

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 1, 2013
5:00 P.M.

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

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Randall Walker

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: Rick Kilgore – Director of Recreation, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Fire Chief Joel Gray – Perry Fire & Emergency Services, Police Chief Steve Lynn, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mary Beth Bass- Director of Economic Development and Sarah Nottingham - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Gen. Bob McMahon (Ret.)

Press: Ms. Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Presentation from 21st Century Partnership- Ret. Gen. Bob McMahon, President/CEO of 21st Century Partnership, thanked the Mayor and Council for the past support given to the 21st Century Partnership. He discussed major issues that would impact the economic development in the Middle Georgia Region; such as sequestration, base realignment and closure and expanding the economic development. He reviewed the series of studies (15) being develop by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission that would require action to keep the region competitive and enhance opportunities for economic development. The studies would review the comparison of the WRAB community with others, compare Houston County's schools separate from the Middle Georgia's region schools, P4 Partnership initiatives- (Public to Public and Public to Private) allowing the WRAB to partner with the community to decrease operating cost and to allow contracts to be let locally to benefit our businesses and enhances our tax base. The studies will be completed by July 2013.

3b. Review of the City's health insurance program.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed the attached matrix of the health insurance program printout. He advised Mayor and Council that the health insurance program, (self insured) is the best way to go. Council concurred.

4. Other items as needed:

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

Council Members Riley Hunt, Willie King, Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Posey – No report

Council Member William Jackson – Inquired about the landscaping change out of the planters. The landscaping looks bad and lining needs to be replaced in the planters. City Manager will address.

Mr. Gilmour- recommended a \$4,911.00 increase adjustment to FY13 for the 21st Century Partnership relative the presentation by Ret. Gen McMahon. Mr. Gilmour informed Mayor and Council relative to the issues on Public- Public and Public - Private Partnership with WRAB the use of the Public Safety Training is being utilized for certification training.

Chief Gray – No report.

Chief Lynn – No report. Glad to be back from school.

Ms. Bass informed the Mayor and Council the Houston County Development Authority, Industrial Appreciation Reception has be change from April 11th to April 18th. Main Street Affiliation Advisory meeting will be Thursday April 4th at 4:30pm.

Mr. Kilgore stated that Ms. Ford-Faherty, the archery instructor has signed her contract. There will be 20 youth volunteers from the Lutheran Church doing a community service project on April 24th, 5-8pm; to pick up trash and to keep the walking trail clean. The monkey bars and teeter totters are being installed.

Mr. Beecham stated the Mayor and the Planning Commission received a letter from Mr. Patel relative to the removal cargo container. Mr. Beecham stated the Planning Commission approved Mr. Patel request for modular buildings to be placed on the site for five years with the understanding that the cargo container would be removed. Mr. Patel would like Mayor and Council to overrule the Planning Commission decision. Mayor and Council concurred the Planning Commission decision is final.

Ms. King requests that the bid for the Recreation Department for a pickup truck be modified. She requested authorization to allow Allen Visual Ford (a state contractor) be selected because of the pricing for a large truck is at a lower price. Allen Visual Ford received a bid in November 2012 and has agreed to honor the same price. Mayor and Council agreed to allow local dealerships that bid in November to be given the opportunity to bid on the truck at Allen Visual Ford price.

Mayor Faircloth acknowledged the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention month. He will be participating in the Celebrity Waiter/Waitress fundraiser on April 29th from 5pm to 9pm at the Swanson House. All tips proceeds will be donated to the Rainbow House. He stated that every Monday in April will be “Blue Monday” and the blue pinwheel lapel pins relative to recognition of Child Abuse Prevention.

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

5. Executive Session entered into at 5:15 p.m.: Council Member King moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. Executive Session adjourned; Council regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held April 1, 2013 and reconvened into the council regular meeting.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-17 stating purpose of Executive Session held April 1, 2013 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council member Bynum-Grace moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on, April 1, 2013 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2013-17 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 April 1, 2013, Mayor Pro-Tempore Posey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.