

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
July 1, 2019
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held July 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Robert Jones

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Joni Ary.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn– Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Finance Director, Ashley Hardin – Department of Economic Development Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Brenda King – Director of Finance and Anya Turpin – Special Events Coordinator.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Davis Cosey – Friends of Perry Animal Shelter.

Press: Jada Dukes – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

3a. Appearance(s):

1. Consider funding portion of FOPAS grant application for sterilization program: - Mr. Davis Cosey

Mr. Cosey reviewed the proposed funding of \$5,000.00 for a portion of a FOPAS grant application. The grant is for \$16,200.00; they have already received \$6,500.00 from the State and requested the City fund \$5,000.00. Mr. Cosey outlined for Council what the money would be used for. The program will target the areas within the vicinity of the three veterinary hospitals in Perry. Flyers will be sent out to citizens notifying them of the free program to have your pet spayed or neutered which will include microchipping and starter kits for parasite protection. Council concurred for funding of \$5,000.00 for a portion of the FOPAS grant for sterilization.

3b. Office of the City Manager: Mr. Gilmour

1. Consider incentive program for downtown district:

Mr. Gilmour reviewed a memo from the Downtown Development Authority approval to proceed with an intergovernmental agreement with the City to institute an economic incentive program for the downtown district. Administration recommended proceeding with the agreement. Council concurred to proceed with the agreement.

2. Consider City's role in tourism product development.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Council the proposed tourism development for the City to focus on promoting downtown events, unifying the approach to downtown business development, visual downtown guides, develop signage. Administration recommended moving forward with tourism product development. Council concurred with the recommendation.

3. Review types of vendors allowed at Food Truck Friday:

- Ms. Turpin asked for clarification on what types of vendors are allowed at Food Truck Friday. After discussion, Ms. Turpin will work on creating an application outlining what is acceptable for Food Truck Friday vendors and report back to Council for review.
- Ms. Turpin reviewed with Council feedback for the City's first "Perry Presents" event. The concerns that were listed were about a smoking section for smokers. Mr. Gilmour stated he would work with Ms. Turpin to set up a smoking area for smokers for outdoor events.
- Ms. Turpin also reviewed with Council about food truck vendors having a waiting list and possibly in the future charging a deposit for the vendors participating in the events. Ms. Turpin will also be working with the vendors to have a variety of food and possibly alternating the vendors for each of the City events.

4. Council Member items:

Council Members Jackson, Bynum-Grace, King and Hunt had no items.

5. Department Heads/Staff items:

No reports from Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, Mr. Worthington, Chief Lynn, Chief Parker, Mr. Smith, Ms. Hardin and Mr. Wood.

Ms. King stated that on July 2, 2019 the City Tax sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the City only has five (5) remaining parcels for the sale.

Ms. Turpin stated the Summer at the Splashpad event is July 20th from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Ms. Palmer stated the City has started selling swag items, City T-shirts and tricolor hats for \$12.00 each. Items can be purchased in the Customer Service Department at City Hall.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council for the work session held July 1, 2019, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.