

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**

June 20, 2011

**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. called to order the work session meeting held June 20, 2011 at 5:00pm.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None.

Departmental Staffing: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray – Fire Division, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Capt. Bill Phelps – Public Safety, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Steve Howard- Chief Building Inspector and Joni Ary, Recording Secretary.

Guests: Ms. Vickie Graham, Mr. & Mrs. Walton Wood, Mr. Penrose Wolfe, Mr. Marty Myers, Mr. Mike Gray – Christ Sanctified Holy Church, ESG Operations Inc. – Sharon Kelly, Ryan Bode and Chad McMurrian.

Press: Ms. Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal

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

- 3g. Consider request Christ's Sanctified Holy Church to tie into City's wastewater treatment sewer system.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Council the request from Christ's Sanctified Holy Church to tie into City's wastewater treatment sewer system, the Administration has no objection subject to the written agreement with the entity that requires when legally able the entity will annex into the City. Mr. Gray stated the Church is planning to expand the nursing home facility and agrees with the agreement with the City. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker asked if there would be any capacity issues. Mr. Gilmour stated there would not be a capacity issue.

On conclusion of discussion, council concurred to move forward with the agreement.

- 3a. Presentation by Mr. Marty Myers relative to recycling.

Mr. Myers stated he would like Council's help in getting the word out that City Supply is now accepting recycled bottles that will be shredded and taken to a business in Macon that will use the recycled bottles in roofing material. Mr. Myers stated that he will also be accepting cardboard boxes. Councilmember Hunt suggested putting the notification on the utility bills to notify the citizens. Councilmember Grace suggested Mr. Myers meeting with Councilmember King to get the word out to all the pastors in the City. Mayor Faircloth commended Mr. Myers for all his efforts in recycling.

Council concurred to support the project.

3b. Presentation by Department of Public Works relative to relocation of solid waste facility.

Mr. Jones reviewed with Council the revised site plan for the relocation of the solid waste operations. The solid waste facility will have new landscaping, employee parking and expand the driveway. The Ball Street Extension project is the cause for the relocation. Mr. Jones stated he has spoken with the Board of Education relative to possible conflict with traffic and foresees no problem with traffic. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker suggested holding a public hearing for the neighbors to get their feedback and report back to council the findings. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker asked where the funding for this project would come from. Mr. Gilmour stated the funding would come from the Solid Waste Fund. Mr. Jones stated he did not have the cost estimates for the project and stated the work would be done in-house except for the fencing.

On conclusion of the discussion, council concurred to proceed with the condition that a public hearing is held for the neighbors and cost estimate for the project approval.

3c. Consider Gray Water Trial Project.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed with council a proposal to use gray water as an alternative for irrigation due to the restraints on water. Mr. Gilmour stated it would be a trial project to irrigate certain city property; the project will be tracked for four (4) months to see if viable. Councilmember Jackson stated in his opinion it would not be cost effective to haul the gray water unless the city was in dire straits. Mayor Faircloth stated it would be good to have a back up in the event if the city has a problem. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker suggested the downtown watering contractor use gray water and include as a condition in the contract when it comes up for renewal. Councilmember Jackson suggested putting together a comprehensive plan for watering trees setting them up on a drip system that can be monitored and adjusted; this item should be deferred to the tree board.

On conclusion of discussion the council concurred to hold off on the matter until further notice.

3d. Update on well #3 – ESG Operations, Inc.

Ms. Sharon Kelly presented to council the update on well #3; the well has some repairs/upgrade that are needed. The piping and bushing needs to be replaced with stainless steel piping and the 20'ft tailpiece of piping that is lodged in the well needs to be extracted. Ms. Kelly reviewed the price estimates for the project with Council. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker asked about funding for the project. Mr. Gilmour stated the funding would come from SPLOST. Mayor Faircloth asked how long it would take to complete the project and asked if it would be viable to lower the well another 20 feet. Ms. Kelly stated she would suggest lowering the well another 20 feet and also stated once the tailpiece that is lodged in the well is removed, the screens at the bottom of the well will also be cleaned. Mayor Faircloth asked how long it would take to make the repairs/upgrades. Ms. Kelly stated about 4-6 weeks to make the upgrades but the well is currently up and running with a loaner pump.

On conclusion of discussion, council concurred to proceed with replacing the piping and bushing to stainless steel, lower the well 20 feet and extract the 20 foot tailpiece that is lodged in the well.

3e. Consider request increase funding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership Inc.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed with council the request for additional funding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership Inc. based on the updated population figures. The recommendation of the Administration is to go with the current funding and if the hotel/motel tax comes in higher council can go back and look at increasing the funding. All councilmember's concurred with the recommendation.

3f. Request assistance for American Real Estate site (Northrop) relative to fire suppression.

Mr. Jones reviewed a request for assistance for the Northrop Grumman facility relative to the fire suppression for the American Real Estate site. The company fire suppression tanks leaked and needs to fill back up the tanks with approximately 800,000 gallons of water and would like council's consideration to mitigate the cost for refilling the tanks.

On conclusion of discussion, council concurred they could not alleviate the cost for refilling the tanks but would give the option of the company getting a pumper truck and getting the gray water at no cost.

3h. Discuss short-term work plan for solid waste- Mike Beecham, Director of Community Development.

Mr. Beecham reviewed with Council the updated short term work plan for solid waste that has to be updated every five (5) years. Mr. Beecham asked if Council has any suggestions that they want incorporated into the plan to please send him any items. Mr. Beecham stated the work plan will be submitted to the Regional Commission.

3i. Consider cancelling July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Mayor Faircloth reviewed the request to cancel the meetings on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled due to the Fourth of July Holiday. Council members Hunt,

King and Grace stated the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting should be cancelled. Council members Jackson, Posey and Walker stated the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting should be held. Mayor Faircloth broke the tie and stated the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held unless there are no items for the meeting and Council will be notified if the meeting is cancelled.

3j. Discussion of Planning Retreat.

Mayor Faircloth stated he would like to have another planning retreat for council to discuss any significant issues i.e. short and long term goals, staffing for the fire station. The retreat will be held locally. All council members concurred to hold the meeting on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

4. Other items as needed

Mayor Faircloth reminded Council the “Walk with the Mayor” will be held on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at District 3 at Holly Hills, meeting at the City owned property on Marshallville Road.

Captain Bill Phelps, Public Safety stated Director of Public Safety George Potter should be back this Thursday.

Director of Administration Brenda King stated she will schedule a meeting between Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker and Council Member William Jackson to meeting with the Regional Commission to discuss software update. Ms. King stated the web page is moving forward and making progress.

Mayor Faircloth reminded council of the dinner tomorrow night at 4:45 p.m. with the Adult Leadership Perry.

City Manager Lee Gilmour stated follow up to the request relative to General Courtney Hodges request sent to Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit was denied.

Mr. Gilmour also gave council a map showing the last tax sale that was held.

Mr. Gilmour stated on councils agenda for tomorrow night is a resolution to amend the fee schedule and would recommend including the adjustment as recommended from the Recreation Commission relative to the fees for the football program. All council members concurred to include the recommended fees adjustment to the fees for the football program.

Council Member King stated he received positive feedback from the Creekwood pool and Council Member Grace stated the camp at Rozar park is going well.

5. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council; Mayor Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm.