

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
September 30, 2013  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held September 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: none

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – 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, and Recording Secretary, Nancy Graham

Guests: Mr. Paul Armistead

Press: None

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

3a. Request blockage of city street. On behalf of Notting Hill Homeowners' Association, Mr. Armistead requested closing of the road between the Notting Hill and Sutton Place subdivisions. He presented to Council examples of barriers, such as fencing, planter boxes and a concrete surface. Chief Gray cautioned that certain barriers, although not a problem for the trucks, could be a problem for the patrol cars to make it over. After much discussion, Council concluded that it is not feasible to block off the road. Mr. Armistead also stated another issue in his neighborhood is speeding. Council advised Mr. Armistead to go back to the Association relative to the installation of additional speed bumps, understanding they will not be taken up at a later time because the residents feel they have become a nuisance.

3b. Discuss possible shift of maintenance for elevated water tanks. Mr. Gilmour advised Council of a memorandum from Sharon Kelly, ESG Operations, relative to maintenance of the City's elevated tanks. ESG Operations is proposing assuming responsibility for the City's five elevated tanks. ESG believes they can save the City money and there would be better control of scheduling. Council advised Mr. Gilmour to proceed by sending a letter to Utility Services Company stating the City may not be renewing its

agreement, satisfying the 120 days notice. This will allow the City time to review its options.

- 3c. Consider installation of security cameras at certain parks. Perry parks considered for security cameras are as follows: Johnny Noble Dixon Park, Willie Teonate Williams Park, Oldfield Park and Barbara Calhoun Park. Mr. Gilmour provided cost breakdown. Equipment will be \$10,000, to be paid from the SPLOST; maintenance plan option (gold is recommended); Georgia Power fee and poles installation which cannot be paid from SPLOST.

Council had questions relative to what is included in the maintenance plan, such as, if there is a history of recordings, the quality of the images, etc. Council advised Mr. Gilmour to gather more information from BTV Systems to satisfy their questions before a decision is made.

- 3d. Discuss possible funding options for additional firefighters. The most recent ISO review states if the City does not add an additional eighteen (18) firefighters to its staff, the ISO rating will be increased. The projected first year annual cost to add these positions is \$1,012,800. Mr. Gilmour advised that grants are not available, which leaves the City with the following options: (1) increase millage rate to pay for the staff; (2) establish fire protection fee; (3) pay a portion from property tax and a portion from fee.

After much discussion, the Council advised Mr. Gilmour to prepare other variations to present at the next work session.

- 3e. Follow up discussion relative to a request to make adjustment to sick leave and annual leave accruals. The City's current annual leave accrual limit is 160 hours, except for PFD which is 244 based on the 24 hour shifts that firefighters work. Chief Lynn recommended to Council to increase annual leave accrual limits to 240 and 366 hours respectively. The current limit for sick leave is 640 and 896 for PFD. The recommended increase is 1280 and 1792 hours respectively.

Council agreed to forward this item to the October 1, 2013 Council Meeting agenda for vote.

- 3f. Discuss setting date for Davis Farm Fire Station dedication. Davis Farm Fire Station dedication will be October 26, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

- 3g. Update on stormwater impact fee implementation. Mr. Gilmour provided a matrix prepared by the City's consultant that outlined changes proposed in the stormwater utility district and a breakdown of the fees. Notices have been sent to customers who will have an adjustment of more than \$8.00 a month. They are set up in a series of different groups such as hotel/motel, rental/commercial property, churches, etc. This will provide an opportunity for them to ask questions. Credits for detention and retention ponds are included. Every property that is occupied and has a meter is charged.

Customers were also sent the stormwater utility district fund proposed budget, anticipating questions relative to how the money will be spent, and Stormwater System Capital Improvement, outlining projects that could have been paid by a stormwater utility district, if it existed, projects eligible for stormwater district funding, and projects paid from stormwater utility district.

Projected revenue is approximately \$400,000, which will go into a fund designated for stormwater projects only.

Copies of the proposed fee schedules were provided to Mayor and Council.

4. Other items as needed:

Council Member Hunt – No report

Council Member King

- Mr. King inquired about the status of the Creekwood sidewalk. Mr Gilmour stated it should be going out for bid soon.
- Westwood –Mr. Gilmour stated that all utilities in the easement have been located and the consultant engineer is making adjustments based on their location.

Council Member Bynum-Grace – No report

Mayor Pro-Tempore Posey – No report

Council Member Walker – Inquired as to why there isn't any fall planting. Mr. Jackson stated he was looking for basket liners.

Council Member Jackson – No report

Mr. Gilmour – (Recreation and Leisure) – Mr. Gilmour suggested, as part of Council's planning session, to invite guests from around the state such as GRPA to come in and give ideas about what is going on in different parks in the state and nationwide trends. Council agreed that this would be beneficial.

Mayor Faircloth – Reminder of the upcoming Georgia National Fair.

Ms. King – (software conversion) Advised all applications are completed; still working and balancing the property tax digest, and bills should be mailed by October 7, 2013.

Ms. Bass

- Farm Day Parade is October 7, 2013 (line up is 9:00 a.m.)
- Buzzard Drop Press Conference is October 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. on the courthouse square
- Ashley Marie's Boutique and Cossart Designs' ribbon cutting is October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m.
- Business of the Month (Frito Lay) is October 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Beecham - On October 1, 2013, the contractor will begin replacing the roofs of the water plant and 2 buildings at the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Beecham also stated the employee building is under construction and the estimated completion date is November 1, 2013.

Chief Lynn – Advised the side by side is being equipped and ready for duty.

Chief Gray – No report

Mayor Faircloth entertained at motion to enter into an executive session for pending litigation.

5. Executive Session entered at 7:20 p.m. Council Member King moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. Executive Session adjourned; Council work session meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held September 30, 2013 and reconvened into the Council's work session meeting.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-43. stating purpose of Executive Session held September 30, 2013 was to discuss pending litigation. Council Member King moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on September 30, 2013 was to discuss pending litigation. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2013-43 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 work session meeting held September 30, 2013, Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.