

MINUTES  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
September 18, 2017  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore William Jackson, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held September 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Mayor James Faircloth, Jr.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk, Gail Price

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Robert Smith – Director Economic Development, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, and Fire Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department..

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Joy and Dan Peterson, and Ryan Bode – ESG Operations, Inc.

Press: Vic Powell - The Houston Home Journal

3. Public Hearing: Mayor Pro Tempore William Jackson

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:02 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore William Jackson called to order a public hearing at 5:02 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-67A-3(c).

3a. Consider establishing tax year 2017/fiscal year 2018 ad valorem millage rate for the City of Perry. Mr. Gilmour presented the FY 2018 Millage Rate Tax Digest. Administration is recommending to council that it retains the millage rate at 14.05 mills which it has been the last three (3) or four (4) years.

Public Input: Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson called for any public input for or opposed to the petition.

For: None

Opposed: None

Public Hearing closed at 5:05 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

4. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore William Jackson.

4a. Leisure Services Department

1. Presentation of the Perry Arts Master Plan – Mr. K. Dye. Mr. Dye gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Perry Arts Master Plan which included pictures and art sculptures. Mr. Dye also provided stats relative to the Public Arts Survey.

4b. Economic Development Department:

1. Perry Visitors Guide/Map – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation of the City of Perry Visitors Guide/Map. Mr. Smith had a map of Macon, Georgia and explained the outlay of the Guide/Map. Staff is requesting \$9,860.00 to cover the remaining cost of the project.
2. Discussion of Brownfield Grant – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith requested permission to put together a FY18 proposal for Brownfield Grant Funds through the EPA. Council agreed.
3. Site 360 Proposal – Mr. R. Smith: Mr. Smith discussed the NextSite 360 proposal. Mr. Smith stated at this time the City can turn down the proposal, renegotiate the proposal or take no action at this time. Council agreed to wait and see and could join at a later date.
4. Georgia/Florida Tailgate Party – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith is asking for reconsideration in regards to the prohibition of coolers or BYOB events at the City of Perry events. All agreed to have Georgia/Florida Tailgate party at Heritage Park and nothing downtown.

4c. Community Development Department

1. Status of dealing with vehicles – Mr. B. Wood. Mr. Wood had concerns regarding enforcements on sections relating to inoperable and abandoned vehicles if the City is following state laws. It was the consensus of Council to postpone for two (2) weeks and give Attorney Hulbert time to follow up on the laws. Mr. Gilmour asked Attorney Hulbert to concentrate on line 4.

4d. Administration:

1. Hotel/Motel tax review analysis - Ms. B. King. Ms. King discussed the analysis of the hotel/motel tax returns and remittance made to the City of Perry for tax months March 2014 through February 2017 and provided information on Revenue Management Service through a third party that could assist or take over the administration and collecting of the tax. Council agreed to keep things the way they are.

2. Discussion of Clean Air Coalition project – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour discussed the list of potential projects with the Clean Air Coalition and what the City's experience is with them. If Council decides to proceed, Administration recommends electrical vehicle chargers located downtown. Council was not in favor of Administration's recommendation.
3. Consider adjustment to ESG Operations Inc. contract to add additional employees – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour discussed a memo from Mr. Bode requesting additional staff. Administration recommends Council approve the adjustment to the contract for the two (2) additional staff people with the caveat the positions would only be used for meter servicing and installation unless there is some dire emergency to shift someone someplace else. Council agreed with Administration's recommendation.
4. Consider possible names for Third Street and Jaycees park sites – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour discussed the park surveys for the naming of Third Street Park and Jaycees Park. Administration recommended revisiting at Council's next work session for Council to consider what they would like to name the parks. Council concurred with Administration recommendation.

5. Council Member Items:

Council Members King, Walker, Hunt had no reports.

Council Member Jones advised at 1608 Marshall Circle depression in the concrete in the road causes build up when it rains. Resident is concerned about mosquito build up.

Council Member Bynum-Grace followed up on an email forwarded to Kevin Dye and wanted to make sure he got the email.

Mr. Gilmour requested council to consider an adjustment on the basketball program. The adjustments would be that the City would pay and pick up the security that would be involved with that program. Council agreed to proceed with Administration's recommendation.

Assistant City Attorney Hulbert had no report.

6. Department Heads Items:

Chief Parker reported that he was going to Smyrna to pick up the new rescue truck on September 19, 2017.

Chief Lynn advised that we had applied for a cops hiring grant that if approved it would fund three (3) officers for one (1) year. Chief Lynn stated that we received a Grant Application New opportunity for additional consideration. The part for consideration is Certification for Illegal Immigrant Cooperation. They are asking two things that we permit access to Homeland Security that is housed in the County jail

and that we notify them prior to their release. Chief request that he be authorized to sign the form and submit it back with the statement that we don't operate the jail, but that is the practice to the jail. Council agreed.

Mr. Smith – Reminded everyone Saturday, October 21, at 8:30 a.m. at Johnny Noble Dixon Park in New Hope the City of Perry Housing Team will be hosting the Fall Neighborhood clean.

Ms. Palmer – Advised that during Hurricane Irma that the Facebook page was the main venue and we reached over 50,000 people and over 20,000 engaged with posts. People were liking, commenting and sharing it with their friends.

Ms. King – The Customer Service Manager position has been filled and she will start tomorrow, she is Ms. Valerie Sanders. Ms. Sanders and the two technicians from the accounting area will be introduced at a future Council Meeting.

Mr. Dye and Mr. Wood had no reports.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session meeting held September 18, 2017 Council Member Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.