

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
March 18, 2013
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Posey, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held March 18, 2013 at 5:02 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Council Member Randall Walker arrived at 5:06 pm

Council Member Willie King arrived at 5:08 pm

Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. arrived at 5:39 pm

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Fire Chief Joel Gray – Perry Fire & Emergency Services, Police Captain Bill Phelps, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mary Beth Bass, Director Economic Development, and Cyndi Houser - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. H. Rowell, Mr. Mike Baker

Press: Ms. Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Posey

3a. Review electric vehicles charge station project. Council had asked about the possibility of installing up to three (3) electric vehicle charging stations in Perry. Ms. Bass surveyed eight area business owners to determine the interest level for having an electric charging station installed through a program offered by the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition. Several owners indicated a high level of interest. Cost of installation ranged from \$2,000 to \$6,000. This cost would be absorbed by the host site, mostly private businesses. The revenue would be split between the host site and ECOtality, the company which is installing the charging stations. Access to shopping while a car is charging, was one of the primary preferences along with restaurants and tourist destinations. These sites will be put on a map and any initial site would be very advantageous for our City. Council instructed Ms. Bass to obtain information on cutoff dates for application, cost of keeping the unit after the initial trial

period, cost to charge, and if there are any sites in Warner Robins and bring the information back to the pre-council meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

3b. Review of septic tank haulers.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed a letter from Ms. Sharon Kelly, Operations Manager of ESG, Inc., regarding concerns about Brand Septic Tank Haulers not following City policy when dumping at the City's wastewater plant. Mr. Gilmour recommended Council adopt a policy that the practice of allowing septic tank haulers to use the City facility be discontinued. Council concurred and will adopt the policy.

3c. Review options relative to Recreation Program refunds.

Mr. Gilmour noted that there have been instances of parents requesting refunds for fees after a program has started. The Recreation Department has been offering refunds if the team has not been selected and the uniforms have not been ordered. Staff is requesting that a policy of no refunds be adopted unless "the team does not make". Council expressed that cutoff dates and the "no refund policy" be plainly posted on the counter and on the registration forms.

3d. Refund Series 1998 and Series 2005 water revenue bonds.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed the memo from William J. Camp, the City's bond attorney, recommending to the City, based on the current rate situation, that the City re-finance the Series 1998 and Series 2005 water revenue bonds. This would save the customers approximately \$30,000 in interest per year. Ms. King recommended that Council authorize proceeding with refinancing the Series 1998 and Series 2005 water revenue bonds.

3e. Bid memo from Steve Howard.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed a memo from Mr. Howard regarding bids for replacing the HVAC system at the Woodlawn Drive Water Treatment Plant #2 prior to replacing the roof. There were three bids and Mr. Gilmour recommended that Council proceed with accepting the low bid from Keadle Heating & Air. This will be paid for from the Water and Sewer Fund. Mr. Gilmour also noted that the specifications for the roof are being finalized.

4. Other items as needed:

Mayor Faircloth asked if any member of Council had any items for discussion.

Council Member Randall Walker – No report.

Council Member William Jackson – No report.

Council Member Riley Hunt – No report.

Council Member Willie King – Mr. King asked about the conditions at Westwood Park. Mr. Gilmour stated that the conditions letter had been sent and signed off by the property management company and that the two-week period is running. Mr. King

also asked about a street light that was out on Jackson Lane and when the light was scheduled to be replaced. Mr. Gilmour stated Georgia Power had been contacted.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Posey – No report.

Mary Beth Bass relayed to Council that there would be a proclamation for Manufacturing Appreciation Week at the regular Council session March 19th. Tolleson Lumber will be making a few remarks on behalf of local industry. Ms. Bass also reminded Council that a response is needed to the Houston County Development Authority for the meeting scheduled for Middle Georgia Tech on March 27th. There will also be an Industry Appreciation reception at the Go Fish Center on Thursday, April 18th from 5:30-7 pm.

Mr. Kilgore – Recreation Department facilities have been used by over 600 youth from the Houston County School system. They have expressed their appreciation to be able to use them as well as the quality of the facilities.

Mr. Beecham announced that the City would be participating in the Great American Cleanup the week of April 1-5. Residents will be able to put anything on the curb for pickup. He also stated that Ball Street has been re-striped and that “no parking” signs will be installed.

Ms. King stated that the software upgrade is still ongoing. Hardware has been installed and software for financials set up. It is hoped that the financials and utility billing portion will be completed by late July. Progress is being made with the tax sales and printing the FiFa letters to be sent to the Courthouse for recording. Delinquent tax letters are being prepared for businesses that did not renew their occupational tax certificates by March 1st. When these are completed, a list will be prepared for Council.

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into an executive session for real estate acquisition.

5. Executive Session entered at 5:50 p.m.: Council Member Hunt moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. Executive Session adjourned; Council regular meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m. Council adjourned the Executive Session held March 18, 2013 and reconvened into the council regular meeting.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-16 stating purpose of Executive Session held March 18, 2013 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Mayor Pro Tempore Posey moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on March 18, 2013 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2013-16 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

8. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened meeting held March 18, 2013, Council Member Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.