

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
October 20, 2014  
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held October 20, 2014 at 5:01 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Captain William Phelps – Police Department, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development and Brenda King – Director of Administration.

City Support Staff: Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator and John Schell – Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

Guests: Minister Mary Lou Simon, Edward Simon, Anderson Willis, Lossie Glover, Keith Newton, Teresa Mitchell, Carl Lumpkin, Jim Mehserle, John Hulbert, and Darlene McLendon.

Press: Mr. Don Moncrief, Houston Home Journal

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker deviated from the agenda to recognize the residents of Creekwood Drive relative to their concerns pertaining to the sidewalks project.

Minster Mary Lou Simon of 1103 Creekwood Drive expressed her disappointment with the work performed relative to the sidewalks project, i.e. lack of green space, placement of the mailboxes not in code according to the postal service regulations, no curbing and water running under the pavement near Utility Service, Inc.

Mr. Anderson Willis of 1107 Creekwood Drive commented on the information provided by the postal service relative to mailboxes, retaining walls, dumping excess concrete from the trucks on the sidewalk and covering over it, no curbing, width of the sidewalks and the sidewalks in Creekwood are different from the sidewalks in other neighborhoods.

Ms. Lossie Glover of 1104 Bonner Drive provided pictures of the sidewalks and asked if Council could get the items discussed corrected. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker asked Ms. Glover to email the photos to Administration.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker advised the residents Council would follow up with the contractor and report back their findings.

3a. Presentation from the Worrall Foundation representatives' relative to Heritage Park.

Mr. John Hulbert and Mr. Jim Mehserle presented a concept plan relative to Heritage Park for Council's consideration. Mr. Hunt inquired if they would consider a possible water park. It was the consensus of Council to place the concept plan on Council's October 21<sup>st</sup> regular agenda for approval.

3b. Review of criteria from Perry GICH for evaluation of LIHTC requests. Mr. Beecham reviewed the Perry GICH proposed LIHTC policy and developer criteria. Council concurred with the Perry GICH proposed developer criteria for reviewing LIHTC applications.

3c. Consider the next phase of sewer main improvements. Mr. Gilmour reviewed Ryan Bode's memo dated September 12, 2014 relative to concrete asbestos sewer pipes on several streets. Mr. Bode recommended the City of Perry consider CIPP lining the four roads to prevent I&I, road cave-in's and other hazards associated with pipe failure. Administration recommended Council add this project to sewer main improvements which will be funded by SPLOST Water and Sewer. Council concurred to add this project to the sewer main improvements.

3d. Discussion of accessory dwelling units. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the recommendation from the Perry Planning Commission relative to the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 102 – Accessory Dwelling Units. Mr. Gilmour discussed the pros and cons of the amendment. It was the consensus of Council to deny the request to amend Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 102 – Accessory Dwelling Units.

3e. Discuss descriptive criteria for alternative transportation routes. Council deferred to the pre council meeting.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda Items:

4a. Discuss improvements to Ball Street / truck routes. Council deferred to the pre council meeting.

4b. Discuss possible funding of hanger improvements for Perry-Houston County Airport. Council deferred to the pre council meeting.

4c. Discuss possible options for frontage road construction. Council deferred to the pre council meeting.

4d. Discussion of the Perry Music Festival. Council deferred to pre council meeting.

5. Department Head Items:

Captain Phelps announced the Zombie Run will be held at the Guardian Center on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; during the last day of the Fair there were a number of juvenile fights and Treats and Sweets on Downtown Streets will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Brenda King reported the property tax bills were mailed out on October 18<sup>th</sup> with a due date of December 20<sup>th</sup> and the audit is coming along.

Chief Gray stated he is working through the preparations for the start of the new firefighters in November. The new apparatus is leaving Minnesota and is scheduled to arrive in Perry on Friday.

Michael Beecham advised his department received a request from a developer to place a structure in the right-of-way in The Woodlands Subdivision. Mr. Keith Newton of 111 Jadeston Court, presented the concept drawing of the structure for the right-of-way. Council concurred to approve in the request of Mr. Newton to place a structure in the right-of-way of The Woodlands Subdivision with the stipulation the City will not be responsible for the maintenance of the structure and there is no utility conflict.

Decius Aaron reported a retirement reception will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at noon to honor Glenn Hancock and requested two of the older computers for rainy day training of personnel when the new computers come in.

Catherine Edgemon thanked everyone who came out to the Town Hall meeting.

Mr. Gilmour advised Council of the Middle Georgia Regional Leadership Championship Program and asked Council to think about a candidate to send to the program.

6. Council Member Items:

Council Members King, Hunt and Jackson had no reports.

Council Member Bynum-Grace commended Mr. Aaron for hitting the ground running with rainy day training.

7. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session meeting held October 20, 2014, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.