

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2016
5:02 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. called to order the work session meeting held February 1, 2016 at 5:02 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.; Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker, Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, 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: Battalion Chief Kirk Crumpton – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Brenda King – Director of Administration and Robert Smith – Economic Development Director.

Guest(s) / Speaker(s): James Moss, Clay Smith, Vic Wainwright, Bill O’Neal and Bobbe Richardson

Media: Cheri Adams and Jake Jacobs - Houston Home Journal, T.J. Strickler – WGXA Television, Karli Barnett – 13WMAZ News, Kelly McWilliams – Comsouth 100

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

Mayor Faircloth deviated from the agenda –

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda:

4a. Appearance by Mr. Bert Bozeman and Mr. James Moss relative to tennis courts improvements at Calhoun Park. Mr. James Moss and Mr. Vic Wainwright presented a proposal to Mayor and Council relative to improvements of the tennis courts at Calhoun Park and use as a future source of revenue for the city.

3a. Evergreen Cemetery appeal – Mrs. Bobbe Richardson. Mrs. Richardson appeared before Mayor and Council relative to her family plots in Evergreen Cemetery. Mrs. Richardson explained to Council she was never advised of the paths in the cemetery

until recently by staff after the burial of her sister. Ms. Richardson is requesting twenty-one feet of the path to join her family plots.

- 3b. Mr. Wes Williams and Mr. Clay Smith is requesting the City to increase the number of new houses constructed without final utilities approval from three (3) to a larger number. Mr. Clay Smith stated this request is relative to Legacy Park Subdivision and provided Mayor and Council a status of the completion of the subdivision.
- 3c. Review priority issues for five year planning. Mr. Gilmour reviewed his memo dated January 27, 2016 and made the following suggestions to Council, 1) Adjust the plan for 2016 to remove the priorities that have been accomplished, 2) Go through the 2016 priorities and determine if they are new or have been addressed, 3) Decide which priorities are not appropriate at this time that need to be dropped. Mayor Faircloth and Council asked Mr. Gilmour to enact his first two suggestions and follow up with Council relative to his third suggestion.
- 3d. Consider cancelation of Council's February 15th work session. Mayor Faircloth suggested moving February 15th work session to February 8th. Council concurred to move the February 15th work session to February 8th.
- 3e. Consider approving installation of intersection lighting at US341S (Main Street) and Perry Parkway. Mr. Gilmour recommended to Council to authorize proceeding with the installation of street lights at the intersection of Perry Parkway and US341S (Main Street). It was the consensus of Council to authorize proceeding with the installation of street lights at the intersection of Perry Parkway and US341S (Main Street) subject to GDOT approval.
- 3f. Consider adjusting meter activation fee process. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the meter activation fee process and recommended to Council to adjust the meter activation fee to \$25.00. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with Administration's recommendation to adjust the meter activation fee to \$25.00.
- 3g. Update relative to community park – Mr. K. Dye. Mr. Dye reviewed the community park survey data and recommended proceeding with a community park. Council concurred proceeding with a community park and requested Mr. Dye provide a cost estimate for the park.
- 3h. Consider shifting buzzard drop event and music festival event to Perry Public Arts Commission. Administration recommended to Council shifting the general oversight of buzzard drop event and music festival event to Perry Public Arts Commission. Mr. O'Neal advised the buzzard drop event would be set up as a sub-committee under the Perry Public Arts Commission.
- 3i. Consider motion relative to ESPLOST. Mayor Faircloth presented a motion relative to the ESPLOST; Council concurred to endorse the ESPLOST.

5. Council Member Items:

No reports from Council, Mr. Gilmour and Attorney Hulbert

6. Department Head Items:

No reports from Chief Lynn, Battalion Chief Crumpton, Mr. Aaron, and Ms. King

Mr. Dye advised baseball registration officially began last week.

Mr. Smith reminded everyone of the CDBG public hearing on February 4th, 5pm in Council Chambers.

Mayor Faircloth announced the sign ordinance has appeared on Council agendas eleven times in the past three months.

7. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session meeting held February 1, 2016, Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.