

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 18, 2013

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held November 18, 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.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Mary Beth Bass – Economic Development Director, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, and Recording Clerk, Sarah L. Nottingham.

Guests: Utility Service Company Inc.(representatives- Dave Forrester, Lee Smallwood, Rod Weaver and Jeff George), ESG Inc .-(representatives- Sharon Kelly, Chad McMurrin and Ryan Bode), Tish Hayward, Alton Ellis, Becky Wood and Walt Wood.

Press: Chris Hogan – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Presentation from Utility Service Company Inc. relative maintenance of city's water tanks.

Dave Forrester acknowledged the receipt of the letter from The City of Perry relative to other options in maintaining the water tank maintenance services. Jeff George presented an overview of the creation, growth and scope of services Utility Service Company has provided to the community of Perry. He stated that the company appreciated the business of the City of Perry and would like to discuss any concerns or thoughts relative to the scope of services. Mr. George expressed that Utility Service Company Inc. would like to continue to be the water tank maintenance services provider. Mayor Faircloth thanked the representatives for the services that have been provided and making Council aware of any thoughts and concerns.

3b. Tish Hayward presented a request for her son Casey Hayward of the Green Bay Packers; partnering with Perry Volunteer Outreach. Her request to Council was to use a City facility to host a Mixture (Mix and Meeting) to collect donations and gifts for the Perry Volunteer Outreach. The date and location would be base on the availability of the selected facility. Mayor Faircloth asked that she meet with Mr. Gilmour on the availability of the Perry Art Center or Rozar Park. Council agreed to Ms. Hayward's

request based on the availability of two facilities and that she inform the council of the final decision.

- 3c. Mr. Gilmour requested the authorization for approval to bid:
- 1) The paving/repairing for portion of South Street and portion of Duncan Ave. and advised that the funding would come from SPLOST 12.
 - 2) The need to replace the roof shingles and gutters on the Public Safety Building and advised that the funding would come from the General Construction Fund.
Council concurred with his requests.
- 3d. Alton Ellis presented Todd Oxyer as the demonstrator of a three cannon display exhibit. He explained the construction and the operation of the cannons in the parking lot of the City Hall. The presentation was taken under advisement by Council.
- 3e. Mary Beth Bass presented to Council her idea for the use of the Jaycees building. She stated that there is a need for general meeting space. The building can be utilized by the community and engage the public as a gateway to downtown. Council member Jackson suggested that it be part of the master facility long term plan. Council requested more information and overview of funding for further review.
- 3f. Michael Beecham updated Council of the status of the wayfinding signage program. He stated that the D.O.T. maximum size for one sign one pole was 24" x 24" in the right-of-way. He contacted Shelia Jones (Perry Area Convention & Visitor Bureau) with the information and her concern was that the size would not be large enough. She stated that she would meet with a consultant in December prior to submitting her determining what size sign she would be requesting. Through discussion by Council, it was suggested the some inquiries be made with other locations relative to their wayfinding signage program and what would be the maximum spacing.
- 3g. Mr. Gilmour requested Council consider possible exemptions from the stormwater utility district. In reviewing the Stormwater Utility District boundaries and the City's responsibilities in maintaining the stormwater system; there are some parcels that can be excluded. The Administration recommends that Council consider excluding parcels that meet all four criteria: 1) Parcel(s) have an acceptable stormwater collection/retention system on site, 2) Abut, including GDOT right-of-way, unincorporated parcels. 3) The City is not directly responsible for maintaining any of the stormwater discharge system. 4) Owner/operator is responsible for on-site stormwater system. Council concurred with recommendations.
- 3h. Mr. Gilmour presented to Council a picture of a Veterans' Memorial sculpture created by Bob Taylor. He requested the consideration to install the sculpture in the proposed Veterans' Park. It was the consensus of Council that the sculpture will be placed in storage until a location of the Veterans' Park has been determined.
- 3i. Mayor Faircloth presented to Council, based on historical data, if it's Council is desire to cancel the second meetings in December due to the Christmas holidays. Council

member Hunt recommended that the December 16th and 17th meetings be cancelled, subject to urgent matters requiring a called meeting by the Mayor. It was the consensus of Council to cancel the meetings subject to calling a meeting if required to address specific issues.

- 3j. Mr. Gilmour presented to Council the potential impact of the Affordable Care Act relative to part time and seasonal employees. His recommendation to Council is that all part time and seasonal employees cannot exceed 25 hours a week. A notice will be sent out to other agencies that are on the payroll of the City. He stated that this will be effective immediately. Council concurred.

4. Other items as needed:

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

Council members Hunt, Bynum-Grace and Jackson did not have any reports.

Mayor Pro Tempore Posey did not have any report.

No report from Chief Gray, Chief Lynn, B. King.

Council Member King inquired of Ms. Bass relative to the arrival of Samuel L. Jackson and to Mr. Gilmour relative to the Creekwood's bid process.

Council Member Walker inquired of Mr. Beecham relative to the plans for the Goodroe's house. M. Beecham informed him that the plans had been forwarded to the Planning Commission for approval of the demolition. Mayor Faircloth inquired about the option for someone to purchase the wood.

Mr. Gilmour presented to Council with the clarification and findings relative to the data for the water/sewer system consumption rate adjustments and rate increases. The comparison of the recent water/sewer consumption rate increase with examples attached to show the before and after of the impact. He requested this comparison to be mailed out to customers to explain why the increase was necessary. It was the consensus of Council for more time to review the documents.

Mr. Gilmour informed Council of the foreclosure on a house own by the City of Perry. He informed the Council of the tenant's request to continue to live in the house until a determination has been made. Mayor and Council asked to review more information relative to the property and investment documents to make the determination.

Mr. Gilmour requested clarification on how to address insurance claims relative to a sewer backup connected at the main. Would the City or the customer have the responsibility? Mr. Gilmour recommended that it would be the City's responsibility. Council concurred with the recommendation.

Mary Beth Bass asked did she need to submit an application for the tram to be used in the Christmas parade on December 7th at 4:00pm for Council. It was the consensus of Council to ride in the fire truck during the parade.

Mary Beth Bass formerly thanked and congratulated Council for the support received in the announcement of the Main Street Program and the GICH (Georgia Initiative Community Housing Program).

Mike Beecham informed Council relative to the receipt of a new plan to relocate the David Reagan Car Dealership.

5. Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into an executive session for real estate acquisition.
6. Executive Session: Council member King moved to adjourn the work session meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Posey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Meeting ended at 6:40 pm.
7. Executive Session adjourned: Council adjourned the Executive Session held November 18, 2013 at 7:10 pm.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-49 stating purpose of Executive Session held November 18, 2013 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council member Bynum-Grace moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on, November 18, 2013 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2013-49 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).