

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

July 9, 2013

5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the special meeting held July 9, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Randall Walker.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and Sarah L. Nottingham - Recording Secretary.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – Fire, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mary Beth Bass – Economic Development Coordinator, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Rick Kilgore- Director of Parks and Recreation and Jonathan Smith.

Guests: Ms. Mary Simon, Mr. Toney Holder and Ms. Vickie Graham.

Press: Ms. Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal.

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

- 3a. The follow up of Mayor and Council's March 2-13 planning session presentation was given by Ms. Mary Beth Bass- Director of Economic Development. The presentation reviewed the results the planning session, discussed the vision, priorities, common themes and issues/trends, provided a preliminary work plan, viewed examples from other communities and presented five options relative to the next steps.

For the next step Mayor and Council agreed to have additional meetings to address the options selected between option 2 and 3. The focus should be on identifying the gaps in certain area to help set the direction of the future plan.

City Manager recommended to Mayor and Council the next step is each member of council select two points to focus on specifics.

The next special meeting schedule for July 29, 2013

- 3b. The discussion of recreation commission covered the new member orientation, the power and duties, attendance, the importance of the commission and to end the suspension of meetings. Mr. Holder addressed Mayor and Council with his concerns relative to quorums and due diligence in the selection of members to the commission. Ms. Simon addressed Mayor and Council with her concerns relative to limiting the commission to being a booster club.

Mayor Faircloth viewed the recreation department as an integral part of the community. The commission has to function as a group of people with the vision, ideas and desire to take the recreation department to the next level.

Mayor and Council took under consideration ways to improve the new member orientation, the power and duties guidelines for the recreation commission, to set the right planning tools, descriptions and expectations in place to find the right people to help the board function properly.

4. Other items as needed: There were no reports from Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Posey and Council Members- William Jackson, Willie King, Phyllis Bynum-Grace and Riley Hunt.

Lee Gilmour – no report.

Department Heads- Chief Lynn, Mike Beecham, Brenda King, Chief Gray and Rick Kilgore – no report.

Mayor Faircloth informed council of his upcoming commitments relative to his scheduled absence at the next schedule meeting. He stated that his decision to postpone the executive session to the second meeting in August was to ensure that all council members are present.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the special meeting held on July 9, 2013, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.