

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

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. called to order the work session meeting held December 5, 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, City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk Annie Warren.

City Departmental Staffing: Major William Phelps – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Robert Smith - Economic Development Director, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Chad McMurrian – Lead Engineering Technician, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, John Schell – Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, and Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator.

Guest(s) / Speaker(s): Charles Evans, Brenda Evans, and Attorney John Hulbert.

Media: Kristin Moriarty - Houston Home Journal

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

Mayor Faircloth deviated from the agenda.

3d. Authorize for certain uses on city property – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour advised Mayor and Council of a request to use a portion of city property for agricultural purposes. The property is the city's right-of-way that cuts through the Davis Trust tract used for the Northeast outfall sewer line. Attorney John Hulbert appeared on the behalf of Charles and Brenda Evans and requested authorization to use the city's right-of-way as a crossing for equipment and consent to lay pipes for agricultural irrigation. Mayor Faircloth asked that this item be placed on council's December 6th agenda for a vote.

3a. Presentation of the City of Perry Housing Assessment – Mr. J. Connell, Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Mr. Connell gave a brief overview of the City of Perry Housing Assessment and provided a presentation of the GIS mapping

program.

- 3b. Discuss possible use of open bottles for Main Street downtown movie night – Ms. C. Edgemon. Ms. Edgemon solicited Mayor and Council's input relative to allowing glass containers and/or outside alcohol to be brought to movie night. Council concurred to not allowed glass bottles or outside alcohol to be brought into the venue but instead follow standard city policy and have an on-site vendor.
- 3c. Discuss city request for additional firm demand natural gas – Mayor Faircloth. Mayor Faircloth shared with Council the information that was discussed at the JONG meeting. The city has an opportunity to increase its firm gas capacity for its industrial and commercial customers. This will require a cash infusion and approval from all the owners in JONG to upgrade the supply junction. This will be a 15-year project. Mayor Faircloth advised Council that a decision has to be made December 9th if the City will subscribe.

Mayor Faircloth deviated from the agenda to announce at called meeting on December 12th at 5:30 pm to adopt a resolution relative to the SPLOST Referendum.

- 3e. Consider proposed council meetings schedule changes. – Ms. A. Warren. Ms. Warren provided Mayor and Council a memo listing 2017 council meeting dates that occur on a holiday and asked for Council's input of either canceling the meetings or selecting alternate meeting dates. Mayor and Council made adjustments to council's 2017 meeting schedule.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- 4a. Discussion of possible 2017 CDBG project – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith advised Mayor and Council that the City can apply for 2017 CDBG funds because the revitalization area strategy allows the city to apply for CDBG grant funds for three consecutive years. Council concurred to proceed with applying for 2017 CDBG funds.

5. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore and Council Members Bynum-Grace, Hunt, Jones and Jackson had no reports.

Council Member King inquired about repairing the roadway where the leak was on W.F. Ragin Drive.

Mr. Gilmour and Attorney Hulbert had no reports.

6. Department Head Items:

Ms. King reported the wiring for the phone system is being installed.

Ms. Palmer provided statistical data relative to the City's Facebook page.

Chief Parker, Mr. Schell, Mr. Smith, Major Phelps and Mr. Dye had no reports.

Ms. Edgemon encouraged everyone to visit the downtown merchants during their extended holiday hours.

Mayor Faircloth shared with Council a letter from Attorney Walker relative to local legislation amending the membership of the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority.

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

7. Executive Session entered at 6:45 p.m.: Council Member King motioned to adjourn the work session and enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel and real estate acquisition. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. Executive Session adjourned; Council work session reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held December 5, 2016 and reconvened into the council's work session.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-57 stating purpose of executive session held December 5, 2016 was to discuss personnel and real estate acquisition. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on December 5, 2016 was to discuss personnel and real estate acquisition. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution 2016-57 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
10. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held December 5, 2016 Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.