

MINUTES  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
May 5, 2009  
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held May 5, 2009 at 5:07 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James Worrall and Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt. Council Members Charles Lewis, Joe Kusar, Phyllis Bynum-Grace and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member James Moore.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: \* Brenda King – Director of Administration, George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department, and Annie Warren - Recording Secretary.

\* Ms. King arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Guests: Mr. Penrose Wolf – Perry Housing Authority, Mr. Bob Hubbard – Perry Planning Commission, Ms. Shelia Jones – Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority and Mr. Jimmy Faircloth – Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority.

Press: Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal, and Natasha Smith – Macon Telegraph.

**Not on the agenda:** Mayor Worrall advised Council that May 7, 2009 is the National Day of Prayer and will be observed at City Hall from 12 noon until 12:30 p.m.

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James Worrall.

- 3a. Comments from Mr. Jimmy Faircloth, Chairman of the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority. Mr. Faircloth shared with Council an article published in the *Macon Telegraph Newspaper* on May 4, 2009 relative to some members of the

Macon City Council displeasure with CVB declining rate of tourism in Macon. Mr. Faircloth and Ms. Shelia Jones shared with Council the 2007 and 2006 stats relative the impact of domestic travel in Georgia; in 2007 Houston County ranked number sixteen and in 2006 Houston County ranked number eighteen. Mr. Faircloth thanked Public Safety Director George Potter and his staff for all they do for Perry. Ms. Jones invited Mayor Worrall, Council and City employees to Tourism Partner Appreciation Day Cookout at the Perry Welcome Center on May 15, 2009, 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

- 3b. Presentation Mr. James Kizer - Constantine Engineering from Cambridge sewer interceptor. Presentation will be at Council meeting.
  - 3c. Review of Smoak Neighborhood historic district. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council of the Perry Planning Commission recommendation that the historic overlay district should not be extended to include the Smoak Neighborhood. Council concurred.
  - 3d. Review of guidelines documents for starting a business in the City of Perry. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the guidelines for starting a business in Perry which included zoning, signs, home occupation, food service business, alcohol sales, coin operated machines, remodeling activity, new construction, business license inspection, community development, business license, downtown façade grant, utilities and vital contact numbers. Council Member Joe Kusar suggested to the City Manager Lee Gilmour to include in the guidelines a list of the different zoning; Council Member Riley Hunt suggested rewording Comsouth listing to Comsouth Communications to reflect telephone service availability; Council Member Joe Kusar suggested adding a list of internet services and the Chamber of Commerce as a business contact. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace suggested having a sign in rooster for people to sign when picking up information as a means of tracking information that is given out.
4. Other items as needed: Mayor asked if anyone had anything they wanted to share.

George Potter, Director of Public Safety – No.

Council Member Riley Hunt – Water leak at the road between 341S and the Tuggle's home.

Mayor James Worrall – There is a cesspool problem next to 511 Bill Street. Director of Community Development, Mike Beecham will send Mr. Rick Hickman, Code Enforcement Officer out to access the problem.

Council Member Willie King – Council Member Charles Lewis and he attended the GMA 6<sup>th</sup> District Listening meeting at the Macon RDC.

Council Member Joe Kusar – Requested an update on Ball Street Extension since the City Manager reported some changes. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised waiting for final response from DOT relative right – a-way alignment. City will proceed with purchasing property on Larry Walker Parkway and Tucker Road.

Council Member Charles Lewis – No.

Council Member Joe Kusar – Inquired about methane monitoring at the City dump. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council will vote on time table schedule this evening at the Council meeting.

Mr. Bob Hubbard, Perry Planning Commission– No.

Mr. Penrose Wolfe, Perry Housing Authority – No.

Mr. Mike Beecham, Community Development Director – No.

Deputy Chief Joel Gray – No.

Ms. Brenda King, Director of Administration – No.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace – Received several calls about CHIPS grant for Sandhill and New Hope neighborhoods, are we still accepting applications? Mr. Beecham advised we are still accepting applications, grant will not be awarded until September.

Mayor Worrall inquired about the Masonic Building located on W.F. Ragin Drive. He has been working with a group for the last three years to get funding. We need to find people who were members of that organization to get information to preserve the building.

5. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor James Worrall adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.