

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
December 30, 2008
4:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer, called to order the called meeting of the Perry City Council held December 30, 2008 at 4:33 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Council Member James Moore arrived at 4:35 p.m. and Mayor Pro-Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace arrived at 5:09 p.m.

Elected Officials Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour. City Departmental Staffing: Brenda King – Director of Administration and Annie Warren-Riley – Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Dixon.

Press: Natasha Smith – Macon Telegraph and Krystal Riner – Houston Home Journal..

3. Invocation: Council Member Riley Hunt gave the invocation.

4. Items of Discussion: Mayor James Worrall.

4a. Review of requests for funding from airport. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the request from the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority for funding commitment from the City for local match for FY09 and FY10. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that the Houston County Board of Commissioners (our partner) have approved proceeding with matching subject to the City of Perry paying. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed the following options:

- Decline to provide funding.
- Use scarce General Fund monies.
- Use restricted capital account for FY09 needs.

Council Member Joe Kusar motioned that the City notify the Airport Authority that the City will make our commitment and use the funds from the capital reserve for FY09. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Not on the agenda: Mayor Worrall introduced Mr. and Mrs. Dixon of 1804 Northside Road to Council who experienced sewer backup on December 11, 2008 in their home.

Ms. Dixon presented a history to Council relative to the sewer back up. Ms. Dixon stated that the staff that responded to the called stated that this was a City issue. In 2007 Ms. Dixon had a sewer problem in which the City of Perry came out and accepted the problem as a City issue and City staff was advised to install a flapper valve. Ms. Dixon advised that the staff that showed up this time stated that it was no way possible the flapper valve. Ms. Dixon also stated that when they called the City they were advised to bring the bills to the City and it would be taken care of. Council Member Joe Kusar inquired about the initial report. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised the initial report stated an issue with the homeowner. Ms. Dixon stated that once the once staff cleared the manhole down the street the water went out. Council Member Joe Kusar questioned Ms. Dixon about the flapper valves and pumper. Council Member Joe Kusar asked if the City line normally back up when it rains. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated not that he is aware of. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the normal process is: 1. People in the field are not to make any determination because they are not qualified, 2. The City begin the process once it receives the claim material, 3. If the City agrees responsibility, the payment goes to the owner of the property. Council recommended to the Dixons to submit their claim to their insurance company while the City investigates their claim.

- 4b. Discussion of hotel/motel accommodation excise tax. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the memo dated November 25, 2008 relative to issues concerning the hotel/motel accommodation excise tax and the possibility of increasing the current hotel/motel tax from six (6) percent to possible seven (7) or eight (8) percent, what the options are and the restricted uses and cite. City Manager Lee Gilmour recommended to Council to take a look at what the City of Warner Robins is sending to the legislation delegation and possible consider having a tag on relative to it to allow you to increase the hotel/motel tax to use it for particular purposes. Council concurred to piggy back on the City of Warner Robins. Council discussed the status of the roof at the Perry Arts Center and concurred to go to bid for repair of the roof.
- 4c. Review of financial impact areas. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council a snapshot of the November, 2008 financial reports reflecting the variance differences. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that in January we will have an updated adjusted financial report.

Not on agenda: City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council at Council Member Joe Kusar request the November cash report. The report reflected the revenue, expenditures and net for all funds in the month of November.

- 4d. Review of the budget. Deferred.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the called meeting held December 30, 2008, Mayor James Worrall adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.