

MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
March 2, 2020  
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held March 2, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Randall Walker, Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King and Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Robert Jones, Joy Peterson, Darryl Albritton and Riley Hunt.

Elected Officials Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager, Tracy Hester – Chief Bldg. Official, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development, Annie Warren – City Clerk and Lulu Herrera, Executive Secretary.

Press: Lauren Harris – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall walker

3a. Community Development Department

1. Discuss local match requirement for DCA housing grant - Mr. B. Wood. Mr. Wood advised that a Consultant is preparing an application for 2020 Community Block Grant for second area of Creekwood Neighborhood. This will consist of Creekwood Drive, Winchester Circle and King Boulevard. The consultant is asking for a \$10,000.00 match. Mr. Wood will have more information for Council on March 3, 2020 at the Pre-Council Meeting.
2. Houston Lake Drive sidewalk – Mr. C. McMurrian. Mr. McMurrian advised that Staff recommends survey and design work for the portion of the sidewalk on Houston Lake Drive. (1) Multiple storm boxes are in conflict with sidewalk, (2) Hydrant may require location, (3) Several large trees will need to be removed, (4) Grade and Crosswalk concerns

for ADA compliance. The surveying and Engineering fees are \$8270.00. Mr. Gilmour recommended proceeding with sidewalk to continue from its end to Carroll Alley. Mayor Pro-Tempore King made a motion to accept the recommendation and seconded by Council Member Jones and the motion carried unanimously.

3b. Office of the City Manager

1. Consider appeal of downtown developer – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour advised of a developer in the downtown district expressing dissatisfaction with two (2) permit requirements. (1) Interior ramp for front access door. The current door is a residential design that has a raised threshold. ADA regulations require a sloped floor to correct the elevation difference between the threshold and the current interior floor. Several level options are available and the developer had been advised. (2) The City requirement for two (2) Knox key boxes for the PFES department use. The minimum fire safety code requires an external key box for use by the Fire Department. The City for at least a decade had required Knox boxes for uniformity and faster response time. Due to issues of access keys not kept current, unavailable or difficult to locate the City several years ago stated each separately renter/lease/owned unit must have its own Knox box. Administration recommends Council affirm the requirements. The developer has complied with the ADA on the Interior ramp for front access door. Council concurred.
2. Consider appeal for disposing of yard debris on City property – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour wanted concurrence that citizens cannot dump yard debris on City property. Public property is not free property for dumping. Council concurred.
3. Consider possible names for Heritage Park and new park – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour advised that the Administration recommends Council consider two (2) park naming requests. (1) Heritage Park, with the role assigned to Legacy Park and plans for Heritage Park the Administration recommends the park to be renamed: Four Oaks Park. Council will make a decision March 3, 2020 at Pre-Council for the name change from Heritage Park to Five Oaks Park or Heritage Oaks Park. (2) New Park (former Cherokee Pines Golf Course). The Administration recommends Council select between: (1) Sawtooth Oak Park, (2) Oliver Park, (3) Community Park, (4) Central Park, (5) Pine Needle Park, (6) Panther Park (7) Wind Song Park. Council will make a decision March 3, 2020 at Pre-Council for the name of the New Park. The Council will chose either Oliver Park, Wind Song Park or Pine Needle Park.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda: Mayor Randall Walker

4a. Police Department

1. Discuss modifications relative to Peaches to Beaches road closures – Chief S. Lynn. Chief Lynn discussed the road closures for the Peaches to Beaches.

5. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore King and Council Member Bynum-Grace – none

Council Member Peterson

-Legacy water issues.

-Open House stated it was an excellent program. Suggestion was to try having Open House on Saturday or Sunday.

Council Member Albritton – Cherokee Pines looks great.

Council Member Hunt – Inquired about cable in ditch between the Gentry's and McClendon's. Mr. McMurrin will check on it.

Council Member Jones - Thanked all the City Staff who worked on the District 2 Town Hall.

Mr. Robert Smith – Discussed brochure from Economist from the Middle Georgia State University.

Mr. Gilmour – None

6. Department Head/Staff Items:

Mr. Wood, Chief Lynn, Mr. Worthington, Mr. McMurrin, Ms. Warren, Mr. Hester—none

Ms. Hardin

- 5 year lease with the Casserole Shop.

- 5 year lease Art Gallery and Antiques.

- Discussed Tax credit program. 5 companies and more than \$500,00.00 captured.

Mr. Swan

- Disc Golf Course will be installing new targets.

-Hosting District Tournament at Perry Middle School and qualified for State Tournament.

-Leisure Service can assist with the Town Hall Meetings.

Ms. Clark

-Discussed new ways to reach out to community about Open House.

Chief Parker

- Reminder to cover your cough and wash hands frequently.

**Mr. Smith**

- Advised that 6 new hand sanitizers stations to be installed.

7. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held March 2, 2020 Mayor Pro Temporer King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.