

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
March 1, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held March 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Elected Officials Absent: none

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, and Recording Clerk Annie Warren

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker - Perry Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Director of Finance, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): none

Media: Tyler Meisler – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review /Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Office of the City Manager

1. Consider authorizing Langston Road RSDF service area and stormwater connection charge – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Administration reviewed with Mayor and Council a proposal of how to pay for a portion of the Langston Road regional stormwater detention facility. The City will pay for the purchase of the property from the General Fund. The estimated cost of the project is \$700,000 - \$750,000. Administration recommended Council authorize the establishment of the basin and have a stormwater charge associated based on the structure's ERU number.

Council concurred to moved forward with Administration's recommendation of establishing a stormwater connection fee.

2. Consider adjustments for residential parking issues – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Administration reviewed a memo dated February 5, 2021 relative to residential parking issues and options from other cities similar in size to Perry. Administration recommended to Council: 1) All residential streets remain as is relative to parking unless there is a successful petition to change, 2) homeowner associations would need to enforce neighborhood covenants, and 3) Any residential street that qualifies as a minor or major collector allow parking on one side only unless there is currently sufficient space for parking.

Council concurred to move forward with Administration's recommendation.

3. Hydrant Maintenance – Mr. R. Smith.

Mr. Smith presented to Mayor and Council a proposal to assist in the maintenance of the fire hydrants across the City. Currently, the hydrants are maintained by the fire department. Mr. Smith proposal included developing a GIS-based inventory of the hydrants that will allow for efficient maintenance and location and recommended contracting with Utilivision, Inc. for hydrant maintenance operations. The cost of the work to be completed is \$109,000 and will funded by the Water and Sewer Revenue Fund. Council concurred to move forward with Mr. Smith's recommendation.

3b. Economic Development Office

1. Consider pedestrian lighting for hotel/motel areas – Ms. A. Hardin.

Ms. Hardin presented to Mayor and Council pedestrian lighting options relative to Hampton Court. Council concurred to look at additional options before making a final decision.

3c. Office of the City Attorney

1. Update relative to legislation providing home delivery of unbroken packaged alcohol – Ms. B. Newby.

Ms. Newby shared with Mayor and Council legislation that allows the delivery of unbroken packaged alcohol to people's homes. Ms. Newby advised local government can prohibit this, but State law permits any packaged goods retailer to deliver malt beverages and wine in unbroken packages. Council concurred to let State law prevail.

4. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Jones, and Council Members King, Peterson, and Albritton had no reports.

Council Member Bynum-Grace shared with Mayor and Council the mandatory change to dialing ten digits instead of seven digits when dialing a local number from a landline effective April 24, 2021.

Council Member Hunt reported at 2002 Tucker Road the road is eroding near the fire hydrant.

Mr. Gilmour advised the City has been approached by the Chamber of Commerce relative support for the Dogwood Festival. The Chamber is asking for use of the City stage (set-up and take down), fire department filling the dog jumping pool, police services/security, and tram services. Since the Dogwood Festival will be located at the Firegrounds instead of downtown the Chamber fall into the category to pay for city services. Because of COVID restrictions Administration is recommending the City waive the fees for use of the City stage, fire department filling of the dog jumping pool, and police services/security. Administration recommends not providing tram services and if they still want tram service, they pay for tram service. Council concurred with Administration's recommendations.

Mr. Smith reported the City has transitioned from GSuites to Office 365.

Ms. Newby had no report.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Ms. King advised the audit was received last Thursday.

Mr. Wood

- Presented a proposal to Mayor and Council relative to cars being able to back into a city street off Mims Court.
- Attended a kick-off meeting for a Peach County TSPLOST referendum proposal

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on March 1, 2021 Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.