

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
October 19, 2015
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace called to order the work session meeting held October 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Battalion Chief Kirk Crumpton – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works and Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services.

Guest(s) / Speaker(s): Sherry Kurtz, Jeff Kurtz and Keith Ziobron

Media: Jake Jacobs - Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace

3a. Council consider contracting with CHIP-CDBG consultant – R. Smith. Ms. Sherry Kurtz of Grant Specialists of Georgia, Incorporation reviewed with Mayor and Council possible projects that could be funded through CDBG and CHIP grants. Council concurred with hiring Grant Specialists of Georgia, Incorporation to prepare the City's application for CDBG and CHIP grants for the RAS area.

3b. Council consider contracting with Brownfield consultant – R. Smith. Mr. Keith Ziobron of Resolute Environmental and Water Resources Consulting presented a PowerPoint to Mayor and Council relative to preparing and submitting applications for Brownfield Grants. Council concurred with hiring Resolute Environmental and Water Resources Consulting for the preparation of a brownfield assessment application.

Mayor Faircloth arrived at 5:43p.m and presided over the meeting.

- 3c. Review proposed language for the solid waste ordinance amendment – D. Aaron. Mr. Aaron reviewed the proposed language changes for the solid waste ordinance amendment. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the proposed language changes for the solid waste ordinance amendment.
- 3d. Consider contracting with emergency systems back-up firm – Chief J. Gray. Chief Gray gave a presentation relative to contracting with Agility Recovery for emergency systems back-up. Council gave Chief Gray the authority to proceed with finding additional information to relative emergency back-up systems to include data support, possible providers and cost estimates.
- 3e. Consider installation of street lights and pavers on Washington Street between Commerce Street and Main Street. Administration proposed to Council to install street lights and pavers on Washington Street between Commerce Street and Main Street. Council consented to proceed with the installation of street lights and pavers on Washington Street between Commerce Street and Main Street.
- 3f. Consider construction process for canine housing facility. Administration recommended to Council to authorize seeking proposals from qualified firms for the design/build process to construct the replacement canine housing facility. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the recommendation of Administration.
- 3g. Introduction to social media intern – R. Smith. Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Grace Delacruz, the new social media intern, to Mayor and Council.

4. Department Head Items:

No report from Chief Gray.

Chief Lynn reported there were over half million visitors at the fair and explained the concept of the blue ribbons at the police department.

Mr. Dye passed out literature relative to a dog park.

Mr. Smith reported the branding committee met this morning; the Minority Development Business Luncheon was October 16th and on October 26th at 6 p.m. is the Fire Starter Entrepreneurship Council Meeting at the Houston County Board of Education Annex Building.

Mr. Aaron thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the revision of the solid waste amendment ordinance, reported pumpkin decorations are being taken and the Fall Clean-Up is November 16th - 20th.

5. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace and Council Member Jackson had no reports.

Council Member Walker requested consideration from Council of going to TSW and asking for a proposal for Heritage Park. Council concurred to proceed with asking TSW for a proposal for Heritage Park.

Council Member Jones reported a pothole on Park Avenue.

Council Member King asked for an update on Westwood Trailer Park case. Mr. Gilmour advised the case is in the office of the City Attorney.

Mr. Hunt asked for a status update relative to the transportation of patients (emergency vehicle). Mayor Faircloth asked Attorney Hulbert to research this matter with Chief Gray and follow up with Council.

Mr. Hunt advised a citizen wants to install an irrigation meter in his yard but cannot pay the fee all at one time. The customer wants to pay the fee in installments. Council concurred to deny the customer's request for an installment plan.

Mr. Gilmour advised Council of the city's policy that if you are near an adjacent existing gas line, the city will pay for the first hundred feet and the customer will pay "x" amount fee. Administration recommends the city run the gas line with no additional fee if the customer is receiving full service gas. Council concurred to proceed with Administration recommendation to run the gas line with no additional fee.

Attorney Hulbert had no report.

Ms. Darlene McLendon reminded everyone of the Fire Starter Entrepreneurship Council Meeting at the Houston County Board of Education Annex Building on October 26th at 6 p.m. and the Taste of Southern on December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on October 19, 2015, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.; Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.