

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
October 6, 2009
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held October 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt. Council Members Charles Lewis, Joe Kusar, James Moore, Phyllis Bynum-Grace and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: Mayor James Worrall.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, *Brenda King – Director of Administration, George Potter – Director of Public Safety, *Deputy Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

* Brenda King – Director of Administration arrived at 5:05 p.m.

*Deputy Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Guests: Mr. Joe Posey, Mr. Walton Wood, Mrs. Becky Wood, Mr. Jimmy Faircloth – Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority and Mr. William Jackson – DDA.

Press: Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal.

3. Old Business: None.

4. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt.

- 4a. Presentation: Council Member Joe Kusar – Improving customer service. Council Member Joe Kusar showed a video to Council. The message was that in any organization is that there has to be communication from the top of an organization all the way to the bottom. It is also important to let people know when they are doing a good job. Council Member Joe Kusar stated that “it’s a journey not a destination” in working to address issues.

- 4b. Discussion of mowing code enforcement bills. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt asked Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development to update Council on the Grand Reserve subdivision. Mr. Beecham stated that the USA Land Development owns the vacant properties, back in April

they were notified to cut the vacant lots, no action was taken. The City went out to bid and hired a contractor to cut the lots which cost \$2,832.00. The bill was forwarded to the developer (USA Land Development). Mr. Beecham stated that USA Land Development is requesting some relief for the bill. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the developer received two certified letters advising to have the vacant lots cut. All members concurred to send a letter to the developer with a copy of the bill and bid sheet advising the contractor that they will have to pay the amount owed.

5. Other items as needed: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt asked if anyone had anything they wanted to share.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt – Reminded the Council Members of the opening session of the Georgia National Fair at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009. All Council members stated they would attend the opening session. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt stated that Public Safety would need a head count of the Council members that would be riding in the fire truck in the parade on Saturday. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt and Council Member Willie King stated that they would be riding in the fire truck. George Potter – Director of Public Safety stated that they will be meeting at City Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Council Member James Moore – No.

Council Member Willie King – No.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace – No.

Council Member Charles Lewis – No.

Council Member Joe Kusar - No.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.