

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 15, 2017
5:03 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held May 15, 2017 at 5:03 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk Annie Warren.

Staff Absent: City Manager Lee Gilmour

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Susan Miles – Revenue Collections Manager, John Schell – Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator, Joni Ary – Accounting Technician, Janet Duffin – Executive Secretary, and Gail Price – Secretary.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Jeff Liszewski, Chad Bryant, Kelly Hillis, and Bill O’Neal

Press: Ms. Kristin Moriarty and Cherie Adams - The Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Appearance(s):

1. Zoning information – Mr. Jeff Liszewski. Mr. Liszewski and Mr. Bryant appeared before Mayor and Council to address the concerns residents had at the public hearing relative to the petition for rezoning application R-17-03. Mr. Liszewski also provided binders to Mayor and Council containing information relative to the Mossy Creek rezoning and annexation request.

3b. FY 2018 Operating Budget

1. Department of Leisure Services – Mr. K. Dye. Mr. Dye provided Mayor

and Council an overview of the department's highlights for 2016/2017. Mr. Dye also concurred with Administration's budget recommendation and thanked Mayor and Council for their support.

2. Perry Main Street Advisory Board – Mr. B. O'Neal. Mr. O'Neal provided an update relative to the happenings of the Perry Main Street Advisory Board and presented a Power Point presentation of Perry Main Street FY 18 budget request.
3. Perry Downtown Development Authority – Mr. K. Hillis. Mr. Hillis reviewed the Perry Downtown Development Authority's FY 18 budget request and thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support.
4. Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority – Mr. Steve Rodgers. Mr. Rodgers advised Mayor and Council that he reviewed the budget with Administration and thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support.
5. Perry Housing Team – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support to provide adequate housing and looks forward to another successful year in FY 18.
6. Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition: No representative
7. 21st Century Partnership: No representative
8. Perry – Houston County Airport Authority: No representative
9. Perry Public Facilities Authority – Ms. B. King. No representative
10. Perry Public Arts Commission – Mr. K. Dye. Mr. Dye reported the Perry Public Arts Commission requested changes to the marquee and concurred with the recommendation of Administration.

3c. Department of Leisure Services

1. Review of cost estimate relative to resurfacing the dog park – Mr. K. Dye. Mr. Dye reported small pieces of glass and debris are leaching its way to the surface of the dog park. Mr. Dye recommended grading the surface, putting down a bio barrier cloth, cap the surface with a six inch soil base, and cover with Zoysia sod. Mayor Faircloth inquired of the cost to remove the glass and debris. Mr. Dye stated he would have to research and follow up with Mayor and Council. Council Member Walker expressed his concerns relative to safety for the animals and people using the park. Council Member Walker asked Mr. Dye to look for other sites to have a dog park. Mayor Faircloth asked Mr. Dye to post signage about the possibility of sharp objects underfoot.

3d. Public Works Department

1. Presentation of Carl Vinson Institute management project – Ms. S. Miles.
Ms. Miles presented her PowerPoint “Customer Information Handbook” to Mayor and Council and answered questions.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Member Jones asked Mr. Dye to find green space options near Matt Arthur.

Council Member Hunt asked everyone to remember Mr. Gilmour and his family.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson and Council Members Bynum-Grace, Walker, and King had no reports.

Assistant City Attorney Hulbert had no report.

5. Department Head Items:

Mr. Wood provided Mayor and Council a booklet of information from GMA relative to the arbitration process.

Mayor Faircloth excused himself from the meeting at 6:30 pm.; Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson assumed the duties of presiding officer.

Chief Lynn advised Council that Chief Wilbanks asked if the City would transfer their surplus vehicles to Central Georgia Technical College. Council concurred to take Chief Wilbanks’ request under advisement.

Mayor returned to the meeting and resumed the duties as presiding officer at 6:37 pm.

Chief Lynn reported

- May 19th at 6 pm hosting Middle Georgia Traffic Enforcement
- May 14th – 20th is Police Week

Chief Parker reported

- Sent a two groups of firefighters to South Georgia fire
- Hired Anji Holley as Executive Secretary

Mr. Smith, Mr. Dye, Ms. Warren and Mr. Schell had no reports.

Mayor Faircloth items

- May 16th Pre Council and Council
- May 16th Georgia 2030 2.0 tour @ Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter
- May 19th Relay for Life
- May 20th Coffee and donuts with police officers at Roughton Park
- May 23rd Walk with Mayor and Council
- May 27th Representative Blackmon’s Birthday

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session meeting held May 15 2017, Council Member Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.