

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 17, 2008
5:00 P.M

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held June 17, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Joe Kusar.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour. Departmental Staffing: Mike Beecham - Director of Community Development, *George Potter – Director of Public Safety, *Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray - Fire Department, and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

* George Potter – Director of Public Safety and Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray arrived at 5:30 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 response from Vision 2020 relative to emergency warning system. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the response from Vision 2020 relative to a City wide severe weather system as follows:

- The funding will not come from SPLOST. It is an immediate need that will require use of General Fund monies by appropriation or financing.
- A detailed study will be conducted. However, the City must agree to commit prior to the study results.

All members stated that they would like a study to be completed before any commitment is made.

- The City's portion is estimated at \$156,000 may be less may be more and it will be needed within one year (FY 09).

Council Member Moore asked if the \$156,000 was for everything, the system, equipment and the study. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that it was. Council Member Hunt asked if everyone else is on board with putting up money without the study being done. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated 'no'.

- Vision 2020 feels the project must move forward immediately due to public opinion relative to public safety.
- The telephone warning system is not under consideration at this time.
- The Council is being asked to commit prior to any study being completed. I indicated that the City will be willing to pay its share of the study. Vision 2020 said it would be all or nothing.
- The Department of Public Safety indicates the City can upgrade and expand for less than what is being requested for commitment.
- The protocol issue will not be determined until after the system is operating and based on collective decision.

City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the City is currently using the FEMA guidelines for protocol.

- Chairman Saunders requests a called meeting of the Council to review this project and seek Council support.
- The City's current system is probably not compatible with the proposed system.

City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that Council can wait until the called meeting with Mr. Saunders and the Public Safety Department before we proceed with the emergency warning system. All members concurred.

Mayor James Worrall stated that the special called meeting would be on June 26, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the emergency warning system and vote on Impact Fees.

3b. Consider request (non-property owner) to annex a certain portion of property. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the certain portion of property belongs to Georgia Power. The request to consider annexation came from the County, since all the property around Georgia Power's property has been annexed into the City limits. State Law states that the City can proceed without a request from the property owner to annex property. All members concurred that the City should contact Georgia Power to ask them to request the property and sub-station be annexed into the City limits.

4. Other items as needed:

Mayor Worrall stated that the Ag Authority luncheon will be on July 9, 2008 at noon. Also on July 9th the Vision 2020 meeting will be at 9:30 a.m.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor James Worrall adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.