

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 2009

5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held November 3, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

* Council Member Charles Lewis arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Elected Official Absent: None.

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, George Potter - Director of Public Safety and Annie Warren - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Walton Wood, Mrs. Becky Wood, Ms. Ellie Loudermilk, Mr. Bill Loudermilk, Ms. Nadine Paine and Mr. Penrose Wolfe - Perry Housing Authority.

Press: Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal.

3. Old Business: None.

4. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James Worrall.

- 4a. Presentation of proposal to City Council from Perry Historical Society. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented Ms. Nadine Paine of the Perry Area Historical Society Museum to Council. Ms. Paine advised Council that the Perry Area Historical Society Museum would be a drawing card for Perry and the society would like to have a more visible spot, such as the old Warren's house. The society proposed: 1. Five year contract, paying rent and utilities; 2. Partnership with the City; 3. City would perform maintenance, heating/air and upkeep of the grounds.

Ms. Ellie Loudermik appraised Council of items the museum currently have and of forth coming items. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace noted the Perry High memorabilia displayed in the brochure and inquired if the museum had any old Houston County High memorabilia? Ms. Loudermilk advised that Ms. Thelma McCoy had some items that she was willing to provide to the museum. Ms. Loudermilk advised that the museum would be opening during Christmas at the Crossroads.

Council Member Joe Kusar made the suggestion of renting the old Warren's house for \$1.00 per year for five years and the historical society maintain the maintenance of the building.

Ms. Paine asked if the City would provide insurance coverage for the building if the historical society provided insurance coverage for the contents in the museum. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised that the City would provide insurance coverage for the building.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt asked Ms. Paine if the proposal Council Member Joe Kusar suggested did not suit the historical society, how much did the historical society have in mind for rent? Ms. Paine advised that she could not make that decision she would have to take the proposal back to the historical society.

Mayor Worrall advised the Council of the possibility of acquiring assistance from Mr. Horace Evans. Mayor Worrall will contact Mr. Evans and follow back up with Council.

Council concurred \$1.00 per year for five years. Ms. Paine will take the proposal back to the historical society.

Mayor Pro- Tempore Riley Hunt asked if the \$1.00 per year for five years binds the City for five years? City Manager Lee Gilmour advised that Council can not commit for five years (bind another Council). Council Member James Moore asked City Manager Lee Gilmour to contact the historical society and make them aware of that.

5. Other items as needed: Mayor Worrall advised Council of a meeting relative G-Ramp on November 10, 2009 at the Middle Georgia RDC.
6. Executive Session entered at 5:21 p.m.: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt moved to adjourn the work session meeting and enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Executive Session adjourned; regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held November 3, 2009 and reconvened into the work session meeting.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2009-47 stating purpose of Executive Session held November 3, 2009 was to discuss pending litigation. Council Member James Moore moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on November 3, 2009 was to discuss pending litigation. Council Member Joe Kusar seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2009-47 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
9. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council in the reconvened meeting held November 3, 2009, Council Member Charles Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.