

Perry City Council &
Perry Downtown Development Authority
Minutes - Joint Work Session
July 21, 2016

1. Call to Order : Mayor Faircloth called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

Roll: Mayor Faircloth, Mayor Pro Tempore Walker, Council Members Bynum-Grace, King, Hunt, Jackson, and Jones were all present.

DDA: Chairman Bryan Fountain; Directors Aydelott, Jones, and Lumpkin were present.

Absent: DDA Directors Burnham and Hillis.

Staff: Lee Gilmour – City Manager, Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, and Christine Sewell – Recording Clerk.

2. Invocation – was given by Council Member Jones

Ms. Edgemon provided a PowerPoint presentation on the following items for discussion.

A. Potential assistance with alley acquisition and improvements project

It was decided the DDA should pursue the acquisitions of the alleyways and bring back to Council at a later date for further review.

B. Redevelopment options for 1021 Ball Street

It was noted the property was for sale, but not at a fair market price. The DDA was advised that Council had recently implemented tools for enforcement of blighted properties.

C. Guidance on Stanley site or other district properties for potential redevelopment

It was advised at this time the DDA should dismiss pursuing this property.

D. Guidance on blighted, underdeveloped or undeveloped properties

E. Development plans for 700 blocks of Carroll and Commerce, Jaycees property, Veteran's Memorial Park, Main Street and Marion Street

Other potential redevelopment projects were discussed.

F. Perry Downtown Development Plan (PDDP)

G. DDA role if designated as Redevelopment Authority

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the PDDP and the role the DDA would have if appointed as the Redevelopment Authority. Council requested additional time to review and consider the request.

H. Other issues and questions

In conclusion Mayor and Council supported the DDA's efforts as discussed and encouraged the board to not only seek opportunities for the purchase of property, but to look for additional ways to enhance the community through their efforts. It was also recommended to visit cities similar in demographics as Perry's, such as Sugar Hill, Duluth and Suwanee.

3. Adjourn: There being no further discussion, the joint work session was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.