

MINUTES
BUDGET WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 2014
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the budget hearing of the Perry City Council held May 12, 2014 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, *Phyllis Bynum-Grace and Willie King.

* Council Member Bynum-Grace left at 6:20 p.m.

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Joe Posey.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and Annie Warren, Recording Clerk

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, *Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Brenda King, Director of Administration and Mary Beth Bass – Economic Development Director.

* Mr. Beecham left at 5:50 p.m. and returned at 6:40 p.m.

City Support Staff: Alton Ellis – Recreation Department; John Schell, Sarah Nottingham and Bob Taylor – Public Works Department; Susan Miles – Department of Administration; and Catherine Edgemon – Department of Economic Development.

Guests: None.

Press: Mike Stucka - Macon Telegraph

3a. Review of proposed FY15 Operating Budget of the City of Perry

❖ **City Manager Overview**

Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Mayor and Council the proposed FY 15 Operating Budget comparison matrix, reduced budget summary, sustain budget summary and improved budget summary. Mr. Gilmour noted all three budget options included basic services, health insurance costs at the same level as FY 14 and the replacement of thirty work stations as a result of Microsoft ceasing serving the XP platform. The reduced budget proposes: 1) the loss of eight full time positions and two part-time positions, 2) no pay plan adjustment or merit increases and 3) the impact on individual department requests. The sustain budget proposes: 1) all current services be funded, 2) a one

percent pay plan adjustment and a one percent merit program be funded, and 3) the final phase of adjusting the EMT/paramedic supplement be based on market data. The improved budget proposes: 1) some minor classifications adjustments, 2) services remain the same, and 3) establish a reserve cash account in the General Fund.

Mr. Gilmour discussed the effects the diverse budget options would have on the property tax funded, public safety, the individual departments, capital requests and debt service.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Mayor and Council a memo dated May 6, 2014 outlining major services issues that were not provided for the FY 15 budget.

Mayor Faircloth stated that the proposed FY15 budget would be voted on at the June 17, 2014 meeting.

❖ **Department of Public Works**

Mr. Gilmour provided Mayor and Council a cost center organization chart of the Department of Public Works and a matrix of the General Fund. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the property tax funded and non-property tax funded, water and sewerage system revenue fund, gas system revenue fund, solid waste system revenue fund, storm water utility district revenue fund and capital requests.

❖ **Department of Recreation**

Mr. Gilmour supplied Mayor and Council hand-outs reflecting the Department of Recreation cost centers, a matrix of the General Fund reflecting the cost centers sustainability and attendance report. Mr. Gilmour noted most of the programs are self-sustaining.

❖ **Department of Administration**

Ms. King advised Mayor and Council that the Department of Administration did not have any objections to the three proposed budgets. Ms. King reported there were some internal changes made after the budget submission and she felt the department could move forward without a purchasing agent at this time. Ms. King reviewed the phone system request and stated after speaking with Mr. Gilmour the City could make some enhancements to the phone system. Ms. King discussed the impact the reduction budget would have on her department, particularly staffing.

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into executive session for real estate acquisition.

4. Executive Session entered at 6:54 p.m.: Council Member King moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Executive Session adjourned; Council regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held May 12, 2014 and reconvened into the council regular meeting.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-20 stating purpose of Executive Session held May 12, 2014 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on May 12, 2014 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2014-20 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
7. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened meeting held May 12, 2014 Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.