

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**

June 7, 2011

**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held June 7, 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, Joe Posey and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace and William Jackson.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

Departmental Staffing: Capt. William Phelps – Public Safety, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray – Public Safety, Brenda King – Director of Administration, and Annie Warren - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Walton Wood, Ms. Becky Wood, Mr. Kim Mullins and Ms. Vickie Graham.

Press: Ms. Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal and Ms. Christina Wright – Macon Telegraph.

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

- 3a. Discussion of June 7, 2011 regular meeting agenda. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

4. Other Council Members Items:

Mayor Faircloth passed out to council an invitation from the Houston County Arts Alliance to its 2011 Annual Meeting.

Mr. Gilmour advised Council that there is an issue with the pump at the main (well #3) and ESG Operations, Inc. has recommended going to the next step relative water restrictions. Administration recommended sending out a letter to all irrigation meter customers requesting them to cease until further notice and waive the \$4.00 monthly fee of no consumption for the month.

Mr. Mullins inquired about the plantings on irrigation downtown and at Big Indian Creek. Mr. Gilmour stated if it was planted in the past year, it can still be irrigated.

Councilmember King stated that it is getting to a critical point and we should take into consideration the recommendation.

Councilmember Posey questioned why we are not asking everyone to cease, instead of just the irrigation meter customers. Mr. Gilmour stated we are trying to limit the impact as much as possible and if this doesn't address the issue then we will take the next step.

Mr. Mullins asked if we knew about the problem with the well before, why we haven't made some commitments on this before now. Mr. Gilmour advised that the City has spent money on repairs for the well and emphasized this well is the number one supplier for the City. Mr. Mullins inquired if the County could sell water to the City. Mr. Gilmour stated the County is not in a position to sell water to the City.

Councilmember Hunt suggested pumping water out of the creek for irrigating the downtown.

Council concurred to proceed.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed the youth recreation program percentages per the request of Councilmember Posey. Councilmember Hunt inquired how many youths did the City sponsor and how many were out of the City. Mr. Gilmour advised that he would obtain the number of youths that were sponsored and stated that the City does not sponsor youth out side of the City because the sponsor program is only for City residents.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed the Local Option Sales Tax funds that are allocated the Houston County Board of Education and the amounts that City would have received for the last two years.

Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. asked each councilmember if they had any items and they responded as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker – No report.

Councilmember Posey – No report.

Councilmember Hunt – No report.

Councilmember King – No report.

Department Heads:

Deputy Chief Gray, Public Safety – No report.

Captain William Phelps, Public Safety – No report.

Brenda King, Director of Administration – Advised she is working on getting the on-line payment for utility bills and have the agreement for Mayor Faircloth to sign. The property tax sale was held today and only one parcel sold. The next tax sale is scheduled for August, 2011.

General Public:

Mr. Wood inquired if water is pumped from the creek, will a permit be required.  
Mr. Gilmour will research.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.