

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 3, 2013**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held January 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None.

Staff Absent: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: Rick Kilgore – Director of Recreation, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Captain William Phelps – Police Department, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mary Beth Bass – Economic Development Coordinator and Annie Warren - Recording Secretary.

Guests: None.

Press: Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal, John Birdsong – WRWR and Wayne Crenshaw – Macon Telegraph.

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

a. Citizens' concerns:

Mr. Frank Lester relative stormwater. In Mr. Lester's absence, Mr. Beecham advised Council of Mr. Lester's concern relative paying the stormwater district fee when the City has not performed any stormwater maintenance in his subdivision (Somerset). Mr. Beecham provided a memo dated December 7, 2012 outlining the maintenance that has been performed in Somerset subdivision.

Mr. Bennie Collier relative railroad crossing in City of Perry. Mr. Beecham advised Council he contacted GDOT relative the railroad crossing on Commerce Street and was told by GDOT that railroad crossings are not their responsibility. Mr. Beecham also contacted the railroad but did not receive a response. Mayor Faircloth directed Mr. Beecham to ask for permission for the

City to fix the railroad crossings, get cost estimates and rank the crossings according to severity.

- b. Presentation relative proposed archery program – Ms. Lee Ford-Faherty. Postponed until January 14, 2013 work session.
  - c. Discuss possible removal of irrigation meters. Mr. Beecham briefed Council on the history of Highlands Ranch Subdivision irrigation meters and a customer's concern relative irrigation meters policy; consensus of Council to keep the current policy in place.
  - d. Consider agreement of Power of Attorney with Mr. Clifford Harpe relative sales tax refund on major water/sewer projects. Mayor Faircloth reviewed the proposed Power of Attorney agreement with Mr. Clifford Harpe relative sales tax refund on major water/sewer projects; consensus of Council to proceed with agreement subject to City Attorney's approval.
  - e. Review responses from stormwater consultants. Mr. Beecham reviewed memo dated December 26, 2012 that contained the stormwater consultants matrix and recommended the second lowest bidder, ESG Operations, Inc. due to concerns of methodology of the lowest bidder; consensus of Council to proceed with second lowest bidder, ESG Operations, Inc.
  - f. Consider developing a street lighting plan for Perry Parkway. Mr. Beecham reviewed the street lighting plan for Perry Parkway; consensus of Council to proceed with the street lighting plan for Perry Parkway.
4. Other items as needed:

Mayor Faircloth asked if any members of Council had any items for discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Jackson and Council Member Walker had no reports.

Council Member Hunt noted GDOT repaved Hwy341/Keith Drive.

Council Member King expressed his concerns relative the handicap accessibility ramp at the government building. A citizen went to the government building to vote but could not locate the handicap ramp. Mayor Faircloth advised the handicap accessibility ramp is located on the Carroll Street side of the building; Mayor Faircloth advised the City will send a note to the County Commissioners asking them to place directional signage on the doors relative the location of the handicap accessibility entrance.

Council Member Bynum-Grace noted the handicap ramps at Flash Foods Convenience Store and Zaxby's Restaurant on Sam Nunn Boulevard travels directly into the telegram poles. Mayor Faircloth advised this was done in anticipation of future sidewalks.

Council Member Posey provided an update on disc golf and reminded everyone of the tournament on January 26, 2013.

Mayor Faircloth's items –

- Perry Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month will be held at the Welcome Center on January 8, 2013 at 10:00am.
- Tops in Blues Concert at Warner Robins Civic Center, January 12, 2013 at 7:00pm.
- Robins Region Chamber Annual Meeting, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.
- Perry Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, January 31, 2013, 12noon.
- Reminder – State Ethics Election Forms are due by January 7, 2013.
- Perry Area Chamber of Commerce Dogwood Festival press conference, January 22, 2013, 10:00am.
- Walk with Mayor and Council, January 22, 2013, 5:30pm. Walk will begin at Welcome Park, travel to end of Carroll Street and return to Welcome Park. Ms. Bass advised DDA will walk with Mayor and Council.
- Mayors Day is the weekend of January 25 – 28, 2013.

Chief Gray advised all apparatus is up and running; end of year close out was busy; station construction is proceeding.

Captain Phelps – No report.

Mr. Rick Kilgore wished everyone a Happy New Year; basketball season began on Saturday and the facility is getting a new marquee.

Ms. Mary Beth Bass advised she has begun interviews, total of 14 candidates, the last round of interviews will be on January 8<sup>th</sup>; will be out of the office January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> with Ms. Campbell attending the Georgia Chamber Annual Meeting and Eggs and Issues Breakfast in Atlanta.

Mr. Michael Beecham stated Mr. Glen Hancock will be out of work for six weeks; any Public Works issues please contact him or Mr. Randy Christian.

Ms. Brenda King wished everyone a Happy New Year; final audit has been submitted to the State; provided an update of the status of property tax collection.

Mayor Faircloth -

- Inquired about natural gas station on Perry Parkway for Frito Lay; Mr. Beecham advised Frito Lay is reviewing proposals.
- Inquired about Stanley Furniture location; Mr. Beecham advised he met with Flash Foods representative several weeks ago but does not have an update.
- Request of Council to sign the t-shirts of the Perry Music Festival.

5. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. adjourned the work session meeting at 6:00 p.m.