

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 26, 2008
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer, called to order the called meeting of the Perry City Council held June 26, 2008 at 5:00p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour. City Attorney David Walker. City Departmental Staffing: George Potter –Director of Public Safety, Captain Jeff Patterson – Fire Department, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, and Annie Warren-Riley – Recording Secretary.

Press: Wayne Crenshaw –Macon Telegraph and Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Council Member Willie King gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Items of Discussion:

4a. Emergency Warning System: Chairman Ned Sanders of the Houston County Commissioners presented to Council the need for a countywide weather warning system. Chairman Sanders stated that this is a primary issue that needs to be addressed for the safety of our public. Information relative to each local entity estimated portion was presented to Council based on population figures. The estimated cost for the City of Perry was \$150,000.00. Council Member Joe Kusar voiced his concern relative to the City residents being doubled taxed. Public Director George Potter and Captain Jeff Patterson presented a Powerpoint presentation comparing the actual systems of the City of Perry and Houston County; the proposed systems of the City of Perry and Houston County. The cost for upgrading the four existing sirens and adding three (3) sirens is \$80,850.00, however, the upgraded system will not have voice capability which the county system will have. Council Member Joe Kusar recommended Council be allowed to look at the concept plan before joining the Countywide warning system. Council Member James Moore moved to adopt the County proposal with Council Member Joe Kusar's recommended stipulation. Council Member Riley Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4b. Impact Fees: Mayor James Worrall opened the floor comments from the Council. Council Member Riley Hunt asked if Council could postpone the vote. Council Member James Moore agreed with Council Member Riley Hunt about postponement of the vote. Council Member Joe Kusar said that the builders should not be left in limbo.

Council Member Joe Kusar motioned to adopt the proposed resolution of impact fees to be implemented July 1, 2009 with the understanding the City can make amendments before the final implementation. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion. The final vote was 4-1, Council Member Riley Hunt opposed.

Not on the Agenda:

City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that it was his understanding relative to the downtown landscaping contract, the City would fund and administer the program; this was not correct, the funding will be forwarded to the Downtown Development Authority and they will administer the program. Council stated that DDA was to administer the program.

5. Council Reports.

Council Member Willie King – No.

Council Member James Moore – no.

Council Member Riley Hunt – No.

Council Member Joe Kusar – No.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace – No.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the called meeting held June 26, 2008, Mayor James Worrall adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.