

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 1, 2015
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session of the Perry City Council held June 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staffing: Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Battalion Chief Robbie Rowell – Fire and Emergency Services, Chief Steve Lynn - Perry Police Department, Brenda King, Director of Administration, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works and Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator.

Guest(s): Steve Rodgers and Sandi Smelzter (Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority); David Grossnickle, Carl Lumpkin, Tish Hayward, Bryan Fountain, Dr. Brian Burnham, Lee Jones and Kelly Hillis (Downtown Development Authority); Susan Scragg; Bill O’Neal and Trish Cossart (Perry Main Street); Patsy Goff (Perry-Houston County Airport Authority).

Media: Don Moncrief – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. FY 16 Budget Presentations of Outside Agencies:

- Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority – Sandi Smelzter and Steve Rodgers presented a brief overview of the budget for the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority.
- Georgia Artisan Center – No report
- Perry Downtown Development Authority – Chairman David Grossnickle presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Perry Downtown Development Authority FY 16 budget request.

- Perry Main Street Advisory Board – Susan Scragg reviewed the FY 16 budget request of the Perry Main Street Advisory Board and requested an additional \$6,000 for training and travel.
- Georgia-Perry Initiative for Community Housing – Chief Lynn provided Mayor and Council a memo relative to the proposed FY 16 GICH budget request. In the memo, Chief Lynn asked that the amount for professional services be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and the amount for travel be restored to the \$5,000 originally requested.
- Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition – Mr. Gilmour reported Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition is requesting \$500 more than recommended.
- 21st Century Partnership – No report
- Perry-Houston County Airport Authority – Ms. Patsy Goff reported the airport is requesting the same amount as last year.
- Perry Area Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Darlene McLendon asked for additional funding for the Independence Parade and Fireworks event.

3b. Follow up on Jernigan Street sidewalk improvements. Mr. Gilmour recommended adding Jernigan Street sidewalk improvements to the capital program plan; it was the consensus of Council to add Jernigan Street sidewalk improvements to the capital program plan. Council Member Walker requested performing necessary maintenance on the existing sidewalk.

3c. Discussion of tennis courts improvements at Calhoun Park. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the cost estimate for the installation of four lighted tennis courts at Calhoun Park. Administration recommended adding this project to the capital program plan; Council concurred to add Calhoun Park tennis courts improvements to the capital program plan.

3d. Georgia Southern Railroad response regarding street crossing repairs in Perry. Mr. Gilmour directed Mayor and Council to the memo in their packet from Mr. Nathan Johns relative to the street crossing repairs. Administration recommended getting a revised quote from Georgia Southern Railroad, obtaining a cost estimate for the road work and asking for DOT assistance.

3e. Follow up on request from Perry Chiropractic. Mr. Gilmour reviewed Dr. Gillis requests for assistance. Administration recommended waiting until the driveway is completed and see what effect it has on his business. Council concurred to wait until the driveway is completed before taking any action.

4. Department Head Items:

Mr. Beecham, Battalion Chief Rowell, Ms. King and Chief Lynn had no reports.

Mr. Aaron thanked Mayor and Council for their support during Public Works Week.

Mr. Smith announced there will be a wayfinding committee meeting on June 25th and in the next couple of days a link to the branding survey will be available.

5. Council Member Items:

Council Member King asked for a status on Creekwood Park. Mr. Gilmour stated he is drafting a proposal for Council's consideration of placing low fencing with access gates behind the basketball courts and thinning out the trees in that area.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace, Council Members Hunt, Jones, Walker and Jackson had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour advised he received a notice from Macon-Bibb County relative to the City of Perry's approval for Jointly Owned Natural Gas to enter into a franchise agreement with Macon-Bibb County.

Attorney Walker – No report

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

6. Executive Session entered at 6:30 p.m.: On a motion by Council Member Hunt, seconded by Council Member King and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition and personnel.
7. Executive Session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.; Council's budget work session reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held May 21, 2015 and reconvened into the Council's budget work session.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-35 stating purpose of the executive session held on June 1, 2015 was for real estate acquisition and personnel. On a motion by Council Member Walker, seconded by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2015-35 stating the purpose of the executive session held on June 1, 2015 was for real estate acquisition and personnel. (*Resolution 2015-35 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
9. Adjournment: On a motion by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace and carried unanimously, the reconvened work session of Council held June 1, 2015 was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.