

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 6, 2014
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held January 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: none

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and Recording Clerk, Nancy Graham

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mary Beth Bass – Economic Development Director, and Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development

Guests: Tamara Whitfield

Press: Chris Hogan, Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Summer camp proposal – Ms. Kim Green Martin: Ms. Martin was not present. Mr. Gilmour stated that it is his understanding that Ms. Kim Green Martin is requesting to run a summer camp at the James E Worrall Community Center.

It is the consensus of Council for Mr. Gilmour to inform Ms. Green that the City already has a summer camp that is held at the James E Worrall Community Center. If a different location is requested by Ms. Green, Mr. Gilmour will advise Council.

3b. Consider providing a “transitional” “60 days” alcoholic beverage license: Mr. Gilmour advised Council to consider a transitional 60 days alcoholic beverage license. An example would be a business needing to purchase a license toward the end of the year. With our current policy, the business would have to get a license in another month or so. Currently, the City offers 6 months or a full year license. (using a calendar year)

After much discussion, Council agreed that the current policy will remain

3c. Consider restricting birthday parties of a certain range at the Perry Arts Center: To preserve the art collection at the Perry Arts Center, Council agreed to restrict the use of the Perry Arts Center for birthday parties to anyone who is over the age of twenty-one. Birthday parties for those under the age of twenty-one will be referred to the James E Worrall Community Center.

3d. Consider restricting public parking in Sutton Place Subdivision: Mr. Beecham stated a resident of Sutton Place Subdivision has requested restricting parking across from his driveway. Council Member Walker asked if there is a city ordinance prohibiting on street parking. Mr. Beecham replied, no. Chief Lynn advised without an ordinance in place he could not take any action if a complaint was received from a resident.

Council concurred that on street parking will not be restricted in Sutton Place Subdivision.

3e. Consider request for agricultural operations easement: Mr. Beecham advised he received a request from a City property owner relative to his property being entered into the Agricultural Operations Easement program. Mr. Gilmour updated Council on the history and purpose of the program.

After a discussion, it was the consensus of Council to deny the request.

3f. Consider process for naming walking trail at Rozar Park.: Mr. Gilmour advised that the Recreation Department staff has suggested naming the much improved walking trail at Rozar Park.

Council concurred that a series of suggested names should be submitted and considered for the trail.

3g. Code enforcement charges. After an analysis was run relative to what is paid to the city for demolition and lot mowing, Mr. Gilmour recommended the following: 1)Tax liens being filed immediately on any property that may have value. The remaining parcels need to be written off and 2) A tax lien is filed immediately after the invoice due date, if not paid. This way, if the property is sold, the new owner must pay the lien.

After much discussion, Council concurred that Mr. Gilmour submit a recommendation relative to what levels would and would not have liens placed.

4. Other items as needed:

Council Member Bynum-Grace – No report

Mayor Pro –Tempore Posey – No report

Council Member Jackson – No report

Council Member Walker – No report

Mr. Gilmour – No report

Chief Gray – No report

Chief Lynn – a) advised Sgt Arthur Jackson's retirement ceremony will be on 1/29/14 at the Perry Arts Center from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm; b) Chief Lynn received a letter from Georgia Public Safety Memorial Wall Committee (former policeman, Joseph Charles has been selected to be included on the memorial wall)

Mr. Beecham – Advised that Woodlands Subdivision pulled four permits.

Ms. Bass – Advised Catherine Edgemon was hired for the Main Street Coordinator position and reminder of the Economic Outlook Luncheon.

Ms. King – Advised audit is complete.

Mayor Faircloth - Advised he had a positive meeting with the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

5. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. adjourned the January 06, 2014 work session meeting at 6:05 p.m.