

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 20, 2008
5:00 P.M

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held May 20, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer. Council Members Joe Kusar, Willie King, James Moore and Riley Hunt.

Elected Official Absent: Mayor Pro-Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour. Departmental Staffing: Mike Beecham - Director of Community Development, George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, *Deputy Chief Joel Gray - Fire Department, Bob Taylor – Maintenance Supervisor, Dianne Abney – Secretary, and Annie Warren-Riley - Recording Secretary.

* Arrived at 5:25 p.m.

Guests: Charles Lewis.

Press: Ms. Charlotte Perkins - Houston Home Journal and Natasha Smith – Macon Telegraph.

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

3a. Review water restrictions issues. Ronnie Jones, Director of Public Works reviewed with Council the recommendations he sent to City Manager Lee Gilmour outlining proactive steps to prevent going over the monthly pumping limits of EPD to keep our yearly permit limits intact. Mr. Jones suggested the following recommendations:

- Even number addresses allowed to water on Wednesday and Saturday only with no watering between 10 a.m. and midnight.
- Odd number addresses allowed to water on Thursday and Sunday only with no watering between 10 a.m. and midnight.
- No outside watering on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Mr. Jones feels that it would be prudent to go to this schedule so we do not put an undue burden on the City and show EPD that we are conserving water and not wasting water. Per ESG, Inc. 25% of our pump volume is not accounted for; Mr. Jones is going to do a 30 day audit of those items

see what it takes to get from a pump volume to a treated to an actual usage. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that the City is not going to implement Mr. Jones recommendations at this time but just wanted to advise them of the recommendations. Council Member James Moore inquired if the withdrawal permit is based on population. Mr. Jones stated yes. Council Member Joe Kusar asked how far are we on the water meters? Mr. Jones advised we are at 80%. Council Member Riley Hunt asked if the leak at Big Indian Creek had been repaired, Mr. Jones advised yes. Council Member Joe Kusar questioned if the manhole rehab program had been completed. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised that Phase 1 had been completed. Mayor Worrall stated that he had received phone calls about Perry High School watering their football field. Mayor Worrall advised Council that Perry High School has wells for both the football field and baseball field. Mr. Jones advised Council that there is a provision relative to new sod and new construction that allows the owners to water for a period of thirty (30) days. There is an exemption for those who have wells. Council Member Riley Hunt inquired about the practice of developers using the fire hydrant at the fire station to fill up their tanks. Deputy Chief Joel Gray stated that the fire department has an employee that monitors the hydrant; City Manager Lee Gilmour advised that the City has restrictions and that the City is going to stop the practice of filling up tanks from the hydrant.

- 3b. Review relative fuel alternate usage options. Bob Taylor Maintenance Supervisor presented to Council the use of waste vegetable oil (wvo) as an alternate fuel option. Mr. Taylor advised Council that he built a small make shift refinery to process the oil into a usable alternate fuel. Mr. Taylor explained the filtration process and provided pictures of the refinery. Mr. Taylor advised Council that he had used the oil in a Kubota and a Ford tractor and both pieces of equipment ran well with no overheating. There was one potential problem that Mr. Taylor noted to Council relative to using the waste vegetable oil as an alternate fuel option, the winter months. We may have cold start problems, but we can go to a blend for the winter months. Mr. Taylor was contacted by Mr. David Walker of Dublin, Georgia who has a contract with some vendors in Perry for the waste vegetable oil. Mr. Taylor advised Mr. Walker that he would not infringe on the vendors that are under contract with Mr. Walker. Mr. Taylor stated another plus using waste vegetable oil is that it is not regulated by EPD. Mr. Taylor would like to come up with a plan where the citizens could drop off their cooking oil. Council Member James Moore questioned if we could have the drop off in a supervised area. Mr. Taylor agreed that the area would be supervised and asked Council if the city could offer an incentive of a green seal to restaurants. Council Member Joe Kusar stated the cost for green seal could be expensive and offered the option of a seal of appreciation from the City of Perry to the restaurants. Public safety Director George Potter reviewed his

memo with Council relative to reducing fuel consumption in Public Safety. Mr. Potter advised Council that he had spoken with Judge Wells about adding a ten (10) percent add-on to violator citations to defray the additional costs for fuel. Ford is going to loan the police department a hybrid car to use for two weeks to do a comparison with a Crown Victorian. Mr. Potter stated that the police department is looking at purchasing two hybrids and a couple of motorcycles in next year budget to reduce fuel costs.

- 3c. Review update on Summerhill wastewater issue. Ronnie Jones Public Works Director provided Council an update relative to Summerhill wastewater issues. Mr. Jones reviewed with Council that Mr. Davis was given the option to either cover the cost of installation of a laundry pump or installation of a stag pump. Instead of doing either one, Mr. Davis sent a letter to Mr. Jones requesting additional data. Mr. Jones provided Mr. Davis the data requested. After receiving the data, Mr. Davis phoned Mr. Jones asking for additional time to try out a new product before he invested money into one of the two systems. The product name is “first quality personal towels” that are bio-degradable. Mr. Jones offered to give Mr. Davis 30-60 days to try out the product. Council concurred a continuance, but if a problem does occur, Mr. Davis will have to purchase one of the two systems.

4. Other items as needed: Mayor Worrall reminded Council members of upcoming event dates.

State Patrol cook-out on May 21st at 11:30 a.m.
Parks and Recreation meeting on May 22, 2008
Memorial Program at Perry Memorial Gardens on May 26, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.
Budget Work Session on May 27, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.
Perry Chamber Good Morning Perry activity breakfast at Lane Packaging on May 28, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor James Worrall adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.