

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
May 18, 2015  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace called to order the work session meeting held May 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development and Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works

Guests: Captain Bill Phelps, Ms. Darlene McLendon, Lt. Jack Johnson and Lt. James Buck

Press: Don Moncrief – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro – Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace

3a. Consider transferring restricted account money to FOPAS: Mr. Gilmour reminded Council of the City's restricted account that tracks animal adoption fees and animal care donations which use is restricted to paying for neutering/spaying and identification chips. Monies are collected by FOPAS through its adoption process. Mr. Gilmour referred Council to the memo outlining the balances of the account as of March 31 and April 30, 2015. Mr. Gilmour stated that the authorized agreement has not been signed and he expressed concern relative to the City's exposure. It was the consensus of the Council to give FOPAS until July 1, 2015 to finalize the agreement and if it is not signed by that date, the balance of the account will be transferred to FOPAS.

Mayor Faircloth arrived and took over the meeting.

3b. Update on street railroad crossings: Mr. Gilmour referred Mayor and Council to the memo outlining the cost estimate for improvements to the crossings on Commerce Street, Main Street, and Carroll Street and an update relative to the GDOT completion

of repairs to the railroad crossing on Commerce Street. It was the consensus of Council that Administration formally requests a detailed drawing which specifically addresses the issues discussed by Council. This is to include the pedestrian side as well.

3c. Ag Village Request: Mr. Smith referred Council to the memo from The Loudermilk Companies with the following requests: (1) speed limit reduction between I-75 and Highway 41 on Perry Parkway from 55 mph to 35 mph and (2) City take ownership and responsibility of forty-nine (49) street lights once installed in the Ag Village. It was the consensus of Council to reduce the speed limit to 45 mph for now and to assume ownership of the lights as long as they meet the City's standard criteria and that they are on the public right of way.

3d. Department(s) FY 16 Budget Presentations: The following presented to Council their FY 16 Budget Presentations followed by a question and answer session: Mr. Smith, Department of Economic Development; Chief Gray, Perry Fire and Emergency Services and Chief Lynn, Perry Police Department.

4. Department Head Items:

Chief Gray, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Beecham – No report

Mr. Aaron thanked those that supported the health fair as part of the events celebrating Public Works Week. He also stated the litter cleanup will take place on Macon Road and the essay contest winners would be recognized at the next regular meeting of the council.

Ms. King advised that she received a request from Mr. Mark Riley, Riley Construction Company to waive 2011 – 2014 personal property taxes and penalty/ interest totaling \$302.40. Mr. Riley stated that the company was not in business during the aforementioned years. It was the consensus of Council to write off \$302.40 and place it on the next regular meeting agenda of council.

Chief Lynn advised that several of his staff attended Sheriff Jerry Modena's funeral.

5. Council Member Items: No report from Council Members Hunt, Jackson and Walker.

Council Member King advised he talked earlier to Mr. Beecham relative to an update on the Westwood Project.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bynum- Grace and Council Member Jones advised that they attended and enjoyed the health fair.

Mr. Gilmour and Attorney Walker – No report

Mayor Faircloth attended the health fair and reminded those present of the Perry Public Library dedication on May 21, 2015 and the Walk with Mayor and Council is May 26, 2015.

Chamber of Commerce – Ms. McLendon extended an invitation to Business After Hours on May 28, 2015 at the Perry Historical Society at 5:30 p.m.; PLI – Day In The Park on May 30, 2015 at 11:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Park

6. Adjourn – There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the May 18, 2015 work session meeting at 6:22 p.m.