

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
August 4, 2014  
**5:05 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held August 4, 2014 at 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, and Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development

Guests: Captain Bill Phelps and Ms. Darlene McLendon – President/CEO Perry Area Chamber of Commerce

Press: Don Moncrief, Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of sound system proposals for Council Chambers: Mayor Faircloth advised this item be postponed until the next work session.

3b. Consideration of sign request from Central Georgia Technical College: Central Georgia Technical College requested permission to install their sign at Rozar Park. A photo of the sign was provided to Mayor and Council. Mr. Gilmour expressed concern that a number of other contracted programs may have similar requests; therefore he recommended the installation of one sign (opposed to a series of individual signs) listing the programs offered at Rozar Park. Council concurred installing one sign listing the programs offered at Rozar Park.

3c. Review proposed market study request: Mr. Gilmour provided a draft of the proposed market study request proposal to determine the feasible options for the central city retail and housing options. Council advised to proceed with the market study.

3d. Consider modification to fire fee: Mr. Gilmour advised there are certain locations served with one (1) master meter that has more than one moderate risk, significant risk, or maximum risk structure. After a detailed discussion relative to applying a fire fee maximum to each structure rather than the meter, the consensus of the Council was to

continue with the current calculation for multiple structures attached to a master meter which will be capped at \$400.00 per month.

- 3e. Consider downtown sidewalk proposal: Council agreed to the installation of brick sidewalks, over time, as highlighted on the attachment provided with an extension where Commerce Street, Carroll Street, and Main Street converge.
- 3f. Review strategic plan: Due to reservations relative to definitive statements outlined in the Strategic Plan, it was the consensus of Mayor and Council to consider the plan for adoption at the next meeting following the review for changes/adjustments by Mr. Gilmour and Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker.
- 3g. Review proposed guidelines for alcoholic beverage use at City facilities: Mr. Gilmour provided a suggested list of criteria when reviewing requests for alcoholic consumption at a City facility. In addition Chief Lynn's submitted the following: (1) Consider a prohibition against mingling alcohol events with youth events at the same location and (2) Take some stance on underage consumption. It was the consensus of Council to proceed as outlined, including Chief Lynn's suggestions. Council agreed to move forward as outlined.
- 3h. Discuss role of stormwater utilities inspectors: At the July 14, 2014 work session, Mr. Beecham outlined what is required of the City since its designation as an MS4 community. One of the requirements is an inspector. Council authorized posting of job for an inspector. An added value would be this person will provide assistance in code enforcement.
- 3i. Review of street resurfacing list (LMIG): The Georgia Department of Transportation is requesting a list of City streets the Council desires to be resurfaced and accomplished with the FY 15 State allocation. Mr. Gilmour provided a priority listing of streets in need of resurfacing. Mr. Gilmour also advised that streets could be added to the list prior to the August 5, 2014 Council meeting for adoption.
- 3j. Discussion of city economic development incentives: Mr. Gilmour provided to Council a copy of an email from Ms. Gheesling relative to recent construction in Dublin Georgia and the city's aggressive approach in targeting new businesses in Dublin. Mr. Gilmour provided an outline of what the City of Perry has to offer as economic incentives.

4. Department Head Items:

Chief Gray and Mr. Beecham – No reports

Council Members Items:

Council Member Hunt advised a discussion relative to log trucks on Ball Street is necessary.

Council Member King inquired relative to the project at Westwood. Mr. Gilmour advised that Mr. Mullins has been notified by certified mail that the stormwater project is complete and he can begin his improvements.

Council Member Bynum-Grace advised the train conductor does not blow the whistle in a timely manner to allow those crossing adequate time to respond.

Council Member Walker advised that Creekwood Drive should be added to the LMIG list.

Council Member Jackson – No report

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth adjourned the August 4, 2014 work session meeting at 6:35 p.m.