

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 19, 2008
5:00 P.M

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held August 19, 2008 at 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

* Council Member Charles Lewis arrived at 5:12 p.m. Council Member Joe Kusar arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member James Moore.

Departmental Staffing: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Mike Beecham - Director of Community Development, George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department, Captain Jeff Patterson – Fire Department, Dianne Abney – Secretary Public Works and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Walton Wood, Mr. Daniel Brown, Ms. Terre Moody Walker, Ms. Susan Green – Advance Disposal and Don Christopher – Advance Disposal.

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

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James Worrall.
 - 3a. Disability retirement program discussion. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that the adopted amendment to the City's retirement plan which stated if an employee had to leave work because he/she was disabled would receive their full retirement. Also included for the employee would be the option to receive health insurance for up to 36 months. The City has run into some problems with Department of Labor and the City's insurance carrier in reference to the health insurance option. The City will be revising the City retirement program stating that if an employee leaves work due to disability, then the City would reimburse the employee's Cobra costs.

- 3b. Update on policy for provision of water mobile users. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council of a request from the Public Safety Department in reference to water mobile users which consists of mainly construction crews that come in and take metered water from hydrants. Due to the Fire Departments schedule and having to roll more often, by moving the water mobile users to the Water Plant would be beneficial. The Public Safety Department requests that water mobile users be directed to the Water Plant to get metered water. The Water Plant generally has an employee at the site 24/7. All members concurred to shift the water mobile users from the Fire Department to the Water Plant.
- 3c. Consider projects for UGA Local Government Practicum. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the call for projects for the UGA Local Government Practicum. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked Council if there were any issues that Council may have. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked that if Council did have any issues to let him know.
- 3d. Update on Houston Lake Road Gas leak. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked George Potter, Director of Public Safety to update Council on the Houston Lake Road gas leak. George Potter, Director of Public Safety stated that the contractors struck a 4" gas line on Houston Lake Road. Jeff Patterson, Captain Fire Department worked on site to evacuate residents and to notify the schools of the road closing due to gas leak. The Public Safety Department called the evening shift employees to help with the call volume and blocking off road while the Public Works Department worked to repair gas line. The City received excellent cooperation with the school system and mutual aid while repairing gas line that was struck. Council Member Riley Hunt asked if the contractors that struck the gas line knew where the gas lines were located. Ronnie Jones, Director of Public Works stated that the gas line was located for the contractors. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that if Council concurs with the City filing claim against the Contractor for costs incurred by the City at the Houston Lake Road gas leak. All members concurred with Administration pursuing reimbursement from the contractors for costs incurred by the City at the Houston Lake Road gas leak.
- 3e. Update downtown solid waste district. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented to Council the updated downtown solid waste collection process. As of September 1, 2008 all merchants on Main Street, Ball Street, Commerce Street and Washington Street will receive a bill from the City for trash pickup. Merchants that already have a dumpster will be excluded from receiving a bill from the City for trash pickup. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that a public hearing was held and all merchants were advised.

3f. Discuss proceeding with storm water utility district process. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council proceeding with the storm water utility district process. The storm water utility district was postponed until after the FY 09 Budget and impact fee items were completed. City Manager Lee Gilmour request authorization from Council to proceed with the storm water utility district process. All members concurred with Administration proceeding with the storm water utility district process.

4. Other items as needed:

- Mayor Worrall asked Council to be available on September 2nd for a new group photo for City Hall.
- Mayor Worrall advised Council that the Chamber of Commerce puts out a map of the City every year that is mailed all over the United States. Mayor Worrall asked whether the City should pursue placing an ad with the Chamber of Commerce for the map.

Council/ Department Reports.

George Potter, Director of Public Safety – stated receiving request for low speed vehicles be permitted to drive on Valley Drive. The speed limit on Valley Drive would have to be reduced and the City would have to prohibit trucks on the road due to safety issues. Council Member Willie King stated that the City could consider making a low speed vehicle trail to accommodate these vehicles.

Ronnie Jones, Director of Public Works – None.

Council Member Joe Kusar – asked if the Advance Disposal has confirmed appropriate insurance coverage. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that Advance has confirmed insurance coverage.

Council Member Riley Hunt – On behalf of the Perry Volunteer Outreach wanted to thank Mayor and Council for support with PVO being awarded a \$500,000 CDBG Grant for Grace Village Phase II.

Council Member Willie King – No sir.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace – No sir.

Mike Beecham, Director of Community Development – stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed the preliminary plat for the new hotels and future restaurants that will located at 1500 Sam Nunn Blvd. Council Member Riley Hunt asked about the house at 1300 Swift Street. Mike Beecham, Director of

Community Development stated that the rezoning will come before Council at the September 2nd meeting.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor James Worrall adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.