

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

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro- Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held May 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney, David Walker and Recording Clerk, Nancy Graham

City Departmental Staffing: Deputy Chief David Staton – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mary Beth Bass – Economic Development Director, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development.

Guests: Ms. Terre Walker and Mr. Charles Branch

Press: Don Moncrief, Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro – Tempore Randall Walker.

Council concurred to deviate from the order of the agenda

3c. Discussion of personal care home issue: City Attorney David Walker advised Council relative to the City's options on the personal care home issue. Attorney Walker advised that an entity seeking to establish a facility serving disabled persons in an R-1 or R2 residential district must comply with the City of Perry Land Development Ordinance establishing zoning districts and regulating the uses of land therein. However, the City is subject to the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The City must make reasonable accommodations in the application of its zoning ordinance. In addition, Attorney Walker advised that the City cannot handle an entity seeking to establish a facility serving disabled persons in an R-1 or R-2 residential district in a manner similar to a home occupation.

Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. arrived at 5:15 p.m.  
Attorney Walker left at 5:18 p.m.

- 3a. Discussion of the gun law impact – Chief Lynn: Chief Lynn advised Mayor and Council of the changes for cities in Georgia’s New Gun Legislation. The law is effective July 1, 2014. A handout was provided.
- 3d. Consider responses for Council audit: Ms. King presented to Council a scoring summary based on proposals that were submitted offering their professional auditing services. Ms. King recommended Mauldin & Jenkins. Council concurred.
- 3c. Establish budget hearings schedule: Council agreed to the following budget hearings schedule: May 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.; May 27, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.; June 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
- 3e. Consider proposal from Retail Strategies relative to provision of certain services: Mr. Charles Branch, representative from Retail Strategies presented his proposal outlining what Retail Strategies has to offer to the City of Perry relative to market analysis, strategic planning and retail recruitment.

Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. left at 6:15 p.m.

4. Department Head Items:

Deputy Chief Dave Stanton, Ms. King, and Mr. Beecham – No report

Ms. Bass

- Thank you to Council and departments for their help relative to the Sandhill Cleanup on May 3, 2014 (official GICH kickoff).
- The Chamber of Commerce’s welcome reception for Geraldine McLendon will be on May 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber.

Chief Lynn advised that he along with Lt. Ezell and the Georgia Department of Revenue, performed compliance checks of IDs. Out of the twenty-six (26) establishments checked, none sold alcohol to the underage. He also met with Perry Downtown Merchants Association relative to an application for a special event alcohol license for their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual wine tasting event scheduled for June 6, 2014. This item will appear on the regular meeting agenda scheduled for May 6, 2014.

5. Council Member Items:

Council Members Bynum-Grace, Posey and Jackson – No report

Council Member Hunt advised that the pavilion was rented for an event he attended on April 27, 2014. He stated that the trash cans had not been emptied and the area was not in good condition. Mr. Gilmour stated he will investigate.

Mayor Pro-Tempore advised Council of the Reception for Council Member Bynum-Grace’s retirement from the Houston County school system on May 7, 2014 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Gilmour – No report

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker adjourned the May 5, 2014 work session meeting at 6:30 p.m.