

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 16, 2011
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held May 16, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

*Council Member Willie King arrived at 5:12 p.m.

Elected Official Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray – Public Safety, Brenda King – Director of Administration and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Ms. Terre Walker, Mr. Bob Hubbard, Perry Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – Ms. Shelia Jones, Mr. Bob Lawson and Mr. Glen Starlnecker, Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Michael Chalmers, Perry-Houston Airport Authority – Mr. Art McDonald, Downtown Development Authority – Ms. Tish Chase and Mr. Davis Cosey, Mr. Kim Mullins and Mr. Carl Lumpkin, 21st Century Partnership – Ms. Mary Therese Tebbe and Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition – Ms. Charise Stephens and Mr. Ned Saunders.

Press: Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal.

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

- 3a. Outside agencies budget presentation.

Perry Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – Ms. Shelia Jones, Mr. Bob Lawson and Mr. Glen Starlnecker presented to Council their requested budget for FY' 12. The FY' 12 proposed budget is slightly decreased as compared to last year's budget; the decrease is due to drop in the hotel/motel tax revenue. Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker asked if the shortfall in the revenue will be covered by their reserve account. Ms. Jones stated it would be covered.

Council Member Joe Posey asked if there was specific line item that has been cut back. Ms. Jones stated all the line items have been cut back with only an increase in web development. Council Member Joe Posey asked if the Go-Fish project was taken into account for the budget. Ms. Jones stated the project has no increase. Mayor Faircloth asked if there has been an increase in hotel revenue. Ms. Jones stated there has been a 7% increase compared to last year. Mayor Faircloth thanked them for everything they do for the City.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Michael Chalmers presented to Council their requested budget. Mr. Chalmers reviewed with Council the activities performed by the Chamber for the City and everyone is tightening their belts during these tough economic times. Mayor Faircloth asked about upcoming events for the upcoming year. Mr. Chalmers stated the Chamber anticipates the same events and possible new events. Council Member Riley Hunt asked about the chamber's reserve. Council Member Joe Posey asked about the impact of the Dogwood Festival. Mr. Chalmers stated he did not have that information available yet. Mayor Faircloth thanked them for everything they do for the City.

Perry-Houston Airport Authority – Mr. Art McDonald - Thanked Mayor/Council for their support. The budget request to the City will be adjusted to reflect the deduction. The Authority generates revenue by selling fuel and hanger space. Mayor Faircloth asked about the hanger space. Mr. McDonald advised the hangers are at 100% occupancy for all three hangers and there is a waiting list for hanger space. Mayor Faircloth asked if they anticipate an increase in fuel sales. Mr. McDonald stated there has been a slight increase in the sale of jet fuel. Mr. McDonald stated the landing system project has been completed and will be working on a grant to improve the north end of the airport. Mayor Faircloth thanked the Airport Authority for everything that it does.

DDA – Ms. Tish Chase and Mr. Davis Cosey - Reviewed with Council their plans during these tough economic times and to bring more merchants into and promote the downtown area. There are six (6) new businesses opening up in the downtown area and are currently working on a project with the Ag Center to get information out to visitors about what Perry has to offer. The DDA main objective is to promote the downtown area to bring in more businesses. Ms. Chase reviewed with Council its budget request. Council Member Joe Posey asked about upcoming events in the downtown area. Ms. Chase stated last weekend was Music on the Mound and is currently working with the Chamber of Commerce to hold events in the downtown area every second Saturday of the month; they have scheduled events all the way to July so far. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace asked if Ms. Chase had submitted the grant request. Ms. Chase stated the grant was submitted today. Mayor Faircloth thanked them for everything that they do.

21st Century Partnership – Ms. Mary Therese Tebbe – Stated the budget request will be based on census numbers and thanked Mayor and Council for

their support. Ms. Tebbe stated 21st Century Partnership is a non profit organization that works with the defense community with Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Mayor Faircloth thanked Ms. Tebbe for everything that the partnership does.

Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition – Ms. Charise Stephens and Mr. Ned Saunders – Stated the budget request is for dues and membership fees and those fees are based on population size. Ms. Stephens stated the money the City invests comes back to the City ten fold and helps work collectively on promoting clean air. Mr. Ned Saunders reviewed with Council the history and background of the coalition. The coalition helps monitor the ozone and to promote clean air in Middle Georgia. Mr. Saunders stated the coalition will be working with the school system to remove some of the emissions from the buses and also working on a ride share program. Ms. Stephens and Mr. Saunders thanked Mayor and Council for their support. Mayor Faircloth thanked them for everything that they do.

4. Other items as needed:

Mayor asked if anyone from the public would like to speak:

Mr. Bob Hubbard stated he hoped that Mayor and Council has received and read the email he sent out with suggestions relative to the budget. Mr. Hubbard stated in this economy it would be astonishing for Council to impose a fire fee and/or raise the taxes. Mr. Hubbard stated Council needs to learn four English words “We Can’t Afford It”! To not give any hand out and he stated he was not happy.

Mayor Faircloth stated the next City Council budget work session meeting will be on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

5. Executive Session entered at 6:45 p.m.: Council Member Riley Hunt moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. Executive Session adjourned; Council regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held May 16, 2011 and reconvened into the council regular meeting.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2011-17 stating purpose of Executive Session held May 16, 2011 was to discuss personnel. Council Member Willie King moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on May 16, 2011 was to discuss personnel. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2011-17 has been entered in the City’s official book of record*).
8. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened meeting held May 16, 2011, Council Member Joe Posey motioned to

adjourn the meeting. Council Member William Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.