

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 3, 2008
5:00 P.M

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held June 3, 2008 at 5:07 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Council Member James Moore.

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

Guests: Mr. Walton Wood, Mrs. Becky Wood, Mr. Daniel Brown and Mr. Rob Cooper.

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

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

- 3a. Consider proposal Vision 2020 City wide severe weather system. Public Safety Director George Potter reviewed with Council the proposal from Vision 2020 relative to a City wide severe weather system. The County has been talking about putting up a warning system for fourteen years. Deputy Chief Joel Gray advised that the County would like to put up fifty-four sirens at an approximate cost of \$1.8 million. Council Member Joe Kusar stated that there seems to be two systems and asked Deputy Chief Gray for his input. Deputy Chief Gray stated there is the call back system and the siren system; it would be a tough call to pick one system over the other, the best compliment would be the two systems together. Council Member Willie King questioned Deputy Chief Gray about the radius coverage. Deputy Chief Gray advised that the system has a two and half mile radius. Council Member Joe Kusar inquired why the City has to pay again for a county system when they already pay county taxes. The City Manager suggested that if Council concurs, administration will send notice to Vision 2020 stating that the City is always interested in working with other governmental bodies, the next SPLOST would be the best funding option for all local governments, however, there needs to be consideration

given of entities that already have some type of alarm system, there needs to be an agreement relative to the protocol and the reverse 911 system is a good process that should be considered as well. Council concurred unanimously.

Item not listed on agenda:

City Manger Lee Gilmour advised Council that Vision 2020 had talked about talked about developing a central animal control facility for the northern end of the county. Public Safety ran an analysis and we are not in a position to do any housing for Houston County unincorporated or Centerville.

Council Member Joe Kusar asked about the status of the animal shelter. Public Safety Director George Potter advised the architect should have the preliminary drawing and the cost estimate. Council Member Joe Kusar asked about a time line for the ground breaking. The City Manager advised an estimate of two (2) years.

Council Member Willie King gave an update relative to Parks and Recreation. The Civitan Club presented to the Parks and Recreation Department swings for physically disable children on May 29, 2008.

City Manager Lee Gilmour advised that Council had looked at swings for children in wheelchairs. One the concerns that arose was accessibility, which is being researched at this time.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace advised the Council members that Pearls Stephens Elementary School is a good location to view the swings for children in wheelchairs. "Camp Can Do" starts on Monday, June 9, 2008 and runs through June 27, 2008, we have eight-one kids participating.

4. Other items as needed: None.
5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor James Worrall adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.