

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

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held November 5, 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, Robert Jones, Willie King, Riley Hunt and William Jackson.

Elected Officials Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney David Walker, and Recording Clerk Gail Price.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Fire Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Annie Warren – City Clerk, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Director, Michael Paull – Fire Marshall, and Brenda King – Director of Finance.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Allison Hamsley and Darlene McLendon

Media: Mr. James Simpson, II – The Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Appearance(s):

1. Discussion relative to the Georgia Department of Economic Development Tourism Product Development Resource Team visit. Ms. Hamsley discussed the itinerary of the Tourism Product Development Resource Team.

3b. Office of the City Clerk

1. Establish Council's 2019 meetings calendar. Ms. Warren presented the 2019 Council Calendar for consideration. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with the calendar.

3c. Office of the City Manager

1. Perry Music Festival Planning Committee. Mr. Gilmour presented for Council's consideration a recommendation that the next Music Festival be held at Heritage Park and the following individuals be on the planning committee: Ms. Haley Myers, Mr. Carl Lumpkin, Mr. Robert Smith, Major Bill Phelps and FBC Kirk Crumpton. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation.
2. Decorating City infrastructure. Mr. Gilmour provided Council with a proposal from the Perry Public Arts Commission to decorate fire hydrants downtown. It was the consensus of Council to move forward.
3. Policy direction relative to take-home police vehicles. Mr. Gilmour discussed the policy about the take home cars for the police officers. The recommendation from the Perry Police Department is vehicles be allowed to be taken home if the officer resides in Houston County or its immediately surrounding counties of Bibb, Twiggs, Bleckley, Pulaski, Dooly, Macon and Peach counties. The Administration agrees with this recommendation. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation.
4. Administrative Dress Code Guidelines. Mr. Gilmour discussed the proposal for amending the current dress code guidelines. Mr. Gilmour's recommendation would be distribute this to personnel who are affected. Council concurred with getting feedback.

4. Council Member Items:

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

Council Member Jones gave his condolences to Mr. Hunt in the passing of his son-in-law.

Council Member King reported

- Dilapidated home on Gardner Street
- Water leak on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Mr. Gilmour advised that a response had been sent out to parents and guardians along with City Council relative to their concerns with the Leisure Services.

Assistant City Manager Smith received a letter from the Board of Education to relocate the crosswalk in front of Tucker Elementary. Mr. Gilmour suggested

holding off until further review. Consensus of Council was to table this until further review.

City Attorney David Walker had no reports.

5. Department Head Items:

Ms. King, Ms. Warren, Chief Lynn, Chief Parker, Fire Marshall Paull had no reports.

Ms. Hardin

- Thanked everyone that attended the Main Street Harvest Dinner. The money collected will be used for funding billboards for Small Business Saturday. Small Business Saturday is November 24 from 10:00am to 4:00 pm.
- Holiday on Carroll Event will be held on Saturday December 8.

Ms. Palmer

- Provided an update on the New Mobile App.
- *Your City* Program still going great and final session is next week with Leisure Services.

6. Executive Session entered at 5:25pm. On a motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Hunt and carried unanimously Council went into executive session for the purpose of Real Estate, Pending Litigation and Personnel.

7. Executive Session adjourned at 5:35 pm. Topic discussed was not executive session material.

8. Executive Session entered at 6:00 pm. On a motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Bynum-Grace and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for the purpose of real estate, litigation and personnel.

9. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-76 stating the purpose of the executive session held on November 5, 2018 was for real estate, litigation and personnel. On a motion by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Hunt and carried unanimously adopted a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on November 5, 2018 was for real estate, litigation and personnel. Discussed proposal presented by Mr. Smith from the Downtown Development Authority request for a cash advance to allow it to purchase property in downtown. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to provide cash up to \$200,000 providing DDA repay the City advance. The repayment schedule to be determined. Discussed fire fee proposal by City Manager, reviewed options

after discussion and Council affirmed to follow option #4. (*Resolution 2018-76 has been entered in the City's official book of record*)

10. Executive Session adjourned at 6:50 pm. Council's work session reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held on November 5, 2018 and reconvened into work session.
11. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on November 5, 2018, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.