

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
September 16, 2019
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Willie King, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held September 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King, Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Robert Jones, William Jackson and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Riley Hunt

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn– Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Finance Director, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Finance, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Haley Myers – Main Street Coordinator and Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): None

Press: Jada Dukes – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore Willie King

3a. Department of Economic Development.

1. Presentation of the City’s economic development website and Houston County Development Authority website.

Ms. Hardin reviewed the City’s current economic development website and Houston County Development Authority website. The City economic development website should work in conjunction with the County to give more precise information on what the City has to offer and stay competitive to attract new businesses. Administration recommendation is to proceed with City’s economic website and work in conjunction with Houston County Development Authority. Council concurred with recommendation.

3b. Community Development Department:

1. Follow up relative to Main Street Logo.

Ms. Myers presented to Council the proposed Main Street Logo. The new logo has three downtown business drawing rendering with the City's brand color and map point. Council suggested adding some landscape to logo to incorporate our historic downtown. Ms. Myers stated she would have the landscape added and bring back to Council to review.

2. Fall tram tour schedule.

Ms. Myers reviewed the fall tram tour schedule for October 1st, 24th and 29, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The tours will be guided by the Historical Society, Ms. Ellie Loudermilk. Administration recommends proceeding if Council concurs with dates. Council concurred to proceed.

3. Proposed 2020 CDBG grant area.

Mr. Wood reviewed with Council the proposed 2020 CDBG grant area. The City was awarded nearly \$1 million CDBG grant. The recommended area is the Creekwood community area for housing rehabilitation. Administration recommendation is to proceed with 2020 CDBG grant application for Creekwood community area for housing rehabilitation. Council concurred to proceed.

3c. Office of the City Manager:

1. Consider authorizing an additional meter reader to ESG Operations, Inc agreement.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed request to approve adding an additional meter reader to ESG Operations, Inc. agreement. This position is necessary due to the increase of new locations each year. Administration recommended proceeding with the agreement to authorize an additional meter reader to ESG Operations, Inc. Council concurred to proceed with the agreement.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda:

4a. Sewer Extension:

Mr. McMurrian stated that he was contacted by the County about two parcels of land located along Hwy 127 and Talton Place. The owner inquired about attaining sewer services to the area. Mr. McMurrian stated it would cost an estimated \$319,000 also stated that the pump stations would also need to be updated at an estimated cost of \$3.5 million. The Administration recommendation approve request for sewer services subject to annexation into the City. The Administration also recommended addressing the pump station

upgrades to proceed. Council concurred to proceed.

5. Council Member items:

Council Member Bynum-Grace thanked the City staff for all their hard work during the Food Truck Friday events and the Perry Music Festival.

Council Members Jackson and Jones had no items.

6. Department Heads/Staff items:

No reports from Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, Mr. Worthington, Chief Lynn, Chief Parker, Mr. Smith, Ms. Hardin, Mr. Swan and Mr. Wood.

Ms. King stated that the auditors will be at the City until the September 27, 2019. Ms. King requested to close our current accounts with Cadence Bank and open new bank accounts due to fraudulent activities. Council concurred to proceed.

Mr. McMurrian updated Council on the Exit 136 Beautification project with GDOT. The recommendation of Administration is to get all cost estimates for engineering and landscaping before proceeding. Council concurred with recommendation.

Ms. Myers stated that during the City's next four events five different Main Street offices will be visiting the events, Main Street Americus visited during Food Truck Friday this past weekend.

Mr. Wood received notification from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission that our Plan First designation expires next year. Mr. Wood recommended to move forward working with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to renew the Plan First designation. Council concurred to proceed with renewal.

7. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council for the work session held September 16, 2019, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.