

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 2009
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held September 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, Captain Bill Phelps – Police Department, Captain Jeff Patterson – Fire Department and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Joe Posey, Mr. Walton Wood, Mrs. Becky Wood, Mr. Jimmy Faircloth – Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, Mr. Randall Walker, Mr. William Jackson – DDA, Mr. Bob Hubbard – Planning Commission and Mr. Larry Brown – Sutton Place Developer.

Press: Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal.

3. Old Business: None.

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

- 4a. Consider developer's request for proposal for a generator agreement. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the request from the developer to issue a certified check to the City for the amount of installation of the generator to be paid to the contractor once the installation is complete. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that if the City agrees with the request the City would take over responsibility of all costs, any problems with the installation and warranty of the equipment. The contract would be between the City and the contractor, the City's standard policy states that it is the developers' responsibility not the City's. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that due to the economy the developer could not obtain a Letter of Credit but is offering a certified check for the installation of the generator. It is City policy to require the estimated costs

plus 20% which would be 120% of the cost. The recommendation from the Administration is that the contract should stay between the contractor and developer; the certified check would be for the amount of the contract plus 20% (\$41,300.00). City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that if Council concurs to make the recommendation from work session to Council. All members concurred.

- 4b. Discuss need for capacity evaluation for the Parkway pump station. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the capacity evaluation for the Parkway pump station. The new Houston County jail addition will increase the sewage discharge from the jail into the Perry sewer system by about 26%. The recommendation is that Integrated Science Engineering, Inc. and Constantine Engineering, Inc. provide a cost estimate to upgrade the Parkway pump station to bring back to Council. All members concurred.
5. Other items as needed: Mayor Worrall asked if anyone had anything they wanted to share.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt – Asked Mr. Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works about the water leaks. Mr. Jones stated that the City is experiencing more water leaks during this time of year but they are doing well. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt asked about the water pumped versus what is billed. Mr. Jones stated that it is being tracked on a weekly basis. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt asked Ms. Brenda King – Director of Administration about the cut off list for utilities. Ms. King stated that cut off list is up to date.

Council Member James Moore – Asked about the collection of back taxes. Ms. Brenda King – Director of Administration stated that the collection is on going and there is another tax sale in October.

Council Member Willie King – No.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace – No.

Council Member Charles Lewis – Asked that the fencing at the Wastewater Plant be checked due to wild hogs.

Council Member Joe Kusar - No.

City Manager Lee Gilmour – Advised Council of the Caring Communities System of Care Grant Program was awarded in the amount of \$311,296.00.

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