

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
December 6, 2010  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held December 6, 2010 at 5:03 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

\*Council Member Riley Hunt left at 5:28 p.m.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

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 Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood, Mrs. Vickie Graham, Ms. Sheila Jones, Mr. Bill and Ellie Loudermilk, Mr. Penrose Wolf, Mr. Kenna Scragg, Mr. Keith Newton and Mr. Wayne Crowley.

Press: Charlotte Perkins, Houston Home Journal.

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

- Mayor Faircloth stated he was deviating from the agenda for some announcements.

Council Member Riley Hunt invited Mayor and Council to the PVO dinner this evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Ag Center. Council Member Riley Hunt stated Mayor and Council will have a standing invitation every year. Mayor Faircloth thanked Council Member Riley Hunt for the invitation.

Ms. Shelia Jones, Mrs. Ellie Loudermilk and Mr. Bill Loudermilk stated they have come before Council to share some wonderful news. Ms. Shelia Jones stated that she has received email notification that Perry was selected to be a host

city for the Smithsonian New Harmonies Traveling Exhibition. The City of Perry was one of twelve communities that were selected to host the event. The Smithsonian will be doing a site visit in January; it has been proposed that the event be held at the Perry Arts Center. Ms. Shelia Jones advised as more information is available she will report back to Council.

- 3a. Update from the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Kenna Scragg reported to Council that the Dogwood Committee has come to a compromise and the event will be held downtown at the Court House square. The Business recruitment plan has held its third meeting and is currently working on surveys that will be sent out to citizens and visitors of Perry to find out how their visit to Perry was and what we can improve on. The State of Community meeting will be held December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at the Worrall Community Center; it is an open forum meeting. Council Member Joe Posey asked when the business recruitment plan would be ready. Mr. Scragg stated the goal is to have a target group in the next six months. Council Member Randall Walker stated he did not want the City or the Chamber to lose focus; the recruitment plan is to work on incentives for businesses to come into the downtown area and bring businesses to Perry.
- 3b. Review recommendation for release of property. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the property on Kings Chapel Road was donated to the City to build a fire station. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised there are no plans in the foreseeable future to use the property and with the changes in the ISO rating it is the recommendation of the Administration to release the property back to the property owner. All Council members concurred with the recommendation to release the property back to the property owner.
- 3c. Recreation issues. Director of Parks and Recreation Rick Kilgore stated he was approached by the Volleyball club to sign a contract and rent the gymnasium on Sunday's, in the past Council has stated the Worrall Community Center was not to be open on Sundays. The Volleyball club is currently using the gymnasium on Wednesday and Friday. Council Member Riley Hunt asked Mr. Kilgore if he saw a problem with the club renting the gymnasium on Sunday. Mr. Kilgore stated he did not have a problem with the club renting the gymnasium, it would generate money and the club is not seasonal, so it would be used year round. Mr. Kilgore stated if Council concurs to rent the gymnasium the Volleyball club stated they would also bring their tournaments to Perry. All Council members concurred to rent on Sundays the gymnasium at the Worrall Community Center.

Director of Parks and Recreation Rick Kilgore stated he would like to put up signage to recognize our youth for winning the Southeastern National Championship. The signage would be at the main entrances as you enter

Perry. Mayor Faircloth asked if he was referring to signage that would state “Home of the Southeastern Champions”; Mr. Kilgore advised yes. All Council members thought it was a good idea to have the signage. Mayor Faircloth asked Mr. Kilgore to bring back to Council a proposal for the signage with the costs and locations of the signage.

- 3d. Review options relative to low pants and exposed underwear. Mayor Faircloth stated in the last month he has received six complaints relative to low pants. Mayor Faircloth stated Council has already reviewed this item and has come to the conclusion that it would be impossible to enforce any type of ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King stated this is more of a phase that kids go through and if we try to control it, it would just create more problems. Council Member William Jackson stated the more Council focuses on the issue the more of a problem it will become. Director of Public Safety George Potter shared with Council what other cities are doing about the issue; a judge in Florida ruled any ordinance relative to baggy pants would be unconstitutional. The recommendation from Public Safety is to leave the issue alone. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King suggested any complaints should be referred to a minister to help mentor the kids. Council concurred.
- 3e. Consider amending water/sewer specifications relative to portable generators. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones presented to Council the proposed standards to be included in the water/sewer specifications relative to portable generators at the lift stations. If Council concurs the language will be included in the water/sewer specifications. Mayor Faircloth asked how much it would cost to meet the specifications. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones stated about \$50,000.00. The portable generators would be used if the lift station lost power and for testing. If a lift station does not have a generator and loses power it could result in a spill. Council Member Randall Walker asked if developers would share in the cost of the generator for the lift station. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated if the majority of the water/sewer comes from a development then the developer would pay a prorated amount for the generator. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones stated currently the City needs three portable generators, and he will meet with ESG Operations, Inc. to identify which lift stations need them. Council Member Randall Walker asked where the funding to pay for the portable generators would come from. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the funding would come from SPLOST. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated this is required by EPD and the recommendation of the Administration would be to proceed. All members concurred to proceed.
- 3f. Consider the City leasing the Snyder Chapman’s vacant lot. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the proposal for the City to lease the Snyder Chapman vacant lot for \$1 per year with the condition if the property is sold the new property owner will determine continuing lease to

the City. All Council members concurred to proceed with leasing the vacant lot.

- 3g. Review of comprehensive plan short term program. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham reviewed with Council the comprehensive short term plan program. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham stated the comprehensive plan is a collaboration with Houston County Development Authority, City of Perry, Perry Area Chamber of Commerce and Perry-Houston County Airport Authority; overall the items on the plan are on track. Council Member Randall Walker is concerned with action not being taken and the plan not moving forward. Council Member Randall Walker suggested incorporating the comprehensive short term plan with the long range plan for the City.
- 3h. Consider implementation process for adopted rental fees at the Perry Arts Center. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated Council adopted a rental schedule for the Perry Arts Center and the recommendation of the Administration is to notify the renters of the Perry Arts Center of the spaces available and they pay rent beginning February 1, 2011. All Council members concurred to proceed.
- 3i. Task Order 7 – Constantine Engineering. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones stated per Council's request at the November 15<sup>th</sup> work session, Task Order 7 from Constantine Engineering outlines the engineering costs breakdown for the design and construction services for the Parkway Sewer Pump Station upgrade and force main relocation project. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones stated the total budget for the project is \$69,000.00 and asks Council to approve and allow to proceed. All Council members concurred to proceed.
- 3j. Approval to proceed with methane monitoring project. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones reviewed with Council the proposal by TTL to implement and install four methane monitoring systems at the Toomer Road landfill. The methane monitoring is required by EPD. TTL's proposal for the project is \$19,532.50. Council Member Randall Walker asked if the project would have to go out to bid. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated TTL is already on contract with the City. Mayor Faircloth asked Mr. Jones if the project cost by TTL is a good price. Mr. Jones stated it was. Council Member Randall Walker asked where the funding for the project would come from. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the funding would come from the Solid Waste Fund. All members concurred to proceed with the project.
- 3k. On bill energy efficiency program. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham reviewed with Council the Main Street Energy Efficiency Financing program. The program would pay for gas appliances and some

installation; the maximum loan amount would be \$5,000 with 0% interest for up to five years. Mayor Faircloth asked who the administrator of the loan is. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham stated the City would administer the loan, but MGAG would take all the risks if the loan defaults and MGAG would reimburse the City. Council Member William Jackson asked if the program is up and running. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham stated the program is up and running and already loaning money. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham stated if Council concurs to proceed he would like to start the program in January and hopefully defer some of the applicants from the current energy efficiency program to this new program. All Council members concurred to proceed.

4. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham requested the portion of road between Hampton Court and Market Place Drive be renamed Hampton Court. Mayor Faircloth asked if any individuals would be affected by the renaming. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham stated only one individual would be affected and they have already been notified of the possible name change. All Council members concurred to rename the portion of road Hampton Court.

5. Council Member issues.

Council Member William Jackson stated that the City should send out a notice to the citizens and businesses of any changes Council makes relative to keep everyone informed.

Council Member William Jackson asked the status of the website update. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated City employees have had their first round of training and Ms. Hamlin will have training on December 16<sup>th</sup>. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the new website should be live in January. Council Member William Jackson stated the intersection of W F Ragin, Washington Street, Ball Street and Sam Nunn Boulevard is not clearly marked. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the intersection is controlled by DOT and the Administration recommends the City restripe the intersection and request DOT and local legislation do an assessment of the intersection. All Council Members concurred to proceed with the recommendation of the Administration.

6. Citizens.

Mr. Wayne Crowley stated he was the legal representative on behalf of Mr. Keith Newton and Wooden Eagle. Mr. Crowley stated his client Mr. Newton would like to review with Council the history of Wooden Eagle Subdivision. Mayor Faircloth stated this technically is a legal matter and has been discussed by Council in previous meetings. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated no other items relative to the rezone and annexation will be discussed without Council's legal representation. Mr. Mike Newton reviewed with Council the history of the Wooden Eagle Subdivision from when the property was rezoned and annexed into the City.

7. Executive Session entered at 6:34 p.m.: Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King moved to adjourn the work session meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation. Council Member Randall Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. Executive Session adjourned; work session meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held December 6, 2010 and reconvened into the work session meeting.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2010-58 stating purpose of Executive Session held December 6, 2010 was to discuss pending litigation. Council Member Joe Posey moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on December 6, 2010 was to discuss pending litigation. Council Member William Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2010-58 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 meeting held December 6, 2010, Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Randall Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.