

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 4, 2019
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held November 4, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Randall Walker, Council Members Robert Jones, William Jackson, Willie King and Riley Hunt.

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Tabitha Clark – Digital Communications Manager, Bryan Wood – Director Community Development, Chief Lee Parker, Perry Fire and Emergency Department, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Director, Brenda King – Director of Finance, Mitchell Worthington – Asst. Finance Director, Nancy Graham – LS Supervisor, Chad McMurrian – Engineer Services Manager, and Sharon Kelly – Regional Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): None

Media: Ms. Jada Dukes - The Houston Home Journal.

3. Items of Review /Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker.

3a. Appearance(s)/Presentation(s):

1. Mr. Junior Johnston relative to gas line. Not present.

2. Aerial concepts for provision of water/sewer. Mr. Murph presented the options for the sewer at Talton Road. It was recommended to wait until the new City Council Members are present to make a decision on which option to select.

3b. Community Development Department

1. 2020 LMIG Street List. Mr. McMurrian recommended approval the Street Resurfacing List for LMIG for the Fiscal Year 2020. Council concurred to proceed.

3c. Office of City Manager

1. City technology upgrades. Mr. Smith advised of the technology upgrades that are needed. Staff recommends (1) Server Replacement, (2) Desktop Refresh (3) Network Refresh (4) Managed Security. What is being proposed essentially provides for a coalesced contemporary, yet almost wholly sourced, IT function for the City. Council concurred to proceed.
2. Meter change out. Administration recommended Council proceed with Option I excluding the irrigation meters over the five (5) year period. The hardware/software requirements should be included. This will allow the City to replace approximately 43% of the gas meters and small water meters in the system over a 5 year period. Council concurred to proceed with the recommendation.
3. Council consider to increase hotel/motel tax one (1) percent from seven (7) percent to eight (8) percent. Administration received a request from Ms. Hamsley to increase the hotel/motel tax to 8%. The general purposes portion would be used for downtown staffing to maintain the district. Administration recommends Council proceed with the one (1) percent increase. Council concurred to proceed.
4. Adjust holiday pay. Administration stated that currently the City pays eight (8) hours of straight time to each full time employee. This includes employees not scheduled to work the holiday. Administration recommends Council approve paying holiday pay for the time those employees scheduled to work on a holiday in excess of eight hours. This would affect police and fire only. Council concurred to proceed.
5. Change solid waste collection process for downtown. Mr. Gilmour advised after research its Administration's recommendation to Council that there be a change on the solid waste collection in the district. The proposed plan would be daily collection by City staff at approximately 6:00pm each day, transport to a central compactor location with contractor emptying the compactor as needed. The compactor would be located outside the district. Council requested follow-up plan.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Members Jackson, King, Jones, and Hunt had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour – Mr. Gilmour requested that Mr. Johnston pay his bill. Mr. Johnston did not call 811 to get a digging permit and damaged line. Council concurred.

Mr. Smith – Reported that phase 2 of the splash pad is completed.

City Attorney Brooke Newby had no report.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Mr. Worthington, Chief Lynn, Chief Parker, Ms. Graham, Mr. McMurrian.

Ms. Hardin

- Reported that the DDA received a Grant for \$10,000.00.
- Downtown business can apply for Boost Funds.

Ms. King, the Finance Department received Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award.

Ms. Clark – reported that the Georgia Florida Tailgate went well.

Mr. Wood

- Georgia Place Making Collaborative Program.
- Neighborhood Cleanup at Creekwood Park is November 9, 2019.
- Exceeded 400 permits this year.

6. General Public Items:

Ms. Hamsley, have a new logo and working on new website.

Ms. Palmer

- State of Community luncheon November 6.
- Taste of Southern December 5.
- Leadership Perry Program has begun.

7. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on November 4, 2019, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.