

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 14, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held June 14, 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, and Joy Peterson.

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Darryl Albritton

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 – Finance Director, Cody Gunn – Chief Building Official, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Holly Wharton – Community Planner, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Michael Foor, Nichole Payne, Randy Wilson, Whitney Seely, Kelly Chatman, David Emig, Kevin Long, and Billy Bob Breeden - Windstream

Media: Brianna Sheffield – Houston Home Journal and Brittney Miller – WGXA News

3. Items of Review /Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Department of Community Development

1. Connectivity presentation. Ms. Wharton appeared before Mayor and Council and discussed the goals/objectives as well as the focus of the connectivity group. Ms. Wharton presented three projects for Council's consideration. Council concurred to moved forward with the projects.
2. Presentation relative to Windstream Expansion. Mr. Foor and his team presented an overview of Kinetic services offered by Windstream.

3c. Department of Public Works

1. Crossroads Park. Ms. Fitzner reviewed the Crossroads Park final design. Administration recommended placing signage where the wall curves like the “Welcome Perry” signage at SR 127/Swift Street. Council concurred to move forward with the design plan and the addition of signage .
2. Legacy Park – Umbrellas. Ms. Fitzner reviewed three proposed options for shade at Legacy Park. The options were cantilever shade, pyramid shade, and shade sail. Council concurred to bring back after further study.

3d. Office of the City Manager

1. Communications Plan Review. Ms. Clark presented to Mayor and Council the Strategic Communications Plan for the City of Perry Communications Office.
2. Update from Georgia Economic Development Environment. – Ms. Hardin provided an overview of the Georgia Economic Development Association Spring Conference.
3. Follow up for Tre Bella Salon. Mr. Gilmour reviewed several options relative to Tre Bella Salon parking and recommended Council approve option 4, to arrange for the Downtown Development Authority to provide a low interest loan to the Baker’s for the parking lot improvements. Ms. Hardin reported the Baker’s are still waiting on the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Council concurred to approve options 4 and 5, arrange for the Downtown Development Authority to provide a low interest loan to the Bakers for the parking lot improvements and authorize a time extension for the Baker’s to pave the parking lot.
4. Sewerage system constraints. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the current ongoing projects and discussed an issue with developer demand possibly exceeding certain portions of the City’s systems. Administration recommended council adopt a sewerage system policy. Council concurred to move forward with Administration drafting a resolution for the City’s sewerage system policy.

3e. Perry Police Department

1. Neighborhood Watch SafeCam Program. Chief Lynn presented for Council’s consideration a request to post an interactive form on the city’s website that would allow the police department to view citizens home video when a crime occurs in their area. Council concurred to allow Chief Lynn to move forward and develop this program.

4. Council Member Items.

Council Member Bynum-Grace thanked Chief Lynn and the police department for the professional job they did on Nolan Street and reminded everyone of the Juneteenth event on June 19, from noon until 4pm at the Perry Events Center.

Mayor Pro Tempore reported his trip was enjoyable.

Robert Smith discussed the Strategic Planning Initiative.

Lee Gilmour recommended Council approve at its regular meeting tomorrow a 90-day moratorium for conservation subdivisions. Council concurred to move forward, and this item will be placed on the regular meeting agenda.

Council Members King, Hunt and Peterson and Ms. Newby had no reports.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Chief Lynn reported the officers did an outstanding job relative to Nolan Street.

Mr. Swan reported there are 150 students participating in the summer classes.

Chief Parker, Ms. Hardin, Ms. Fitzner, Mr. Worthington, Ms. King, Mr. Gunn, and Ms. Warren had no reports.

Mr. Clark share with Council the parks rack card.

Mayor Walker thanked Mr. Hunt for his hard work with the vaccination campaign with Houston Healthcare.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on June 14 2021 Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.