

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
March 14, 2022
5:00 pm.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held on March 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll:

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

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, Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Crumpton – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington - Finance Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent and Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services.

Press: William Oliver – Houston Home Journal.

Guest(s): Trey Gavin and Kristen Courson, ESG Engineering, and Aline Gill, ITI Digital.

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

3a. Department of Community Development

1. Presentation by ESG Operations, Inc. relative to GIS – Ms. H. Wharton. Mr. Gavin and Ms. Courson of ESG Engineering presented an overview of the FY 2023 GIS Planning and discussed future projects.

3b. Appear:

1. Ms. Aline Gill, Digital Strategy Director at ITI Digital. Ms. Gill provided a presentation promoting tourism.

3c. Office of the City Manager

1. Presentation of Go, Go, Gov Proposal. Ms. Turpin presented a proposal for the special events division. The concept of the Go, Go, Gov pop-up project is to take important information about city programs, events, new communication efforts, to various neighborhoods to educate, empower, and excite residents about their community and local governments. Ms. Turpin discussed what to expect from a pop-up, potential park pop-ups locations, what it would take for a pop-up and what the city would get, a return on investment. Council concurred to move forward with the Go, Go, Gov proposal.
2. Presentation of the City of Perry's Housing Survey. Ms. Hardin discussed the results of the City of Perry's Housing Survey. The main findings on the buyer side were larger lots and acreage as well as affordable housing and homes under \$200,000. Comments also reveal a market for townhomes and condos for young singles, young couples, and older couples. The rental market side showed a need for single-family rental neighborhood.
3. Presentation of AG Tech Leadership for Sustainable Economics summary. Ms. Hardin recently attended the International Economic Development Council Leadership Summit and was a panelist for Ag Tech Leadership for Sustainable Economics. Ms. Hardin talked about Ag Tech, peaches/pecans, technology, and the workforce.
4. Property tax charges appeal. Mr. Gilmour asked that this item be skipped since the petitioner was not present. Council concurred to skip this item.
5. Consider contracting with local community action agency to provide qualifying utilities customers with assistance. Mr. Worthington shared with Mayor and Council information outlining the Low-Income House Water Assistance Program, the community action agency's responsibilities, and the City's responsibilities. Administration recommended Council proceed with the caveat, 1) emphasize to the qualifying utilities customers this program will only go for as long as there is outside funding and 2) customers still have to pay the fire fees and stormwater fees. Mr. Worthington stated the action needed from Council would be approval of the Household Water Supplier Agreement between the City of Perry and the Georgia Department of Human Services, pending review by the City Attorney. It was the consensus of Council to move forward and bring back to Council for a vote.
6. Three laning of Gurr Road to Community Facilities Plan. Administration recommended Council approve adding three laning of Gurr Road to the Community Facilities Plan. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation.
7. Consider advisory group for planning of east Perry destination park. – Mr. Gilmour recommended Council set up an advisory group for the

planning of east Perry destination park. Council concurred to moved forward with Administration's recommendation.

3d. Office of the City Attorney

1. Discussion relative to participation in the National Opioid Settlement. – Ms. Newby asked for Council's consideration to participate in the National Opioid Settlements with Distributors Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson and with Manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals and parent company Johnson & Johnson for their roles on the opioid epidemic; and approval of the MOU with the State of Georgia relative to the settlements. Mayor Walker stated this item will be placed on the March 15, 2022 agenda.

4. Council Member Items.

Council had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, and Mr. Smith had no reports.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Chief Lynn reported bikers will be in town June 6 – June 7.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on March 15, 2022, Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm, and Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.