

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 17, 2009
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held November 17, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

* Council Member James Moore arrived at 5:05 p.m.

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.

Guests: Mayor Elect Jimmy Faircloth, Council Members Elect – Randall Walker and Joe Posey. Mr. Chuck Ramsdale – DDA.

Press: Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal and Becky Purser – Macon Telegraph.

3. Old Business: None.

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

- 4a. Meeting with Council and Council Elect. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council and Council Elect the November 17, 2009 memo which outlines the status of various City projects. Council Member Joe Kusar asked about the window replacement for the Armory. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that Council approved for the City to seek a grant and the application has been submitted. Council Member Willie King asked about Westwood Trailer Park project. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the project is ongoing.

City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council and Council elect the November 16, 2009 memo which outlines ideas for discussion. After reviewing the memo Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace stated that she has ideas on how to improve the City's "customer friendly" policy process. Council Member Willie King stated that he has received three (3) complaints about customer service and need to improve customer service. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace stated that a big concern with customer service is the willingness to help people and will continue to work with the City on these issues.

5. Other items as needed:

Council Member James Moore - stated that his advice to the new Council Members would be when request come in to look at the big picture and weigh the risk versus the benefits.

Council Member Charles Lewis – stated that you have no control of how things happen.

Council Member Joe Kusar – No.

Mayor Elect Jimmy Faircloth – asked about the City's emergency preparedness plan. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the City has an emergency preparedness plan.

Council Member Elect Joe Posey – asked how the priority list is set for the Capital Projects. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the City has a Capital Improvements Program and the program is set by the funding source. The City's procedures are to seek out grants through the RDC to fund projects. All projects go through City Council for approval.

Council Elect Randall Walker – No.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt – stated that half the lights in the medium on General Courtney Hodges are not working.

George Potter – Director of Public Safety – No.

Deputy Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department – No.

Brenda King – Director of Administration – No.

Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development – No.

Mr. Chuck Ramsdale – DDA – No.

City Manager Lee Gilmour – reviewed with Council and Council Elect the City of Perry’s Mayor and Council appointments for the Boards, Authorities and Commissions. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the Perry Beautification Commission is inactive at this time. The Perry Housing Authority representatives are recommended to the City by the Authority. The Perry-Houston Airport Authority terms are bi-annually and the numbers of appointments changes also. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that if any Council Elect had any questions he would be happy to help.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.