

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 20, 2017
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held November 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Council Members Randall Walker and Robert Jones

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk, Nancy Graham

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, and Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Mr. David Tucker and Mr. Tracy Hester

Press: Mr. Vic Powell, Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Appearance(s):

1. Impact of sale/closing of golf course on surrounding property – Mr. David Tucker: Mr. Tucker provided a letter that he received from the owner of the golf course relative to the possible closing of the golf course and development of the property as a subdivision. Mr. Tucker expressed his concern of the impact would have on the surrounding property and the City. Mr. Tucker asked if there was anything the City could do to keep the business open. Mr. Tucker was advised that the City was not in that type of business.

It was the consensus of Council that they had no interest in getting involved.

3b. Leisure Services Department:

1. NFC Grant Application request – Mr. K. Dye: Mr. Dye presented to Council for consideration a grant opportunity to build an outdoor fitness court in

Perry. He noted that Creekwood Park currently has the available space for this type of amenity on the obsolete tennis court site. Council viewed a video that showed the design and advantages of an outdoor fitness court as well as what the City's investment would be to build an outdoor fitness court.

Council discussed the improvements that are already planned for Creekwood Park. After discussion of the outdoor fitness court, it was the consensus of Council to take under advisement and put in the concept plan for future development.

3c. Administration:

1. Consider transporting animals from Perry Animal Shelter – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour referred to the November 9, 2017 memo which outlined issues with the current agreement between the City and FOPAS relative to transporting animals from the Perry Animal Shelter. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with a modified animal retention policy to allow a licensed group to transport animals subject to a written agreement between the organization and the City under the conditions discussed and outlined in the November 15, 2017 memo provided.
2. City employees on boards, etc. – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour advised that after a review of the City's personnel policy, there is no discussion relative to an appointment of a City employee to a City or joint appointment authority, board or commission. Administration reviewed the November 15, 2017 memo which outlined certain points to be considered if a City employee is appointed. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council that City employees are prohibited from being appointed to serve on a city or joint appointment authority, board or commission. Administration will prepare a policy for tomorrow's City Council meeting for adoption.
3. 2018 Council meetings calendar – Mayor Faircloth: Mayor Faircloth asked Council to bring their calendar to the next work session meeting for planning around holidays and other potential conflicts of regularly scheduled meetings.
4. Discussion of Perry Housing Authority appointment – Mayor Faircloth: Mayor Faircloth advised that there is a need for a replacement for Mr. Penrose Wolf as he will resign the end of this year. Mayor Faircloth asked Council to contact him if they have an appointee to the Perry Housing Authority.
5. Walk with Mayor and Council in District 2 on November 28, 2017 – Mayor Faircloth: Mayor Faircloth advised that the Walk with Mayor and Council in District 2 is November 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. instead of 5:30p.m.
6. Public Problems, Democratic Decisions – Council Members Bynum-Grace and King: It was agreed that this item would be postponed until the next work session meeting.

7. Amending City's assistance program – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour recommended to Council to approve adding the monthly base charge to the City's Seniors/Disabled Financial Assistance Program. The base charge will be for the water and/or gas. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with amending the City's Seniors/Disabled Financial Assistance Program as discussed.
8. Update on Jointly Owned Natural Gas capital expansion – Mayor Faircloth and Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson: As a result of a meeting attended by Mayor Faircloth and Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson, Mayor Faircloth gave a detailed presentation which updated Council on Jointly Owned Natural Gas capital expansion.

Mayor Faircloth encouraged Council to take all the information presented under advisement.

3d. Community Development Department

1. Consider adding an additional building inspector position - Mr. B. Wood: Mr. Wood advised that the increased workload is creating a need to hire an additional building inspector. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with hiring an additional building inspector. Mayor Faircloth directed that this item be placed on tomorrow's agenda for a vote.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Hester presented to Council for consideration a list of requirements that will be given to a developer. Included as a new item, is a site plan. These requirements will go into effect January 1, 2018.

It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the requirements as presented.

Mr. Wood also noted that effective January 1, 2018, subject to adoption by Council, the Planning Commission would no longer be part of final plan approval process. It will be delegated to staff.

4. Council Member Items:

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

Mr. Gilmour asked for Council's concurrence to advance 185 hours of sick leave to an employee who is out on a workers' compensation injury and has used all their leave and sick time. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the advancement.

Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert had no report.

Chief Lynn left at 6:30 p.m.

5. Department Heads Items:

Ms. King, Mr. Wood, Chief Lynn and Mr. Dye had no reports.

Chief Parker advised that the investigation of the fire at the Perry FFA pig barn is completed and it was concluded that the cause of the fire is undetermined.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council at the work session meeting held November 20, 2017 Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.