

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 14, 2010
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held June 14, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: *Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King. Council Members Riley Hunt, Joe Posey, Phyllis Bynum-Grace, William Jackson and Randall Walker.

*Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. left at 5:18 p.m.

Elected Official Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Deputy Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department, Brenda King - Director of Administration, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: None.

Press: Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal.

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King.
 - 3a. Consider appeal decision from Council regarding Peach State Paranormal Investigations. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King stated that due to a scheduling conflict the Peach State Paranormal Investigations has rescheduled to attend City Council July 1th work session.
 - 3b. Consider renaming a portion of Airport Road to Walter F. Marshall Drive. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the map showing the portion of Airport Road proposed to be renamed Walter F. Marshall Drive. The City has checked with Houston County 911 and it is agreeable with the proposed name change. City Manger Lee Gilmour stated if Council concurs to proceed there will a public hearing to rename the street. All members concurred to proceed.
 - 3c. Review proposal for water/wastewater operations building. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones reviewed with Council the revised layout for

the water treatment office from Parrish Construction Group. The revised layout is based on a pole barn being built to store the equipment which changes the price of the project. Mr. Jones stated by utilizing the pole barn to store the equipment it meets everyone's needs and makes it more flexible. Mr. Jones stated that the project would be a turn key project. All Council members concurred with the revised proposal for the water/wastewater operations building.

- 3e. Discussion of options relative to landscaping debris left on City streets. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the City is having problems with landscaping debris being blown into the street and going down the stormwater drain and clogging it. City Manager Lee Gilmour recommended putting together a proposal to address the issue. Most citizens take their yard clippings and pile it up beside the road for pick up, but some are blowing the clippings into City streets. If the streets do not have a stormwater drain, the clippings are going into the ditch and causing a blockage. City Manager Lee Gilmour recommended if Council concurs that this issue would be brought back before Council with options to consider. All members concurred.
- 3d. Consider processing of two claims relating to Commerce Street Parking Phase 2. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the two claims that were submitted relative to Commerce Street Parking Improvements Phase II. The 919 Carroll Street damage claim in the amount of \$2,235.00 was due to the project contractor not connecting the sewer line and suggests the City pay this claim. The 910 Carroll Street damage claim in the amount of \$1,100.00 was determined to be no fault by the City or contractor and suggests not paying this claim. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that if Council concurs to pay the 919 Carroll Street damage claim in the amount of \$2,235.00 the cost would be charged to the Commerce Street Parking project. All members concurred.
- 3f. Discussion of proposal to amend City cemetery policy. Council Member Riley Hunt asked that before Council reviews the policy, he would like to get together with City Manager Lee Gilmour to make some changes to the policy. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated he would meet with Council Member Riley Hunt to review the recommend changes to the policy.
- 3g. Discuss need for engineering plans and specifications for relocation of water and sanitary sewer for Ball Street Extension Project. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the proposal from Integrated Science and Engineering for all tasks related to preparing the engineering plans and specifications for relocating water and sanitary sewer lines for the Ball Street Extension project. The recommendation is to approve Integrated Science and Engineering's proposal except for task number six which can be performed in-house as recommended by Assistant City Engineer Harold Deal. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the funding for the project

would be from the Ball Street SPLOST. All members concurred to proceed with the project as recommended.

- 3h. Consider request to authorize repairs to City dump truck. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones reviewed with Council the request to authorize repairs to the 1993 International tandem axle dump truck. The recommendation is to replace the engine with a Jasper built engine using new parts and installed by Lemley's Garage with a cost of \$10,796.95. Council Member William Jackson asked where the funding would come from. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the funding would come from the General Fund. Mr. Jones stated that at this time the City's other dump truck is in the shop and the City is currently getting assistance from Houston County to finish up on projects around the City, which is costing the City money out of pocket. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace asked about the warranty of the engine. Mr. Jones stated that to his knowledge it would have a one (1) year warranty but would check and make sure. Council Member Randall Walker asked if Mr. Jones would also need the walker beams and tire replacement. Mr. Jones stated that he would. All members concurred to authorize the repairs to the City dump truck.
- 3i. Review suggested capital improvements plan for the Perry Arts Center. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the suggested capital improvement plan for the Perry Arts Center as requested by the Perry Arts Center Advisory Board. The recommendation of the Administration is to add the items to the City's Capital Improvements program. All members concurred. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the City is using two year Special Purpose Hotel/Motel tax to pay for the re-roofing of the Perry Arts Center.
- 3j. Review proposed motor vehicle operation policy. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the proposed motor vehicle operation policy for operation of City owned vehicles. It was recommended by the City's liability insurer to establish a policy designed to help ensure employees who drive for the City are safe drivers. The proposed MVR policy would have checks done yearly and randomly and outlines the repercussions for not adhering to the policy. Council Member Riley Hunt asked about driving your own personal vehicle for City business. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that it is outlined in the policy. Council Member Randall Walker asked if the City has any safe driver training courses. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the Department of Public Safety does but the other departments do not. Council Member Randall Walker asked about using cell phones while operating a City vehicle. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that no City employee can use a cell phone at any time while operating a City vehicle. All members concurred to send the policy to the City Attorney to review and bring back to Council.

3k. Discuss time options for public hearing relative to alcohol license and/or business license revocations. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the options for the public hearing relative to alcohol license and/or business license revocations. The City Attorney has suggested holding a special meeting for the hearings. City Manager Lee Gilmour suggested having the first hearing tentatively on July 26th. All Council members concurred with the tentative date. The City will notify the parties for the scheduling of the hearings.

4. Other items as needed:

Council Member Randall Walker – asked about the customer service training on the 22nd if Council is expected to attend. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that Council is welcome to attend but it is not mandatory. Council Member Randall Walker asked about the status of the building permit fees. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the resolution will be presented to Council at their first meeting in July. Council Member Randall Walker wanted to confirm that the Mayor/Council tour of the water/wastewater treatment plant is on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones stated yes the tour is on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Council Member Randall Walker asked if there was any interest for the City property on Marshallville Road. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that at this time, there has not been any.

Council Member Joe Posey – stated he has received some complaints about mosquitos. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones stated that the City is still spraying public areas and any citizen may request their yard be sprayed and the fee added to their utility bill.

Council Member Riley Hunt – stated that on some City streets the center line is not visible and would like the City to see if there is anything we can do to correct it. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated he would put together a price estimate.

Council Member William Jackson – stated the City’s website is hard to navigate; you have to dig to find out any information on Mayor/Council and would like to see website more user friendly.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace – asked about the City dress code. City Manger Lee Gilmour stated the dress code is in effect.

Director of Public Safety George Potter – reviewed with Council an incident that happened on Club Villa Court: a gentleman was apprehended who was later discovered to be on Houston County’s 15 Most Wanted List.

Deputy Chief Joel Gray, Fire Department – No report.

Director of Administration Brenda King – No report.

Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones – No report.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King – wanted to remind Council and the public of the upcoming “Thursday Evening with Jimmy” on June 17th from 5:30 p.m. – 7pm. This is an opportunity for citizens to voice their concerns and comments.

5. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.