

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 14, 2019
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held January 14, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Riley Hunt, William Jackson, Robert Jones, and Willie King.

Elected Officials Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, Assistant City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Joni Ary.

Departmental Staffing: Brenda King – Director of Finance, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Fire Battalion Chief Michael Paull – Fire and Emergency Services, Ellen Palmer - Digital Communications Manager, Mitchell Worthington –Assistant Finance Director, Chad McMurrian – Lead Engineering Technician, Major Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Corey Hamlin – Fire and Emergency Services and Haley Myers – Special Events Coordinator.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): None.

Media: Ms. Christine Hawley – The Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Office of City Manager

1. Consider Naming of public greenspace. Mr. Gilmour stated that due to a public forum being held on February 21st about the possible naming of the park area recently purchased, that this item be tabled until after feedback from the forum. All Council members concurred to table this item until the public forum is held.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr.

4a. Community Development Department

1. Discussion of Mossy Creek Detention Pond Sandefur Road. Mr. McMurrian reviewed with Council comments relative to the Mossy Creek Regional pond.

The pond is currently being maintained by Houston County Board of Commissioners. Recent construction of Mossy Meadows Subdivision has brought maintenance ownership and maintenance to the City's attention. The recommendation from the Department of Community Development is to accept the pond once the County has it operating in acceptable condition as designed. There should be no cost associated with the pond if deeded to the City. All Council Members concurred to proceed with getting back with County to make necessary changes to have the pond operating in acceptable condition as designed.

4b. Police Department

1. Major Phelps reviewed with Council the request from the fire department on behalf of Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, for a 5k Run & Walk on March 16, 2019 beginning at 3:43 p.m. This event is to honoring the 343 firefighters who lost their lives on 9/11 and all first responders and veterans. City Manager Gilmour stated that since the event is not a City sponsored event the recommendation would be not to waive the fee. Firefighter Hamlin addressed Council, stating that this is event will be for all first responders and military veterans. Firefighter Hamlin stated that they would like to partner this event with the City event "Mustache and BBQ Bash" on March 16, 2019. By partnering these two events, it would bring more people downtown for both events. Council Members concurred to waive the fee for the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, for a 5k Run & Walk on March 16, 2019 beginning at 3:43 p.m.

5. Council Member Items:

Council Members King, Bynum-Grace, Jones, and Jackson had no reports.

Council Member Hunt inquired about Cambridge Drive, during last rain, citizens was calling in about raw sewage on their yards. Mr. Gilmour stated that he would get Mr. Hunt and Council something by the end of the week.

6. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Assistant City Attorney Newby, Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Smith, Fire Battalion Chief Paull, Mr. Worthington, Mr. McMurrian and Mr. Wood had no reports.

Ms. King reminded Council that Mauldin & Jenkins will be at Council's pre council meeting tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. to review the City 2018 Audit.

Major Phelps reminded Council of the Martin Luther King parade on January 21, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Ms. Palmer stated that the "Your City" app is now in android and apple stores for download. This is a soft launch of the app, will be doing a public launch at a later date. Ms. Palmer also reminded Council of the public forum on February 21st at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for discussion of the new park at Cherokee Pines.

Ms. Myers reminded Council of the “Mustache and BBQ Bash” on March 16, 2019. Ms. Myers stated that the first food truck rally will be on Friday, April 5, 2019.

Ms. Hardin stated the position for Main Street Coordinator will be closing this week and hopefully introducing the new hire by March 1st if not earlier. She also stated that the Buzzard Drop was a successful event, everyone enjoyed the ice rink and the kiddy count down for early birds.

Mayor Faircloth stated Council meets tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. for pre council and 6:00 p.m. for regular council meeting. He also stated that City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Mayor Faircloth reminded Council of Mayors Day weekend starting January 25th – 28th in Atlanta.

7. Executive Session entered at 5:25 p.m.: Council Member King moved to adjourn the work session and enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried.
8. Executive Session adjourned 6:00p.m.; Council work session reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held January 14, 2019 and reconvened into the Council work session.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-01 stating purpose of executive session held January 14, 2019 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on January 14, 2019 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2019-01 has been entered in the City’s official book of record*).
10. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held January 14, 2019 Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.