal and Kerri Copello -WGXA News

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

3a. Appearance by Mr. Paul Armistead relative to the Notting Hill Community: Mr. Armistead addressed Mayor and Council requesting the installation of “No Parking” after dark signs on the street area of the private park located in the Notting Hill Community. After a discussion and comments from Chief Lynn relative to the police department’s legal limitations, it was the consensus of Council to study. Mr. Armistead advised that he would contact the association and follow up with Council.

Mr. Armistead also addressed Mayor and Council requesting the placement of barricades at the end of Notting Hill (where the roads ends by lots 133/134 at the tree line). After a discussion, it was the consensus of Council the first step would be to have Mr. Gilmour identify the corner lots.

3b. Authorize abandoning a portion of walkway between plots N17/N18 and N25 Evergreen Cemetery. Council Member Hunt stated that he met with Ms. Richardson who wishes to purchase the walkway between plots N17/N18 and N25. After

discussion, Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to leave the walkways as they are. Council Member King seconded the motion and motion carried 5 to 1 with Council Member Hunt opposed.

- 3c. Review canine housing facility responses: Mr. Gilmour referred Mayor and Council to the responses from the four (4) companies that responded to the request for proposal for a new canine housing improvements and a matrix which showed the primary responses from the vendors. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to grant Mr. Gilmour authority to negotiate with Parrish Construction for an agreement.
- 3d. Discuss priority issues for five year planning: As a follow-up to the discussion at the February 1, 2016 meeting, Mr. Gilmour presented adjustments to the City of Perry Strategic Plan. Mayor and Council reviewed and discussed the strategies identified as “suggest adding” items.

Mr. Gilmour strongly urged Council to take a look at the strategies that involves partners and make a determination if it’s viable to continue to have them as partners and be prepared to discuss this at the next work session.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Members Hunt, Bynum-Grace, Jones, King, and Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker - No reports.

Council Member Jackson stated that there is a large pot hole between CVS and Perry United Methodist Church. Mr. Aaron responded that a work order has been submitted to repair it.

Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Mr. Gilmour had no report.

- Mayor Faircloth advised that he received a complaint relative to the weak striping on Perry Parkway where it intersects on the south side of fairgrounds and Sandefur Road. He asked Mr. Gilmour to look into those areas. Council Member Hunt added Main Street between Commerce Street and Jernigan Street.
- Mayor Faircloth requested an update relative to the pedestrian sidewalk crossings on the railroad project. Mr. Gilmour replied that the pedestrian crossings are included in the street improvement crossings. Mr. Gilmour advised that Part I (stormwater work) is completed and there is a delay with Part II (replacement and corrective work between the rails) because the first obligation is the railroads. Mr. Gilmour further stated Mr. Harold Deal has advised him the work will resume in April.

5. Department Head Items:

Ms. King advised that the Council’s laptops have been delivered and are currently being setup.

Chief Lynn stated that he received a complaint regarding the enforcement of people parking in the handicap parking slots. He advised Mayor and Council that the enforcement is routinely done by his staff. Chief Lynn also advised the First Friday event was well attended and orderly.

Mr. Aaron advised that the APWA is having their winter equipment sale at the fairgrounds on February 9, 2016 and that his staff will be attending.

Mr. Smith advised the following:

- He will be representing the City of Perry at the upcoming Houston County Joint Conference and Planning Process.
- The final input session for the form based initiative will be held in the Council's Chambers on February 18, 2016 at noon.

Chief Gray and Mr. Dye – No report

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the called work session meeting held on February 8, 2016, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.