

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
July 29, 2013
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the special meeting held July 29, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:
Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. and Council Members Willie King, Randall Walker and Riley Hunt.

Elected Officials Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey, and Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace and William Jackson.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and Cyndi Houser - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Penrose Wolf.

Press: Ms. Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal, Jasmine Williams - WMGT and Jennifer Moulliet - WMAZ.

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

3a. The continuation of Mayor and Council's July 9, 2013 planning session was led by Ms. Mary Beth Bass, Director of Economic Development. Ms. Bass provided a brief overview leading into the items she hoped they would accomplish during the session. The first item for discussion was the current vision statement and if it needed to be updated, left the same or started over. Council members and the public provided input to update the wording which would give a better perception of the direction the City and Council are going. The mission statement was then reviewed and after discussion, no changes were made to the wording.

Ms. Bass summarized the results of the priorities submitted by Mayor and Council members. After a discussion of what each area encompassed generally, Ms. Bass asked for a detailed written input from all members present. The results were then further discussed for each of the six areas: Recreation/Leisure, Delivery in Services; Planning and Partnerships, Community Development, Economic Development and Diversified Revenue Sources. Ms. Bass explained that knowing what is important to Council will help them to determine their short-term and long-term goals for the growth of the City. As a supplement, a matrix was handed out showing the goals and objectives previously discussed and the current status and/or activity.

Members were then tasked with two (2) take-home exercises of a self assessment and Council member strengths and weaknesses to be returned to Ms. Bass as soon as possible.

Ms. Bass asked for feedback about the session particularly regarding the format. The consensus was that the session and the format were very helpful to Council in considering how the City will grow and what Council can do to promote the growth.

The next special meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

4. Other Items as needed: None

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the special meeting held on July 29, 2013, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 6:55 P.M.