

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
July 6, 2020
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held July 6, 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.

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– Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Anya Turpin – Special Events Coordinator, Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager, Fire Marshal Michael Paull – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Captain James Buck – Perry Police Department, Major Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Ansley Fitzner – Landscape Manager, and Nathalie Rumph – Executive Secretary.

Press: Lauren Harris and Cheri Adams – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Fire and Emergency Services Department.

1. Discussion relative to safety requirements.

Mr. Paull reviewed with Council a power point presentation for revisions to the Land Management Ordinance. The revision to maintain the standard hydrant spacing at 500 feet residential and 300 feet for commercial; to maintain consistent language of 400 feet in accordance with the IFC (International Fire Code) 507.5.1.; Adopt IFC Appendix B – Fire-Flow requirements for buildings, Adopt IFC Appendix C- Fire Hydrant locations and distribution and Adopt IFC Appendix D – Fire Apparatus access roads. Council had questions about the presentation and would like to follow up information to be reported back. The recommendation of the Administration is to allow

Mr. Gilmour to gather more information and report back. Council concurred to have Administration's recommendation.

3b. Perry Police Department.

1. Presentation relative to funding for use of force simulator.

Chief Lynn presented to Council a short video showing how the Survivr virtual reality simulator system for use of force would work. You can customize the simulator system to show different scenarios to the officers and escalate and deescalate the real-life situations for them to act. The officers have a fraction of a second to decide what type of force they will use. The simulator has a playback feature, so that the officers can see what they are doing and suggest feedback and what could have been done different. This will be a great public education tool for the officers and students. Chief Lynn has a quote that is good for the next thirty days for \$47,500.00 for a two-user system with a free environmental setup i.e. design any building into the system to do active shooter training. The Administration recommendation is to proceed with the purchase of the simulator with the funding coming from General Fund reserve. Council concurred to proceed with purchase of the Survivr virtual reality simulator system for the Police Department.

3c. Community Development Department:

1. Main Street Concept Design.

Mr. McMurrian presented to Council three different concepts for the Main Street relocation. The City Hall will have a Main Street address and with the parade route, Concept 1 is the best option and the S curve is a better design for Main Street. After review of the different concepts the Administration recommendation is to go with Concept 1. Council concurred to proceed with Concept 1 for Main Street relocation as presented and outlined by Mr. McMurrian.

3d. Office of the City Manager:

1. Follow up discussion relative to Loaves and Fishes. Mr. Gilmour stated that after Council's June 1st work session it was requested that Staff go back and get information relative to Loaves and Fishes. Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Council that Loaves and Fishes is a corporation, their service area, funding sources, staffed by volunteers and how much it cost the City last fiscal year (\$5,857.00). Mr. Gilmour pointed out that the City does not provide any funding to Perry Volunteer Outreach, only let them use one of the City owned building which is part of our agreement with PVO. The recommendation of the Administration is to cease the services with Loaves and Fishes. Mr. Gilmour's concern as the City grows will get more request from outside agencies that would set an expectation and could be possible in the future put Council in the

position to have to choose between two groups. Council concurred to cease services with Loaves and Fishes.

2. Consider amending health insurance program to include telemedicine. Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Council for their consideration amending the health insurance program to include telemedicine. Due to COVID-19 employees regular doctors started utilizing telemedicine to see their patients. With the City's current health plan, telemedicine is not covered. The recommendation of the Administration is to amend the health insurance program to include telemedicine on a one (1) year trial basis. The date will be retro dated from the date of the Mayor's Executive Order on COVID-19, this will go back for claims that were previously denied. There will be an increase on the City side of the health insurance program, but no premium increase or increase to the employees. Council concurred to proceed with amending the health insurance program. Mr. Gilmour stated this item will be added to Council's regular agenda to be voted on.
3. We Speak Program proposal. Mrs. Turpin presented to Council the We Speak program. The program is used in conjunction with the business owners, Main Street, Downtown Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Georgia National Fair and the City to help get the word out to visitors and local residents about the events that are going on in their City. The Administration recommendation is to proceed with proposal and add this item to Council's strategic planning session. Council concurred to add this item to their strategic planning session.

4. Council Member items:

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

Council Member Peterson asked about the mural ordinance and the traffic calming devices. Mr. Wood stated that the mural ordinance is on Council's agenda for tomorrow night and the traffic devices he is still working on.

Council Member Jones congratulated Ms. Tabitha Clark on her published article on Engaging Local Government Leaders National Organization.

5. Department Heads/Staff items:

No reports from Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, Chief Lynn, Chief Parker, Mr. Smith, Ms. Fitzner, Mr. Swan, Mr. Wood, Ms. Turpin, Ms. Clark, and Mr. McMurrian.

Mayor Walker stated that he has spoken to Council during the Fourth of July holiday to discuss additional concerns due to COVID-19. To keep our employees and residents safe requested adoption of a ruling that if employees while on the clock can't social distance themselves, it is mandatory that they wear a mask. Council concurred to make it mandatory for City employees to wear a mask when they cannot social

distance themselves. Mr. Gilmour stated he would proceed with the policy.

Ms. King stated that the City fiscal year ended June 30th and the auditors should be here mid-September.

Mr. Hardin stated that Applebee's has closed but she is working with getting flyers out to get another restaurant back in the building.

Mr. Swan asked Council to come to their Council meeting on tomorrow night early. The virtual summer camp final week will highlight the City of Perry Council Members. And are asking each Council Member to talk about their district and who they are.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held July 6, 2020 Council Member Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.