

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 2, 2016
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. called to order the work session meeting held May 2, 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.

* Council Member Bynum-Grace left the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Attorney David Walker and Recording Clerk Annie Warren

Staff Absent: City Manager Lee Gilmour

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director and Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator.

Guest(s) / Speaker(s): Sheldon Shelton and Jeff George (American Tank Maintenance); Adam Williamson (TSW), Chase Watkins (MCCa Revalocity), and Bill Camp (Raymond James)

Media: Cheri Adams - Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Introduction and presentation from American Tank Maintenance. Mr. Jeff George and Mr. Sheldon Shelton of American Tank Maintenance provided a brief overview their company services to Mayor and Council.

3b. Presentation by TSW for concept plans of Third Street Park site and Jaycees Park site. Mr. Adam Williamson presented concept plans for the Third Street Park site and the Jaycees Park site along with projected costs.

3c. Presentation by MCCA Revalocity of the new customer service features. Mr. Chase Watkins presented to Mayor and Council a demonstration of MCCa Revalocity electronic bill presentment platform. Mayor and Council had several questions relative

to compatibility with our current software. Mayor Faircloth directed Ms. King and Mr. Aaron to perform a cost comparison and implementation comparison.

- 3d. Presentation relative to bond refunding and improvement refinancing. Mr. Camp reviewed: the outstanding water and sewer system debt, water and sewer coverage, historical rates, estimated sources and uses of the fund, escrow information for series 2007, estimated series 2016 refunding and the savings estimates. Mayor Faircloth asked for a timeframe of the GEFA loan and was advised three to four months.
- 3e. Presentation of highlights of City of Perry Downtown Development Plan. Mr. Smith presented to Mayor and Council the highlights of the City of Perry Downtown Development Plan. Mayor Faircloth recommended postponing the implementation of the plan until after the budget process.
- 3f. Consider proposed City of Perry Social Media Strategy. Mr. Smith reviewed the proposed City of Perry Social Media Strategy and requested Mayor and Council's consideration of hiring a contract employee or part time employee as administrator of the City of Perry's social media accounts. Council concurred to proceed with hiring a part time employee to administer the City of Perry's social media accounts.
- 3g. Consider extension of gas services for phases 2 & 3 in Stonebridge Subdivision. Mr. Aaron advised Mayor and Council the developer came to the city requesting an extension of gas services for thirty-three lots in phase 2 and 3 in Stonebridge Subdivision. Council had several questions such as what has the city done in the past and decided to table this item until the next Council work session.
- 3h. Discuss policies and procedures for closing of streets for events, etc. Ms. Edgemon presented to Mayor and Council an event planning checklist to be considered as policy and procedures when events are planned for downtown. Mayor Faircloth directed Ms. Edgemon, Chief Lynn, Mr. Aaron and Mr. O'Neal to meet with Mr. Gilmour to establish a policy.
- 3i. Report on stormwater utilities contracting. Mr. Aaron reported to Mayor and Council that it would not be cost effective for ESG Operations, Inc. to take over the stormwater utilities contracting and recommended keeping stormwater utilities in-house.
- 3j. Utilities extension policy. Mr. Aaron reviewed the city's current policy/format for utility extensions and proposed a new policy in which extensions are available to customers only twice in a calendar year instead of a twelve month period and a customer must come to the Customer Service Office in person two business days prior to the date the service is to be disconnected to sign an extension agreement. Council concurred with the proposed utilities extension policy and it was referred as an item on Council's May 3rd agenda.
- 3k. Discussion of Park Avenue improvements. Mr. Aaron reviewed Administration's recommendation to Council to authorize the design, preparation and bidding of specifications for Park Avenue improvements. Council concurred to proceed with Administration's recommendation for Park Avenue improvements and this item was referred to Council's May 3rd agenda.

31. Discussion of code enforcement issues. Council Member Hunt reported his concerns relative to weeds in city's right-of-way and questioned how can the city enforce code violations if the city is in violation? Mayor Faircloth advised the city will review each violation on a case by case.

4. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker and Council Members Jackson, Jones and King had no reports.

Council Member Hunt stated the contractor working on the exchange of lights for LED lights were working on Sunday and inquired if we have a policy in place for not working on Sunday.

Attorney Walker had no report.

5. Department Head Items:

Chief Lynn, Mr. Dye, Mr. Aaron, and Ms. King had no reports.

Mr. Smith advised the Perry Housing Team had a good turn-out at its April 30th clean-up day.

Ms. Edgemon reported on April 23rd the Perry Lions Club, Perry Main Street and Boy Scouts Troop 96 had a clean-up day along General Courtney Hodges Boulevard.

Mayor Faircloth items:

- Reminded everyone of Central Georgia Technical College's graduation on May 6th.
- Possible budget work session dates: May 9th, May 16th, May 23rd and May 31st if necessary.
- Walk with Mayor and Council, May 31st subject to cancelation if the budget requires an additional work session

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into an executive session for real estate acquisition.

6. Executive Session entered at 7:40 p.m.: Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to adjourn the work session and enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Executive Session adjourned; Council work session reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held May 2, 2016 and reconvened into the council's work session.

8. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-20 stating purpose of executive session held May 2, 2016 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Jones moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on May 2, 2016 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution 2016-20 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

9. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held May 2, 2016 Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.