

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 6, 2013

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held May 06, 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, Willie King, Phyllis Bynum-Grace, and Randall Walker.

City Departmental Staffing: Rick Kilgore – Director of Recreation, Steve Howard – Chief Building Official, Harold Deal – Asst. City Engineer, Fire Chief Joel Gray – Perry Fire & Emergency Services, Police Chief Steve Lynn, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Ms. Annie Warren – Administrative Services Coordinator, and Christine Sewell - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Ms. Sharon Dawson, Ms. Vickie Graham, Ms. Nancy Smith, Mr. Mike Baker, Mr. Chad McMurrian, Mr. Josh Peterson, and Mr. Jim Keiser.

Press: Ms. Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal

* Council members and guests stepped outside briefly to view the City's new water tank trailer.

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

- a. Overview of Senior Operations at the J. E. Worrall Community Center

Ms. Sharon Dawson with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging addressed Council concerning the upcoming and the projected cuts from the sequestration and the impact on funding for senior programs. Ms. Dawson advised currently fifty (50) older adults in the Perry area are served by various programs, including meal delivery and transportation, with another twenty-four (24) on the waiting list.

Ms. Nancy Smith, Executive Director of Middle Georgia Community Action agency, reiterated the effects of sequestration cuts on senior programs effective July 1st. She advised the agency currently had three full time employees with benefits and after July 1st they would be reduced to part time with no benefits. The transportation program would be reduced, which is critical for participants and those going to the senior center would be reduced, resulting in the loss of programs. Ms. Smith advised approximately \$7,000.00 per year in funding would be lost. She also thanked Council for use of their facility as without their support and the expected cuts, there

would be no senior programs at all. Mayor Pro Tempore Posey inquired of the qualifications for participation in the senior programs, such as meal delivery. Ms. Dawson advised a screening is done on a nutrition-need basis, and noted over 60% of the clientele served are below poverty guidelines and 1,300 meals a month are provided under different agencies. Council Member Hunt inquired the amount of funding received from United Way; Ms. Dawson advised \$1,500.00 per month is received.

On conclusion Mayor Faircloth thanked Ms. Smith and Ms. Dawson for providing Council with the information presented and for the services they perform for the senior community.

b. Update of city projects – Mr. Josh Petersen of Constantine Engineering

Mr. Josh Petersen with Constantine Engineering presented a PowerPoint of the progress for the Frank Satterfield Road Waste Water Treatment Plant. The presentation detailed the proposed improvements, which highlighted the need and work to be completed, along with cost estimations.

Council Member Jackson inquired if the flow meter which was replaced could still be used; Mr. Chad McMurrian advised it could be for Inflow & Infiltration (I & I) with some modifications. Mr. Petersen also provided an update on the I & I repairs.

* Mayor Faircloth left at 5:39pm; Mayor Pro Tempore Posey presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Jim Keiser with Constantine Engineering presented a PowerPoint of the current study on the City's wells.

Mayor Pro Tempore Posey inquired how the capacity of well(s) could be increased; Mr. Keiser responded and advised from the field data, which was still being collected a new well pump could be installed and bored deeper. Council Member Bynum-Grace inquired if Well #5 could be rehabbed; Mr. Keiser felt it could be and brought back into service. Council Member Jackson inquired if in lieu of consolidating to have one plant, would it not be best to have two; Mr. Keiser agreed two plants would be best and cost effective. Council Member Hunt inquired in the event of a catastrophe emergency could the City tie into Houston County's water; Mr. McMurrian advised it could be done, but approximately for only a (24) hour period. Mr. Keiser advised the final reports were received and being reviewed and would be brought back at a later Council meeting.

c. Discussion of Jaycees Building

Mr. Steve Howard, Chief Building Official reviewed with Council the layout and current state of the structure at 710 Carroll Street. Mr. Howard provided room dimensions, along with interior and exterior photographs of the property and noted the biggest concern with the property is it would need to be brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- d. Discussion of budget hearing schedule.

Item was postponed until May 7th pre Council meeting

- e. Discussion of iPads.

Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of iPads for City Council use for agenda packets, email, etc. Council Member Walker was concerned with internet access being available, along with the ability to print, which required a wireless printer. Mr. Mike Baker of ComSouth advised wireless was available anywhere there was Wi-Fi access. Mayor Pro Tempore Posey felt the purchase was advantageous to cut down on paper waste; Council Member Walker agreed, but was concerned with accessory items, such as keyboards, printers, etc that may be needed and not reflected in the costs provided. Council Member King questioned if paper copies would still be provided. Council Member Jackson agreed and asked Ms. Warren to provide estimate on the time savings for electronic versus paper copies. Discussion ensued if laptops should not be considered as had been in 2010; Council concurred with the matter to be brought back for further discussion.

- f. Consider use of US 341 city owned site for leisure activities.

Mayor Pro Tempore Posey advised the City has (20) acres of property on Hwy 341 behind the water treatment plant and after touring the site would like consideration from Council designating the property for future leisure activities so that the Worrall Foundation may pursue a concept plan. Council Member Walker noted the area also had the connectivity for a walking trail to the Creekwood area, but this would be a long term vision. Mayor Pro Tempore Posey requested approval from Council for the Worrall Foundation to move forward with providing a concept plan for the area; the majority of Council concurred with the request.

- g. Request from Perry Volunteer Outreach to enter into contractual agreement for provision of funds for low income families for roof repairs.

Ms. King advised she and Mr. Gilmour had met with Mr. Frank Shelton of Perry Volunteer Outreach (PVO) reference their request of financial assistance for the installation of metal roofs on the homes of persons unable to afford any improvements. Ms. King advised the funding source would be from the hazard mitigation account, which currently had an approximate balance of \$21,624.00 and would be used for materials only, no labor as that would be provided by PVO. Mayor Pro Tempore Posey inquired if the funds could be used for that; Ms. King advised they could. Council Member Walker was concerned with the limited funds very few residents could be assisted. Council Member Bynum-Grace felt a cap should be placed on the amount of funds; Council Member King suggested a decision be made on what types of repairs were to be done. On conclusion of discussion it was the concurrence of Council additional information was needed from Mr. Shelton and asked the matter be brought back at a later date.

- h. Request for installation of street light for Sandefur Road and Heather Glen Boulevard.

Mayor Pro Tempore Posey asked for the item to be tabled until the May 7th pre Council meeting when Mr. Gilmour would be present to answer questions concerning costs of the installation, etc; Council concurred.

4. Other items as needed:

Mayor Pro Tempore Posey asked if any member of Council had any items for discussion.

Council Members Hunt, King, Bynum-Grace, Jackson and Walker – No report

No reports from departmental staff.

5. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Pro Tempore Posey adjourned the work session meeting at 7:01 p.m.