

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 6, 2022
5:00 pm.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held on June 6, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Randall Walker. Mayor Pro Tempore Willie King, Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Riley Hunt, Robert Jones, and Joy Peterson.

* Council Member Jones arrived at 5:20pm

Elected Officials Absent: Council Members Darryl Albritton

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington - Finance Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Amber Garrett – Communications Specialist, and Tabitha Clark – Senior Communications Manager.

Press: William Oliver – Houston Home Journal.

Guest(s): Mr. Don Hall – Perry-Houston County Airport Authority, Ms. Becky Wilson – PACVBA, Mr. Dan Rhodes – 21st Century Partnership, and Ms. Wendy Johnson – Perry Chamber of Commerce.

3. Citizens with Input: none
4. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

4a. FY 2023 Budget Hearings

1. Perry-Houston County Airport Authority. Mr. Hall provided a brief history of the airport, reviewed the operating budget, and discussed the economic impact of Perry-Houston County Airport. Mayor Walker reported the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority requested \$44,600 for FY 2023 and the recommended budget is \$44,600.
2. Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority. Ms. Wilson presented the PACVBA budget and thanked Mayor and Council for their

support. Mayor Walker reported the recommended budget is \$347,000.

3. Perry Area Historical Society. Mayor Walker reported the Perry Area Historical Society requested \$16,600 and the recommended budget is \$16,600. Mayor Walker stated no one is present this evening because of a meeting and Ms. Loudermilk sent a letter of appreciation that is in the packet.
4. 21st Century Partnership. Mr. Rhoades provided an update of the activities at the base. Mayor Walker reported 21st Century Partnership requested \$14,300 and the recommended budget is \$14,300.
5. Perry Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Johnson reported the Chamber is requesting \$15,000 for the Independence Day event and \$8,000 for the Dogwood Festival. Mayor Walker reported the recommended budget will meet the requests.
6. Budget recap. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the amendments to the budget following the May 23, 2022 meeting. Council and staff discussed the amendments.

4b. Follow-up from Council's May 23 meeting.

1. Proposed park for Lake Forest Subdivision. Mr. Gilmour reported there is a lot at the intersection of Dog Fennel Lane and Wild Azalea Drive that could be used for a possible park. The cost estimate for the park is \$52,000. Administration asked for Council's concurrence to contact the HOA to see if it interested in donating the property to the city. If the HOA is not interested in donating the property, Administration recommended not proceeding. If the HOA is interested, then the city will proceed with the planning and Administration will follow up with Council. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation. Administration advised the funding source would be SPLOST 18.
2. Proposed sidewalk in Wooden Eagle Subdivision. Mr. Gilmour recommended Council approve the installation of a sidewalk from Sandefur Road at Boulder Creek Road to Wooden Eagle Trail past the park to the existing sidewalk and Wooden Eagle Trail from Lake Joy Road. The estimated cost for the two sidewalks is \$150,000 - \$160,000 and the funding source is SPLOST 18. Council concurred to move forward with the engineering.
3. Proposed equipment cost for park on Stonegate Trail. Mr. Gilmour reported the cost to outfit the city parcel on Stonegate Trail is \$73,900. The funding source for the park equipment is SPLOST 18. Council concurred to move forward.

4c. Office of the City Manager

1. Proposed naming for various city facilities. Mr. Gilmour recommended the proposed names for city facilities: new wastewater treatment facility – East Perry Wastewater Treatment Facility, Wooden Eagle subdivision park #1 – Wooden Eagle Park, Wooden Eagle subdivision park #2 = Amherst Park, Old county courthouse – City Hall, and City Hall – Administrative building.
2. Health insurance funding update. Mr. Gilmour reviewed a memo that outlined the cost of health insurance to employees and the city.
3. Consider establishing a legacy fund for Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Gilmour discussed a concept establishing a legacy fund for Evergreen Cemetery. Council concurred to move forward.

5. Council Member Items.

Council Member Bynum-Grace invited everyone to Juneteenth on June 18th at Rozar Park.

Council Member Hunt said he is glad Mayor Pro Tempore King is back.

Mr. Gilmour reported Chief Lynn has turned in his retirement notice. Mr. Gilmour asked Council to think about the process to fill to the position.

6. Department Head/Staff Items:

Ms. King reminded Council to update the members of the Industrial Authority.

Chief Lynn provided an update of the BRAG group downtown.

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7. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on June 6, 2022, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.