

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 6, 2018
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held August 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Robert Jones

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, Assistant City Attorney Josh Waters and Recording Clerk Annie Warren.

Staff Absent: None

City Departmental Staffing: Major Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Finance, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager and Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator.

City Departmental Staff Absent: Chief Steve Lynn and Kevin Dye

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Melanie Murphy and Angela Cuti

Media: James Simpson, II - The Houston Home Journal

3a. Appearance(s):

1. The H.A.L.O. Group: Ms. Melanie Murphy, Vice-President of the Halo Group appeared before Mayor and Council to express the group's concerns relative to the land management amendment relating to Multi-family Uses and Neighborhood Meetings and outlining City assistance.

3b. Department of Economic Development

1. Presentation of the refreshed City website: Ms. Palmer presented the City's refreshed website to Mayor and Council and received input.
2. Downtown map kiosk location: Ms. Edgemon reported the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau agreed to split the design costs for the downtown kiosk map. Ms. Edgemon discussed possible placement

locations for the map kiosk. Council advised it would take the recommended locations under advisement.

3. Restaurant District recommendations: Ms. Edgemon suggested using the four-prong approach to indicate the area bounded by the Perry Restaurant District. 1) Create on the city's website a page similar to the one used by the City of Newman to promote the Restaurant District, 2) Integrate district signage into the wayfinding initiative, 3) Show the district boundaries on the map kiosk and 4) Provide an information sheet that includes a map of the district. Council advised it would take the recommendation under advisement.
4. Recommend adjusting wayfinding signage for Phase 2 for the Perry Arts Center and Rozar Park to be the standard destination signage: Mr. Smith referred to Mr. Gilmour's memo dated August 1, 2018 recommending monument signage for the Perry Arts Center and Rozar Park. Council concurred to proceed with Administration's recommendation.

3c. Office of the City Manager

1. Consider solicitor prohibition: Administration recommended Council prohibit residential solicitation for goods and/or services. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation to prohibit residential solicitation for goods and/or services.
2. Consider partnering with the Houston County Board of Commissioners for the St. Patrick's Drive Extension: Administration recommended Council proceed with partnering the Houston County Board of Commissioners for the St. Patrick's Drive Extension based on: 1) Chairman stated the property owners are willing to donate the rights of way, 2) A less expensive route has been determined to connect to Perimeter Road, and 3) The cost to obtain right of way data would be \$115,000 of which the City's portion would be \$57,000. Council concurred to proceed with Administration's recommendation.
3. Summary of pay advancement: Administration provided Mayor and Council a summary of pay advancement for informational purposes.
4. Position requests: Administration recommended Council authorization shifting the Events Coordinator position from a part-time position to a full-time position and establishing the position of Utility System Inspector. Council concurred to move forward with Administration's recommendation.
5. Funding options for gas line project: Administration recommended \$2.6M Revenue Bond over a period of 20 years for the gas line project. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation.
6. Authorize professional services contract for Impaired Waters Monitoring

and Implementation Plan: Mr. Smith advised Mayor and Council that the City of Perry is a MS4 designee of the Environmental Protection Division and with this designation one of the requirements is to have an Impaired Waters Monitoring and Implementation Plan. The City of Perry does not have an impaired waters monitoring and implementation plan. Mr. Smith presented a professional services proposal from Integrated Science & Engineering and recommended moving forward. Council concurred to move forward with the proposal from Integrated Science & Engineering for an Impaired Waters Monitoring and Implementation Plan.

3d. Office of City Attorney

1. Follow up relative to fireworks: Assistant City Attorney Waters reviewed his letter to Mr. Gilmour dated July 23 relative to fireworks.

3e. Leisure Services Department

1. Consider sun shades and benches for splash pad: Mr. Smith presented for Council's consideration a request for sun shades and benches for the splash pad. Council concurred to purchase sun shades and benches for the splash pad.

4. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker and Council Member Jackson had no reports.

Council Member Bynum-Grace stated she is very proud of the splash pad.

Council Member King advised employees of State Farm Insurance complained about not being able to see on-coming traffic when exiting the parking lot because of parked trucks blocking their view.

Council Member Hunt reported several individuals complaining about the grass in Crossroads Park on Main Street. Also reported the grass at Woodlawn Cemetery is knee high.

Mr. Smith reported Food Truck Friday will have fifteen (15) food vendors.

Mr. Gilmour and Assistant City Attorney Waters had no reports.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Ms. King, Mr. Wood, Chief Parker, Major Phelps and Ms. Warren had no reports.

Ms. Palmer reported *Your City* Program starts September 6.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held August 6, 2018 Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:24

p.m.; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.