

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
October 16, 2017
5:04 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held October 16, 2017 at 5:04 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk Janet Duffin.

Staff Absent: None

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

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): None

Press: Mr. Vic Powell - The Houston Home Journal, and Ms. Joy Dukes, 41 NBC.

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

3a. Economic Development Department:

1. Rural zone application – Ms. Catherine Edgemon. Ms. Edgemon advised The City of Perry is eligible to apply for the rural zone program and requested Council's approval to submit application. Council agreed to proceed.
2. Hotel prospect incentive approval – Mr. Robert Smith. Mr. Smith requested Council's approval to offer incentives for a new hotel prospect (Project Jack). Council agreed to proceed.

3b. Administration:

1. Consider special events coordinator position – Mr. Lee Gilmour. Mr.

Gilmour recommended this position be funded as a part-time City position at \$21.00 per hour, reporting to the City Clerk, and that this request be forwarded to next Council meeting for approval. Council agreed to proceed.

2. Consider establishing a franchise fee for natural gas providers – Mr. Lee Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour recommended approval to establish a franchise fee for natural gas providers using City right of way. Council agreed to proceed as recommended.
3. Consider requiring certain improvements for dumpster locations – Mr. Lee Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour recommended an amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances to require all dumpsters to be screened/shielded with a fence and have a sloped hard surface. Council agreed to proceed.

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

4a. Mayor Faircloth advised there has been a Jointly Owned Natural Gas capital improvements meeting tentatively scheduled for November 15th at 5:00 p.m. in Byron at the Municipal Complex. This meeting will require a forum.

5. Council Member Items:

Council Member Riley Hunt advised he received a memo stating the Main Street improvements had been completed and asked what the bid had been. He was advised.

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

Council Member Randall Walker requested Council's approval to test solar lights, at no cost to the city, for an ample period of time. Council agreed to proceed with the testing.

Mr. Gilmour advised that Assistant City Attorney Hulbert has provided an ordinance regarding abandoned vehicles and he would like to have it appear as a first reading at tomorrow's council meeting.

Assistant City Attorney Hulbert had no report.

6. Department Head Items:

Ms. Brenda King advised that tax notices were placed in the mail today with a December 20th deadline. Ms. King further stated that the City has been experiencing issues with e-mail and online payments, but that ComSouth was working diligently to resolve these issues.

Mr. Kevin Dye reported that basketball registration opened this week and that the movie "Fantastic Beasts" (part of the Harry Potter universe) will be shown on Friday,

November 17th.

Chief Steve Lynn advised he has had a conversation with Mr. Gilmour regarding the property and evidence room at the Police Department. Chief Lynn asked for guidance and permission to go forth on exploring options for expansion in this area. Mr. Gilmour suggested proposals go out for an RFP. Council agreed to proceed.

Mr. Bryan Wood advised he has been approached by a business person who is interested in using a building on Main Street to roast coffee beans. Mr. Wood advised that coffee bean roasting can emit offensive odors and may not be acceptable in a residential surrounding. Mayor Faircloth stated that whatever stance is taken, it must be defensible in the City's existing ordinance. Mr. Wood advised he would get with Assistant City Attorney Hulbert to confer. Mr. Wood further advised that he has been asked by the Census Bureau if the City of Perry could provide assistance in selecting individuals to assist in viewing confidential census data for accuracy. Mr. Wood needs recommendations by the end of November.

Chief Parker had no report.

Mr. Robert Smith advised the New Hope fall clean-up day will be October 21st beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Johnny Noble Park.

Ms. Palmer advised the video shoot will be Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the 900 block of Carroll Street. The dress is business casual and should last approximately two hours.

Mr. Kevin Dye advised the tailgate event will be held on the 28th from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Heritage Park.

Mayor Faircloth items

- Pre-Council and Council Meetings are October 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

7. Executive Session entered at 6:10 p.m.: Council Member Jones moved to adjourn the work session meeting and enter into an executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. Executive Session adjourned; Council's work session meeting reconvened: Council adjourned the Executive Session held October 16, 2017 and reconvened into Council's work session meeting.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2017 – 43 stating purpose of Executive Session held October 16, 2017 was for real estate acquisition. Council Member Walker moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on October 17, 2017 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution 2017-43 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 October 16 2017, Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.