

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
December 1, 2014
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held December 1, 2014 at 5:01 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and Recording Clerk, Annie Warren

City Departmental Staffing: Brenda King – Director of Administration, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Decius Aaron - Director of Public Works, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, and Robert D. Smith – Economic Development Director

Support Staff: Deputy Chief Stanton, Steve Howard and Joe Brown

Guests: Dr. Brian Gillis, Dan Rhodes, Grover Hudson and Marty Myers

Press: Don Moncrief - Houston Home Journal

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

Mayor Faircloth deviated from the agenda and moved item 3h as the first item for discussion.

3h. Consider request for use of City property for Perry Chiropractic.

Dr. Gillis made an appearance before Mayor and Council requesting permission to relocate his business signage on the City's right-of-way when the street construction begins at the intersections of Third Street/Houston Lake Drive and Third Street/Main Street. Administration recommended no action be taken until a landscaping plan is prepared. Council advised Dr. Gillis that they take his request under advisement.

3a. Concerns of a citizen – Mr. Marty Myers.

Mr. Myers appeared before Mayor and Council and requested permission to place signage at the corner of Country Club Road. Mr. Myers also shared his concerns relative permits in the City of Perry and read the contents of a memo dated January

2014. Administration advised Council that staff would research Mr. Myers concerns and follow up with Council at their next work session.

3b. Consider a proposal for GIS platting of various City infrastructure.

Mr. Beecham presented to Mayor and Council a proposal for GIS platting for various City infrastructure. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the GIS platting for various City infrastructure. This item will be referred to Council's December 2, 2014 agenda to be voted on.

3c. Consider request of Perry Players for planting changes at Commerce Street parking lot.

Mr. Beecham reviewed the request of the Perry Players to remove the crape myrtles between the Perry Players building and the Commerce Street parking lot. Council concurred to proceed with the removal of the plants and concrete slabs, level the ground and obtain a landscaping plan for the land between the Perry Players building and the parking lot at the City expense.

3d. Consider establishing city-wide Arts Advisory Board.

Mr. Gilmour made a recommendation to Council to consider establishing a city-wide Perry Arts Advisory Commission which would be appointed by Council. Council concurred for Administration to proceed with researching a city-wide Perry Arts Advisory Commission.

3e. Consider City Attorney's response to blight ordinance.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed City Attorney David Walker's response to the blighted property ordinance. It was the consensus of Council to amend the ordinance to have the appeal process presided by a hearing officer appointed by Council.

3f. Consider truck route proposal for serving Interfor facility.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed two maps with Mayor and Council. Exhibit A map showed streets marked in blue as suggested routes for log trucks going to the Interfor site and Exhibit B map identified streets in red designated as no through truck streets. Council concurred to remove Jernigan Street south of Main Street from the no through truck route.

3g. Consider soliciting proposals for the greenspace improvements at Third Street/Main Street.

Mr. Gilmour requested Council's permission to solicit park proposals for the greenspace at Third Street/Main Street. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with obtaining park proposals for the greenspace at Third Street/Main Street.

4. Department Head Items:

Mr. Beecham advised his department has issued twenty-one permits for the month of November for a total of one hundred and seventy-five permits for the calendar year. Chief Lynn stated the Houston County Jaycees are having a Christmas Parade meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at the police department.

Chief Gray provided Mayor and Council copies of the Mutual Aid Agreement in Fire Protection and Hazardous Materials between the City of Perry and Robins Air Force Base Fire Emergency Services Flight.

Ms. King stated her office is stilling working on the audit.

Mr. Aaron stated the Christmas lights were turned on today and advised since his staff has to rake leaves before the leaves can be picked up, staff is getting behind on their routes.

Mr. Smith – No report

5. Council Member Items:

Council had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour had no report.

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel.

6. Executive Session entered at: 6:30 p.m.: On a motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Hunt and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for the purpose of personnel.

7. Executive Session adjourned at 6:38 p.m.; Council's regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held December 1, 2014 at 6:38 p.m. and reconvened into Council's regular meeting.

Adopted Resolution No. 2014-49 stating the purpose of the executive session held on December 1 2014 was for the purpose of personnel. On a motion by Council Member Bynum-Grace, seconded by Council Member Jackson and carried unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2014-49 stating the purpose of the executive session held on December 1, 2014 was for a personnel matter. (*Resolution 2014-49 has been entered in the City's official book of record*)

8. Adjournment: On a motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Walker, seconded by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously, the reconvened meeting of Council held December 1, 2014 was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.