

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
March 4, 2013  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held March 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Fire Chief Joel Gray – Perry Fire & Emergency Services, Police Chief Steve Lynn, Brenda King – Director of Administration, and Trisha McMillan - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Penrose Wolf, Ms. Ford-Faherty, Mr. Rowell, Mr. William Milby, Mr. John Pearce

Press: Ms. Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal, Ms. Becky Purser, Macon Telegraph

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

3a. Muse Theatre- Mr. William Milby and Mr. John Pearce gave a brief presentation of their plans for the Muse Theatre. Because the theatre was going to be foreclosed it was purchased by Mr. Marty Myers until Mr. Milby and Mr. Pearce can raise the funds to buy it. Mr. Myers is using the building as an antique mall right now but it will be moved to another location when they take over ownership. The two men plan to have fundraisers and hope to get grants to allow them to raise the \$130,000 they need. They stressed that their main goal is to give back to Perry and to make the Theatre affordable for families after restoration.

3b. Review of alternate transportation route additions.  
Mr. Gilmour reviewed the alternate transportation route additions with the Council stating that it will make it a lot easier to get around Perry. He hopes that some of the monies will come from the construction part of the grant. Council concurred with additions/adjustments.

- 3c. Consider adjusting traffic flow on Ball Street  
It was recommended by Mr. Gilmour that parking be removed from the east side (Georgia Power Co.) of Ball Street between Main Street and Gilmer Street. The County plans to make infrastructure improvements on Ball St. between Duncan Ave. and Main St. These improvements will help with the log trucks. Council concurred to proceed.
- 3d. Perry Fire Department
- 1) Part time firefighter's proposal – Chief Gray addressed the Council regarding the criteria of the part-time firefighters. It has become more and more difficult to backfill absentees. Although the shift will be offered to our present firefighters, most of them have second jobs and cannot always fill the shifts. If we are allowed to hire part-time people they would only come from Warner Robins, Peach County or have once worked for Perry and left in good-standing. The study that Chief Gray has done shows we would save \$37,300 hiring part-time help. Also, because they work for other established fire stations we would not be liable to keep their certification up. If someone should apply outside this group he/she would be reviewed by our standards. Chief Gray does not think he will have any problem filling these positions because of the interest that has already been shown. The Council concurred to proceed.
  - 2) Update on ISO rating – According to Chief Gray the equipment has been ordered that we needed to comply with ISO. After checking our hydrants we found that 65 need to be replaced and an addition of two. The estimated cost will be \$150,000. Per Mr. Gilmour this work should be done within a year. After completion ISO will be called to revisit hydrants. This can be funded through the 06 SPLOST and/or 12 SPLOST.  
Fire Department staffing- Chief Gray recommends that we add one person to each truck making a total of 4 per truck at Station #1. We will need an additional 12 firefighters for Station #2. Even though Station #2 had been started when ISO was here it was not staffed so we received no credit for it. Because ISO does not have a grace period we have already seen insurance increases in the area. Council will take this issue under advisement.
- 3e. Review of Archery Program - Ms. Ford-Faherty gave a summary of the tournament winnings and how they placed. She told the Council that she has written letters to the Sports Center to see if they would build an indoor range for approximately 76 archers. According to Mr. Kilgore, archery can be scheduled on Wednesday or Friday, at the Worrall Center. Calhoun Park is the designated outdoor site and per Mr. Kilgore, the tennis courts will not be affected. The Council gave their approval to proceed, subject to conditions outlined by Mr. Gilmour.
- 3f. Review of role of Perry Recreation Commission - Mr. Kilgore gave an update of the Recreation Commission. The meetings have been changed from monthly to quarterly but there is still a problem with attendance and members

have failed to have a quorum. Communication is not good and members are not able to make decisions. The Mayor and Council agree that we need to have the appropriate personnel on the commission. Mr. Gilmour thinks we need to disband the Commission because this has been an on-going issue and get some feed-back from parents, relative to the facilities and programs. It was unanimously agreed upon to put this item on the Agenda for the Council meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> and vote whether or not to disband the Commission for now.

3g. Consider request from Horseshoe Club – According to Mr. Kilgore, Recreation Department, the new President of the Horseshoe Club is making demands on the City. Until now the Horseshoe Club maintained their space at Rozar Park, keeping it locked when they were not using it. Because they have an upcoming tournament they have asked for more space to put mobile pits on. It was suggested by Council that they be given room on the baseball/soccer field. Mr. Gilmour suggested we do an Agreement between the City and Horseshoe Club after the tournament.

3h. Review closeout plan for Hafly Recycling Center – Because of the City's success with curbside recycling Mr. Gilmour has recommended that we close the facility at Hafly Park. The recycling trailer will be transferred to the Public Works yard and the sanitation office will be relocated to the Tucker Road site when gas personnel shift to new building. This is scheduled to happen in mid-March. Council concurred.

4. Other items as needed:

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

Council Member Randall Walker – No report.

Council Member William Jackson – No report.

Council Member Riley Hunt – No report.

Council Member Willie King – Asked about the Gaines Drive/Westwood Trailer Park project and sidewalk in Creekwood. Mr. Gilmour stated that we are waiting on funds for this project.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Posey – No report.

Mr. Kilgore – Recreation Department is in the middle of March madness. The 11 and 12 year old girls and boys had a good season. The message board is finished for disc golf.

Ms. King stated she sent bids out to 11 people for the side by side vehicle for Police Department and received no bids. Per Chief Lynn they will look at their original bid

proposal and specs again. Also, Ms. King reported that Tyler Technical has installed hardware, short-cuts have been put on computers and the server's been installed.

Mr. Beechum stated that there have been many Temporary Clothing Bins put in different locations all over the city in the last few weeks. He has not been able to get any definite information and will be pursuing this issue with the Planning Commission next Monday and report back to Council.

Chief Lynn followed up on the license plate recorder. They have looked at 3 systems and will have demo-units installed to evaluate.

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

5. Executive Session entered at 7:00p.m.: Council Member Hunt moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. Executive Session adjourned; Council regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held March 4, 2013 and reconvened into the council regular meeting.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-08 stating purpose of Executive Session held March 4, 2013 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Mayor Pro Tempore Posey moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on March 4, 2013 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2013-08 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
8. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened meeting held March 4, 2013, Council Member Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.