

MINUTES
CALLED WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
February 19, 2015
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Presiding Officer called to order the called work session held February 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. Mayor Pro-Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace. Council Members Randall Walker, Willie King, Riley Hunt, William Jackson and Robert Jones.

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney David Walker and Recording Clerk, Annie Warren

City Departmental Staffing: Brenda King – Director of Administration, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Decius Aaron - Director of Public Works, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, and Robert D. Smith – Economic Development Director

Press: Don Moncrief - Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr

3a. Public hearing relative the revocation of business licenses for Days Inn and Ramada Inn. Mr. Gilmour advised Mayor and Council that there was no longer a reason for a public hearing because both hotels have paid their excise taxes up to date. The business owner did have a request of Council to allow him additional time to pay his property taxes while continuing to operate his businesses. It was the consensus of Council to deny his request for an extension.

3b. Plans implementation discussion – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith reviewed the City of Perry Plan Implementation Matrix. Council recommended Mr. Smith connect branding and wayfinding and place the implementation information on the City's website in a format that the public can comprehend.

3c. Consider sidewalk installation request. Mr. Gilmour provided a cost estimate to construct alternate transportation sidewalks for on Sam Nunn Boulevard and Lect Drive via Mr. Deal's memo dated February 5, 2015. Council concurred to authorize bid specifications for an alternate transportation sidewalk on Sam Nunn Boulevard starting at McDonald's Restaurant and extending to Murphy's Express east driveway and not take any action on Lect Drive.

- 3d. Consider closing a portion of Thompson Road. Council concurred closing a portion of Thompson Road and advising the owners of Council's decision.
- 3e. Consider response from Pioneer Railcorp relative street track crossing. Mr. Gilmour provided Mayor and Council a copy of the response from Pioneer Railcorp for street track crossing improvement. Council Member King reminded everyone of the wheelchair incident at Commerce Street crossing in which the wheel of the wheelchair was caught in the worn cross-ties. Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace expressed her concerns about the train not blowing the whistle at the two crossings in the New Hope Subdivision. Council Member Walker suggested approaching Pioneer Railcorp and asking them to provide the labor and the City provide the materials for Carroll Street and Main Street crossings; Mr. Gilmour is to check with the state and federal agencies about funding for Commerce Street crossing. Council concurred proceeding with Council Member Walker's suggestions.
- 3f. Consider speed limit on Valley Drive, Tucker Road and Hill Road. Chief Lynn advised Mayor and Council that Mr. Gilmour alerted him of speeding complaints on Hill Road and asked him to take a look at the area. The speed limit on Hill Road is 35 mph and the speed limit on Tucker Road is 30 mph. Chief Lynn recommended lowering the speed limit on Hill Road to 30 mph and adding more signage. The speed limit on Valley Drive is 35 mph one way and 45mph the opposite way. Chief Lynn recommended making the speed limit 35 mph on Valley Drive.
- 3g. Discuss items relative the 2015 Perry Music Festival. Mayor Gilmour reviewed the items that came up during the February 10, 2015 music festival meeting. After discussion, Council concurred with the recommendations of Administration for the 2015 Perry Music Festival.
- 3h. Review proposed right-of-way improvement in downtown. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the proposed right-of-way improvements for a portion of the 800 block of Carroll Street. Council concurred to proceed with the right-of-way improvements for a portion of the 800 block of Carroll Street.

4. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace, Council Members Jackson, Walker, Jones and King had no reports.

Council Member Hunt requested a visual of what Evergreen will look like with the street closure.

Mr. Gilmour – No report

Attorney Walker – No report

5. Department Head Items:

Ms. King, Chief Gray, Mr. Aaron, Mr. Beecham and Mr. Smith had no reports.

Chief Lynn advised Mayor and Council of the Valor Program which has to do with improving community relations, officer awareness, officer safety, etc. Chief Lynn sent three officers to trainer classes last week and they will conduct training with the officers within the department.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the called work session held on February 19, 2015, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.; Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.