

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
December 4, 2017
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held December 4, 2017 at 5:01 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk Janet Duffin.

Staff Absent: None

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

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Anthony Concolino, Jeremy Deadwyler, Kelly Hilson

Press: Ms. Cheri Adams - The Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Economic Development Department:

1. Presentation of the Wayfinding System by KMA – Mr. Robert Smith. KMA representatives, Mr. Anthony Concolino and Mr. Jeremy Deadwyler gave an overview for the wayfinding signage system from implementation through cost analysis. Mr. Gilmour recommended that Council take under advisement and place on next weeks work session. Mayor Faircloth asked Mr. Smith to print out a large map of the City to help identify where signage should be located.

3b. Administration:

1. Consider Council's 2018 meetings calendar – Mayor Faircloth. Mayor

Faircloth went over scheduled meeting dates for 2018. These dates will be informally adopted as the calendar for 2018.

2. Georgia Department of Revenue inquiry on complimentary alcohol – Mr. Lee Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the response from Matthew Hulbert, Assistant City Attorney, regarding businesses serving complimentary alcohol to its patrons. Mr. Gilmour recommended sending notices out to businesses informing them of our position, as well as the Department of Revenue’s guidelines. Council voted to move forward.
3. Status of logging operations street restrictions – Mr. Lee Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the request made by log trucks to use City streets to haul timber for their logging operation. Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert advised that the City cannot restrict the use of City streets. Mayor Faircloth suggested the City respond accordingly to the request.

4. Citizen Comments:

1. Mr. Kelly Hilson advised he runs a small non-profit organization in Warner Robins and is in the process of producing a “Merry Christmas/Thank You” video to the Law Enforcement Community. Mr. Hilson invited Mayor and Council to join him in participating in the video. No objections were heard and Mayor Faircloth advised they would move forward. Mr. Hilson stated he would arrive at City Hall on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. to video Council Members wishing to participate.

5. Council Member Items:

Council Member Riley Hunt asked about the progress on the tennis courts. Mr. Kevin Dye advised he met with Mr. Dunbar from Houston County Public Works and the earliest they can begin work is sometime in the spring.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Jackson and Council Members King and Walker had no reports.

Council Member Bynum-Grace asked about the status of the splashpad. Mr. Kevin Dye advised the bid is currently open. Target date for completion is Memorial Day.

Council Member Jones stated that the City of Perry was named after Commander Perry and requested a statue in his honor be placed at the new Crossroads Park. Council agreed to get cost estimates and move forward.

Mr. Gilmour had no report.

Assistant City Attorney Hulbert had no report.

6. Department Head Items:

Ms. Brenda King and Chief Steve Lynn had no reports.

Mr. Bryan Wood advised the Planning Commission denied the request for an electronic message board at 1207 Main Street. Mr. Wood asked if Council would consider allowing a small sign at the intersection to provide some visibility for the business. Mr. Gilmour advised this item would be placed on the agenda for next Work Session.

Mr. Robert Smith advised the annual small business event was held November 25th with over 100 people participating in the passport contest. All merchants advised this was a great success. Mr. Smith further advised the City hosted friends from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs this date and they look forward to working with us again in the future.

Mr. Kevin Dye reported 13-WMAZ did a story on Interfor's donation for completion of the White Tail Trail up to Larry Walker Parkway. Mr. Dye commended Ms. Ellen Palmer for putting together information for the media.

Chief Parker advised the Fire Department had great success with the truck ride with Santa. They had approximately 550 riders at the event that was scheduled from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., but had to run the rides until 10:00 p.m. due to the large turnout.

Mayor Faircloth items

- Pre-Council and Council Meetings are December 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

7. Executive Session entered at 6:15 p.m.: Council Member Walker moved to adjourn the work session meeting and enter into an executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. Executive Session adjourned; Council's work session reconvened: Council adjourned the Executive Session held December 4, 2017 at 6:34 p.m. and reconvened into Council's work session meeting.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2017 – 56 stating the purpose of Executive Session held December 4, 2017 was for real estate acquisition. Council Member Hunt moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on December 4, 2017 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2017-56 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 December 4, 2017, Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.