

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 14, 2016
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held November 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Riley Hunt

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk, Nancy Graham

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Decius Aaron - Director of Public Works, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Fire Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, and Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator, Chad McMurrian –Lead Engineering Technician, Ms. Pearlie Dixon, Mr. Ryan Bode and Mr. Robby Miller.

Press: Ms. Kristin Moriarty and Cheri Adams- The Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Then and Now – Ms. C. Edgemon: Ms. Edgemon gave a presentation to Mayor and Council of various locations in the City of Perry using photos of how they appeared in previous years versus the present.

3b. Update on state mandated water restrictions – Mr. R. Bode: Mr. Bode gave a presentation updating Mayor and Council on the City's water levels. He advised that the water levels are slowly rising. Following a question and answer session, it was the consensus of Council to remain at stage 1.

3c. Review proposed gas main relocation options: Mr. McMurrian and Mr. Miller gave a presentation on the relocation of the natural gas main in the Hawks Nest Subdivision. After a discussion relative to the various options presented, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with option 1.

3d. Approval of CDBG Policies and Procedures - Mr. R. Smith: Mr. Smith advised Mayor and Council that the Community Development Block Grant requires the policies and procedures presented by Mr. Smith to be adopted by Council in order to move forward. Mayor Faircloth directed this item to be placed on tomorrow's council's agenda for a vote.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Members had no report.

Mr. Gilmour advised the following:

- He was contacted by the City's health insurance carrier relative to amending the policy to provide for wigs to those who go through certain illnesses. It was the consensus of Council for Mr. Gilmour to notify the carrier to add this provision to the City's policy.
- Reminder of the press conference for all elected officials at the Houston County Commission board room (Annex) at 5:00 p.m. on November 17, 2016.

Ms. Dixon asked for clarification relative to the rezoning of her street (Bess Street) and how it would affect, if any, the taxes, value of property, etc. Mr. Gilmour addressed her questions and concerns.

Attorney Matthew Hulbert had no report.

5. Department Heads Items:

Ms. King, Mr. Aaron and Ms. Palmer had no reports.

Chief Lynn provided an update on the new animal control facility and advised that the rifle resistant vests were received and issued.

Chief Parker advised of a structure fire that caused significant damage to the homeowner's roof.

Mr. Smith advised the following:

- Horwath Consulting will be in town on November 15, 2016 and KMA on November 17-18, 2016.
- The Perry Housing Assessment is complete and a report will be given at the work session in December.

Mr. Dye advised the following:

- Football Classic is cancelled due to scheduling conflicts of the traveling teams.
- Outdoor movie night at Rozar Park is November 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Edgemon advised that Small Business Saturday is November 26, 2016, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Mayor Faircloth advised the following:

- November 15, 2016 - Pre council meeting at 5:00 pm.

- November 15, 2016 - Council meeting at 6:00 pm.
- Houston County Development Authority received an award from the Georgia Economic Development Association.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the November 14, 2016 work session at 6:05 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.