

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
October 17, 2016
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held October 17, 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, William Jackson and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: none

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Attorneys - David Walker and Brooke Newby and Recording Clerk, Nancy Graham

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Decius Aaron - Director of Public Works, Robert Smith – Department of Economic Development, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communication Manager, Battalion Chief Ephraim Wheeler – Fire and Emergency Services Department, and Kevin Dye – Department of Leisure Services.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Darlene McLendon

Press: Ms. Kristin Moriarty- The Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Consider minimum qualifications for city drivers – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour referred to the proposed minimum driver qualifications for a person to operate a City owned, leased, or rented vehicle. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council that this item be placed on tomorrow's council meeting agenda for a vote.

3b. Discuss possible public transportation options – Mr. L. Gilmour: As a follow up to Council Member King's request, Administration examined providing public transportation to the City's residents. After discussion of Administration's findings, Council members asked Mr. Gilmour to research what other cities are doing relative to fees/discounts/funding/etc.

3c. Downtown Perry issues – Mr. R. Smith: Mr. Smith advised that he attended the Downtown Merchants Association meeting. Mr. Smith stated that there are a couple of concerns that he wanted Mayor and Council to be aware of. The

concerns are: (1) safety and security, in particularly, inadequate lighting and (2) solid waste – the current dumpster capacity/pickup schedule is inadequate, others dumping in the communal dumpster, etc. Chief Lynn and Mr. Aaron stated that they are scheduled to talk to the merchants about proactive steps that they can take relative to safety and solid waste.

- 3d. Consider request of property owner to retain existing structure at Macon Road and Pineneedle Drive – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Aaron provided a handout and advised that the structure on Macon Road and Pineneedle Drive is currently not being maintained. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to remove the structure.
- 3e. Consider proposal from Georgia Water and Environmental Services to extend water service line on St. Patrick Drive – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour referred Mayor and Council to the memo from Georgia Water and Environmental Services, LLC, a proposal for services for the St. Patrick Drive water main extension project. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with Administration's recommendation to proceed with this company doing the survey and engineering work only at this time.
- 3f. Consider list of possible projects for Georgia Department of Transportation funding – Mr. L. Gilmour: After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with the submitted list of possible projects for the Georgia Department of Transportation funding. Mayor Faircloth asked Mr. Gilmour to attach the LMIG list.
- 3g. Consider adding pedestrian lighting upgrade on Main Street – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour referred Mayor and Council to a memo and an attachment outlining the cost estimate to install the City's pedestrian lighting improvements on Main Street. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to proceed with the installation of the City's pedestrian lighting on Main Street.
- 3h. Consider options for code enforcement – Mr. L. Gilmour: As a follow up to the discussion relative to code enforcement at the September 26, 2016 meeting, Mr. Gilmour referred Mayor and Council to a memo outlining the points to be addressed when considering action, if any, to take with property owners in violation of codes. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council that current code regulations be enforced, and no grandfathering per City Attorney's opinion.
- 3i. Consider adjustments of funding for Hotel/Motel Tax – Mr. L. Gilmour: After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to proceed with the adjustments as outlined in the memo provided and that \$29,000.00 from the \$97,000.00 estimated balance allocated to hire a person to maintain the downtown district's public areas. Mayor Faircloth requested that this item be placed on tomorrow's council meeting agenda for a vote.
- 3j. Update for Comprehensive Plan – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour referred to the memo relative to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update which outlined primary

points from the City's adopted strategic plan, survey results from Perry residents and comments from stakeholder representatives and MGRC's August 23, 2016 steering committee meeting. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with Administration's recommendation for the City's Comprehensive plan to include the items as submitted, with the objection of Council Member Hunt. Mayor Faircloth requested this item be placed on tomorrow's council meeting agenda for a vote.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Members Jackson, Bynum-Grace, and Hunt had no reports.

Council Member King stated a neighbor asked him about the procedure for installing speed brakes in their community. Mr. Gilmour responded that 75% of the residents must agree with the installation in writing and then the Council will make a determination of its viability.

Council Member Jones asked for an update of the missing teenager. Chief Lynn advised that Georgia Search and Rescue is still looking and every lead is being pursued.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker advised that the Perry Public Facility Authority will be the financing arm for the parks. He stated the following individuals have expressed interest in serving: Jeff Leonard, Felix Smith, Susan Burkhart, Nash Murph, Victoria Brown, Carl Lumpkin and Jacob Poole. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the names submitted. Mayor Faircloth requested this item be placed on tomorrow's council meeting agenda for a vote.

Mr. Gilmour advised that Sandler contacted Advanced Disposal expressing interest in industrial recycling. Advanced Disposal will charge \$43.00 monthly for the service. Mr. Gilmour advised that the City will bill Sandler for the cost.

Attorneys David Walker and Brooke Newby had no reports.

5. Department Heads Items:

Battalion Chief Wheeler advised that a team has been activated for the search of the missing teen.

Chief Lynn advised that the canine bulletproof vest event will be held in the Municipal Court Room at 4:00 p.m. on October 20, 2016.

Mr. Smith advised the following:

- Georgia Economic Development Association luncheon will be November 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Georgia Hotel & Conference Center
- Annual Sweets and Treats on Downtown Street will be on October 31, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

Mr. Dye advised the following:

- Football Classic will be November 18 – 20, 2016

- Outdoor movie showing is November 18, 2016 at Rozar Park

Mr. Aaron advised the Annual Fall Cleanup starts October 24, 2016.

Ms. King stated that tax notices have been computed and are on the City's website with a due date of December 20, 2016.

Ms. Palmer advised that the City's Facebook page had 1700 hits as of last week.

Ms. McLendon advised the following:

- Joint Business After Hours is October 27, 2016 at the Houston Lake Country Club at 5:30 p.m.
- State of the Community Luncheon is November 2, 2016 at 11:30 am at the Board of Education Annex.
- Taste of Southern event is December 1, 2016.

Mayor Faircloth advised the following:

- Ribbon cutting at the GSP Hanger at 11:30 am on November 8, 2016.
- Sandler Company invitation for a facility tour on October 19, 2016 at 5:00 pm
- Walk with the Mayor and Council on October 25, 2016
- SunMark Bank's open house is October 22, 2016 at 11:00 am
- Graphic Packaging Company's twenty (20) year celebration is October 22, 2016 at 10:00 am.

6. Executive Session entered at 6:42 p.m.: Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to adjourn the work session meeting and enter into an executive session for the purpose of real estate. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
7. Executive Session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.: Council's work session meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held October 17, 2016 and reconvened into the Council's work session meeting.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2016 - 49 stating purpose of Executive Session held October 17, 2016 was for real estate. Council Member Jackson moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on October 17, 2016 was to discuss real estate. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2016-49 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 meeting held October 17, 2016 Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded and it carried unanimously.