

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**April 16, 2018**  
**5:04 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held April 16, 2018 at 5:04 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

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, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services.

City Departmental Staff Absent: None

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Edrick Harris, Ellie Loudermilk and Pastor Jamie Powell

Media: James Simpson - The Houston Home Journal

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

\* Council Member Willie King excused himself from the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

3a. Community Development Department:

1. Proposed project on Starbuck Drive: Mr. Edrick Harris of Prestwick Development Company presented a proposed development project targeted toward seniors 55 and older on Starbuck Drive. Mr. Harris advised that May 24<sup>th</sup> is the application deadline and had a Q & A session with Mayor and Council.

\* Council Member Willie King returned to the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

3b. First Baptist Church:

1. Pastor Jamie Powell advised Mayor and Council of traffic safety concerns where children from the church currently use greenspace for recreation purposes. Pastor Powell asked for help in resolving this issue by suggesting that “Children at Play” signage and cross-walks be placed near these areas. Mayor Faircloth asked Mr. Wood to put together a large map so Council could look at options. Council agreed re-visit at tomorrow’s pre-council meeting.

3c. Administration:

1. Naming of Facilities: Mr. Gilmour recommended Council officially name facilities after the streets where they are located. Council agreed to proceed.
2. Recommend re-bidding Legacy Park, Crossroads Park and Heritage Park: Mr. Gilmour recommended that based on the unclear responses of the sole bidder for the Crossroads and Legacy Parks improvement projects, that Council cancel the current bid and re-bid to include with Heritage Park Phase I improvements. Administration feels this should generate more interest and a better response. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed.
3. Follow up to annual leave education reimbursement and performance management systems: Mr. Gilmour advised that sixteen cities were contacted to gather information about what they allow in regards to annual leave. Administration recommended authorizing employees to use their annual leave to pay for initial up-front higher education costs. Council agreed to place on the agenda to vote on at the next Council meeting.
4. Follow-up on Sinclair Station stabilization problems: Mr. Gilmour reviewed the two bid responses from McWright, LLC and Ogles Construction, Inc. Ms. Ellie Loudermilk addressed council with concerns from the Historical Society relative to preserving this building. Ms. Loudermilk requested an additional 90 days to raise funds. Mr. Gilmour advised Ms. Loudermilk the City would require the Historical Society to contribute at least one-half of \$118,575.00 which was the lowest bid. Council agreed to grant the 90-day extension to see what dollar amount they could come up with.
5. Proposed meter change out program: Mr. Gilmour spoke in Ms. Kelly’s absence and advised Perry’s water and gas meters need to be changed out due to their life span. Administration recommended this be done over a five-year period and that bids be sent out for the work to be done by an outside contractor. Council agreed to proceed with the bid process.

3d. Police Department

1. Discussion of Parade/5K Run Application from BAPs: Chief Lynn reviewed the Parade Application for the event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Participants will gather at Rozar Park and walk a 2-1/2 mile route. Two hundred participants are expected to attend. Chief Lynn advised that the Police Department supports this event which is being held for the purpose of nature conservancy. Council concurred.

4. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker recommended finding a way to set up employee clubs to perpetuate what facilities can be used and how we would allow them to be used. Council agreed to think about it and report back at the next work session.

Council Member Riley Hunt advised a garbage truck had turned over his trash can today and garbage was strewn all over the roadway. He further advised his wife had cleaned it up, but still wanted to voice his complaint.

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

Mr. Gilmour advised he would be notifying everyone of a suggested schedule for the department budget hearings, similar to how they were done last year for the recommended FY 2019 budget. Council agreed to move forward.

Mr. Smith advised that Spring Clean-Up week was a success with 51 tons of bulk waste collected, 553 cans of paint and 227 tires. Mr. Smith thanked Mayor and Council for their support.

Assistant City Attorney Hulbert advised that the City closed on the purchase of the Greater Union Baptist Church property last week.

5. Department Head Items:

Mr. Wood advised the Spring Neighborhood Clean-up will be held April 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Hafley Park and we are partnering with Habitat for Humanity.

Chief Parker advised the fire department received a check from Centerville in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of a ladder truck. Chief Parker stated Firehouse Subs is having a regional event to be held on May 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. and asked if anyone plans to attend please let him know by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Chief Lynn and Ms. King had no reports.

Ms. Palmer advised G-suites training was being held this week on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and that transition would be happening this weekend.

Mr. Dye advised there were no issues with the new splashpad and he was very pleased with the progress. An art exhibit will be held on April 30, 2018, invitations to follow.

An Athletics' Appreciation dinner will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. as a thank you to the volunteers. Mr. Dye stated he hopes to continue having the dinner each year if possible.

Mr. Gilmour advised that an agenda item will be added to tomorrow's Council meeting, stating the City will not be the owner of the property for the Prestwick presentation. Council concurred.

Mayor Faircloth items:

Pre-Council and Council Meetings are April 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held April 16, 2018, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.