

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 20, 2016
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting of Perry City Council held June 20, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Attorney David Walker and Recording Clerk, Nancy Graham

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Decius Aaron - Director of Public Works, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Fire Marshal David Stanton and Battalion Chief Robbie Rowell – Fire and Emergency Services Department and Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Mr. Steve Dickerhofe, Ms. Terre Walker, Ms. Peggy Jerles, Mr. Bill O’Neal, and Ms. Becky Powell

Press: Jake Jacobs – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Robins 2016 Air Show presentation – Mr. Gary Garrard and Mr. Eddie Wiggins. Mr. Garrard nor Mr. Wiggins were present. Item postponed until they are able to attend.

3b. Presentation relative to economic development success programs – Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker and Robert Smith: Mr. Smith presented an overview to Mayor and Council relative to the 2016 Heart and Soul Tour that he, Mr. Gilmour and Mayor Pro Tempore Walker participated in. The tour included Duluth and Gainesville Georgia and Greenville, South Carolina. The purpose of the tour was to network with other elected officials and city staff to see what other communities are doing relative to economic development.

3c. Presentation relative to improvements to Andrew Heights neighborhood park – Mr. K. Dye: Mr. Dye presented to Mayor and Council proposed improvements to Andrew Heights neighborhood park.

- 3d. Presentation of a proposal for a splash pad at Creekwood Park: Mr. Dickerhofe presented to Mayor and Council the concept plan of the Creekwood Park splash pad. He covered the development of a splash pad, renovation of the existing building, ADA improvements, along with other improvements. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.
- 3e. Authorize form-based code zone study for a portion of Perry Parkway – Mr. L Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour referred Mayor and Council to the memo dated June 14, 2016 relative form-based zoning districts. Council concurred to authorize the Planning Commission to proceed with the preparation of the form-based districts for the Perry Parkway corridor between Main Street (US 341S) and Thompson Road.
- 3f. Consider use of Public Works service request app – Mr. Aaron: Mr. Aaron requested Mayor and Council consider a service request app (SeeClickFix) for Public Works. After a question and answer session, Mr. Gilmour advised that he would provide Council a comparison for their review.
- 3g. Consider extension of fire protection services – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour referred Mayor and Council to memo dated June 9, 2016 advising Mayor and Council of the Houston County Board of Commissioners' request for the City to consider providing fire protection services to certain areas of the unincorporated county. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council not to proceed until they have the answers to the questions Mr. Gilmour raised in the memo.
- 3h. Consider authorizing demolition of former Mt. Galilee Church at Rotary Centennial Park – Mr. L Gilmour: Administration recommended that Council authorized the demolition of the former Mt. Galilee Church. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation proceed with the demolition of the former Mt. Galilee Church at Rotary Centennial Park on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda:

- 4a. Discussion regarding the impact of fee increases – L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Mayor and Council projected revenue increases and removal impact as outlined in the June 17, 2016 memorandum provided.

5. Council Member Items:

Council Members Hunt, Jones and Jackson had no report.

Council Member King requested an update on Westwood Trailer Park. Attorney Walker advised there is not an update.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker asked Council to reconsider funding the engineering work for the tennis courts at Barber Calhoun Park and make a decision at the next regular council meeting.

6. Department Heads Items:

Fire Marshal Stanton, Mr. Smith and Ms. Edgemon had no reports.

Ms. King advised that voice mail is still not working on the phone system but is currently being worked on.

Battalion Chief Rowell asked for Council's approval for the fire department to use the former Mt. Galilee Church for training before it is demolished. Council concurred to allow the fire department to use the Mt. Galilee Church for training if the building is stable and safe to do so.

Mr. Dye advised Mayor and Council of the upcoming Community Water Battle, July 2, 2016 at Rozar Park at 1:00 p.m. and he also thanked everyone for their support at the reception for the trail grant.

Mr. Aaron advised three (3) employees had passed their CDL exam. He also stated that Public Works was awarded \$50,000 from the supplemental LMIG funding. Mr. Gilmour advised that he will meet with Mr. Aaron to prioritize how it is spent.

Chief Lynn advised Officer Chris Davis completed the Academy and will start his field training program tomorrow.

Mayor Faircloth advised the following:

- Luncheon for Chief Gray, June 21, 2016 at Davis Farm Station.
- Pre Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Retirement Reception for Ralph Nix, MGRC on June 22, 2016 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Perry Chamber of Commerce - Business After Hours will be at the Walker Insurance Agency at 5:30 p.m. on June 23, 2016.
- Friday begins the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia.
- The 4th of July kickoff celebration – Chamber's Independence Parade on June 26, 2016.

7. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session meeting held on June 20, 2016, Council Member King motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.; Mayor Pro Tempore Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.