

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
February 11, 2010
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held February 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

*Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace left at 7:00 p.m.

Elected Official Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Brenda King - Director of Administration, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Ms. Christine Sewell – Community Development Secretary and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Mark Hardison and Ms. Judy Caudill – Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC., Mr. Penrose Wolf and Ms. Vickie Graham.

Press: Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal.

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - 3a. Presentation by Clifton, Lipford, Hardison and Parker, LLC., presentations of the highlights of the City's FY 09 audit. Mr. Mark Hardison and Ms. Judy Caudill of Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC, reviewed with Council the highlights of the City's FY 09 audit report.
 - 3b. Review of financial condition of City – City Manager Lee Gilmour. City Manager Lee Gilmour provided a detailed presentation of the City's proposed FY 10 budget amendment, reviewed current financial issues and outline of recommended actions. Concluding City Manager Lee Gilmour

presentation the following items were referred to the City Council regular meeting; (1) authorize issuance of tax anticipation notes, if needed, not to exceed a 1.5 mill level, (2) resolution to amend the Perry Fee Schedule to remove the high volume rate reduction for non-commercial, non-residential water users and (3) consideration to approve repayment of Water/Sewer Construction Fund of at least \$250,000 per fiscal year.

- 3c. Review of City's vacant lot mowing policy. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the mowing policy for the City of Perry and asked whether or not the policy is still in effect. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the City's options are: (1) Keep the policy, (2) Decide that the matter is a private affair between property owners, (3) Instead of contracting the work, have City workers cut a swath between the properties while they are out cutting right-of-way. Mayor Faircloth stated that in his opinion the City should suspend the policy due to the cash flow situation. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King stated that if the City does not keep the policy, citizens will be complaining and suggested instead of spending a lot of money have the City cut the swath. Council Member Riley Hunt asked if the City would have to rescind the policy. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham stated that it is not a City code, but the City would have to rescind and/or amend/modify the policy. Mayor Faircloth asked if Council concurs to have this item at the next City Council work session to discuss in more detail. All members concurred.
- 3d. Discuss invitation to Mayor/Council from Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority. Mayor Faircloth stated that the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau will be hosting a reception for Mayor and Council on February 25th at 5:00 p.m. The Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau will have their regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. if Mayor and Council would like to attend. Mayor Faircloth requested Council to advise him now if they would like to attend, so that he can respond accordingly.
- 3e. Invitation from Houston County Development Authority to attend information session. Mayor Faircloth stated Council has received an invitation from Mr. Morgan Law of the Houston County Development Authority to attend a meeting in Atlanta on February 24, 2010. The meeting will be an all day event with transportation and lunch provided. Mayor Faircloth asked Council if they would like to attend the meeting to RSVP with Ms. Kimberly Black at HCDA.
4. Other items as needed: None.
5. Executive Session entered at 7:30 p.m.: Council Member Riley Hunt moved to adjourn regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Executive Session adjourned; regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held February 11, 2010 and reconvened into the regular meeting.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2010-06 stating purpose of Executive Session held February 11, 2010 was to discuss personnel. Council Member Joe Posey moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on February 11, 2010 was to discuss personnel. Council Member William Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2010-06 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
8. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council in the reconvened meeting held February 11, 2010, Council Member Randall Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Riley Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.