

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
March 2, 2015  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held March 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Decius Aaron - Director of Public Works, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, and Robert Smith – Economic Development Director

Guests: Mr. Wilkes Evans, Mr. Travis Miller, Mr. David Loudermilk, Mr. Kenna Scragg, Ms. Cathy Shaw, Mr. Davis Cosey, Ms. Linda Cosey, Mr. Marty Myers, Dr. Scott Westmoreland, Ms. Janet Duffin, Ms. Angie Reed, Ms. Susan Scragg, Ms. Catherine Edgemon, Mr. Bill O’Neal, Ms. Terre Walker, and Mr. Keith Newton.

Press: Don Moncrief, Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Presentation from Parrish Construction Group relative services it can provide.

Mr. Evans, Mr. Miller and Mr. Loudermilk of Parrish Construction Group presented a PowerPoint presentation to Mayor and Council outlining the services they provide and offered their services to the City of Perry.

3b Mayor’s Stray Animal Task Force – Chief Lynn.

Mr. Kenna Scragg provided Mayor and Council an overview of the Mayor’s Stray Animal Task Force and the recommendation of the task force to construct a new animal control facility. Mayor Faircloth recommended to Council to review the information that was passed out and to be prepared for a follow up discussion at the April 6<sup>th</sup> work session. Council concurred with Mayor Faircloth’s recommendation.

3c. Consider new job classifications.

- Solid Waste Water Operator III
- Police Major

Chief Lynn and Mr. Aaron presented for Council's consideration two new job classifications for their respected departments. Council concurred to consider both job classifications as part of the FY 16 budget.

3d. Review proposed Main Street Board makeup.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed the Main Street Board request relative the proposed Main Street Board makeup. After discussion, Administration recommended establishing criteria and an appointment process for the Board. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation.

3e. Update on Thompson Road.

Mr. Gilmour referred Council to a letter dated February 20, 2015 from Attorney David Walker stating Council would have to abandon Thompson Road under state law, Thompson Road cannot be closed as previously proposed by Council. Administration recommended abandoning Thompson Road. Council concurred to begin the process of abandoning Thompson Road.

3f. Consider a request for natural gas service to the Woodlands Subdivision.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed Mr. Harold Deal's memo dated February 25<sup>th</sup> relative a request for natural gas service to the Woodlands Subdivision. After discussion, Mayor Faircloth requested Mr. Deal put together data relative capacity and an estimate of return for the investment of installing gas.

3g. Consider amending the business license fee.

Administration recommended to Council to amend the business license fee for produce stands vendors to be in line with other business (employees 1-2) license fee. Council concurred with Administration recommendation.

3h. Consider renaming a portion of Fairview Drive to Ag Village Boulevard.

Mr. Beecham advised Mayor and Council of a request from the developer to rename a portion of Fairview Drive to Ag Village Boulevard. Council concurred to proceed with the request to rename a portion of Fairview Drive to Ag Village Boulevard.

4. Department Head Items:

Chief Gray, Ms. King and Mr. Beecham had no reports.

Chief Lynn reported Officer Alan Arflin's wife had a baby boy.

Mr. Aaron stated today was the first day of CDL training at public works.

Mr. Smith advised Mayor and Council of the commercial filming in the downtown area this past Friday; the final housing and retail marketing analysis and it will be presented to Mayor and Council at a future work session.

Mr. Gilmour requested the extension of two hundred hours of sick leave to Detective Andrew Dodson. Council concurred with the extension of two hundred hours of sick leave.

Mr. Gilmour advised Mayor and Council that the recreation staff was approached by a parent to get a refund for a recreation program. Administration recommended following City policy. Council concurred with the recommendation of Administration.

5. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace and Council Members Walker, Jones, Hunt and Jackson had no reports.

Council King inquired about Westwood Trailer Park. Mr. Beecham advised the owners will go to court in April.

Mayor Faircloth - No report

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the March 2, 2015 work session meeting at 6:55 p.m.