

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 3, 2017
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held April 3, 2017 at 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk Cyndi Houser.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Robert Smith - Economic Development Director, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, and John Schell – Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, and Chad McMurrin – Lead Engineering Technician.

Guest(s) / Speaker(s): Peggy Jerles, Bill O’Neal and Becky Powell – Perry Public Arts Commission, and Darlene McLendon – Perry Area Chamber of Commerce

Media: Kristin Moriarty - Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Administration

1. Request to place a marker in Evergreen Cemetery – Ms. A. Warren
Mr. Gilmour announced that the petitioner withdrew the request and will resubmit when Veterans Park is established.

3b. Fire and Emergency Services

1. Consider a resolution authorizing the Perry Fire and Emergency Services Department to join the Georgia Mutual Aid Group – Chief L. Parker.
Chief Parker explained this is a statewide agreement and there is no charge to the City to join, and it does not affect the current mutual aid document. It was the consensus of Council to place on the April 4, 2017

agenda.

3c. Leisure Services

1. Presentation of the Perry Public Arts survey data – Mr. K. Dye Mr. Dye provided a Power Point presentation regarding the results of the survey sent out to the citizens of Perry. The results will be “plugged into” the overall plan for the Perry Public Arts Commission. Council and Manager asked that the presentation be sent to the Digital Communications Manager to be placed on social media.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Member Jones asked everyone to remember those families who suffered property damage following the storms earlier in the day.

Council Member Hunt advised there were several trees down on Tucker Road.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson and Council Members King, Walker and Bynum-Grace had no reports

Mr. Gilmour requested a response from Mayor and Council regarding the proposed budget meetings and the hearing dates. It was a consensus to proceed with the proposed days and times. He also announced that Houston County and the three (3) cities were joining together for a tire collection April 21-23rd. Tires can be dropped off at the Public Works building on Kings Chapel Road.

Assistant City Attorney Hulbert had no report.

5. Department Head Items:

Mr. Wood and Ms. Palmer- no reports.

Mr. Smith reported the CDBG application was submitted. The request was increased due to a fire at one of the homes that was on the list. A Housing Fair will be held at Creekwood Pavilion and is open to all residents. It will be moved to the Worrall Center in case of inclement weather. The cleanup project will be held on April 29th in the Ochlahatchee neighborhood.

Ms. King announced that the bond closing had taken place.

Mr. Dye stated that the spring basketball signup will end April 7th; and, the fishing rodeo will be held April 22nd followed by a reptile show being put on by The Go Fish Center at noon.

Mr. Schell reported the following people had completed the 120 hour management course and presented their project at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission: John Schell, Susan Miles, Todd Ennis and Virgil Newberry. He also announced that the second floor HVAC in the Police Department had died, but it will take over \$5,000 to

repair. Mayor Faircloth requested that the item be placed on the April 4, 2017 agenda for consideration.

Chief Lynn provided an updated on the number of trees down, property damage, and Georgia Power is working on downed lines but there were no injuries reported.

Chief Parker noted there had been 30 EMS calls between 1:30 and 3:30.

Ms. McLendon, Perry Area Chamber of Commerce, provided details for the upcoming Dogwood Festival and gave out “swag” bags to Mayor and Council.

Mayor Faircloth:

- Cautioned all to watch the weather
- Budget meetings will begin in April as part of the work sessions with the actual budget hearing scheduled for the June 6th and adoption on June 20th. The public is welcome to attend any of these meetings.
- Will be presenting a state of the city address at Perry United Methodist seniors on April 6th at noon.
- A retirement luncheon for Detective Tom Daly will be tomorrow.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held April 3, 2017, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.