

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 4, 2019**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held February 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, Assistant City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Gail Price.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Annie Warren – City Clerk, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Bryan Wood – Director Community Development, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Director, Michael Paull – Battalion Chief, Brenda King – Director of Finance, Major William Phelps – Police Department, Captain Heath Dykes – Police Department, Captain James Buck – Police Department, Haley Myers – Special Event Coordinator, Detective Jason Jones – Police Department, Chad McMurrian – Lead Engineer Technician, and Ansley Fitzner – Landscape Manager

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Sharon Kelly, Ryan Bode, and Dan Groselle – ESG Operations Inc., Burk Murph – GWES, LLC, and Darlene McLendon

Media: Ms. Cheri Adams and Madeline Maynor –Houston Home Journal.

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

3a. Appearance(s):

1. Presentation relative to Cambridge Drive sewer: Mr. Murph presented a project presentation of the Cambridge Drive Sewer. The purpose of this study is to evaluate sewer capacity issues encompassing a significant area of multi-family and single residential, and commercial properties. The city staff feedback was alternative number 7.
2. Presentation of downtown parking study: Mr. Boike presented a presentation of the City of Perry downtown parking study. The study

focused on the downtown core area bounded by Commerce Street, Main Street, and Macon Road.

3b. Community Development Department:

1. Discussion of Legacy and Heritage Parks: Mr. McMurrin and Ms. Fitzner discussed the Perry Parks Projects - Heritage Park and Legacy Park. They discussed the different designs and materials that could be used. Council concurred to redesign for cost savings.

\* Mayor Faircloth arrived and presided over the meeting.

3c. Office of City Manager:

1. Discussion of water and wastewater capacity: Mr. Gilmour discussed the Houston County Authority questioning the wastewater and water potential capacity that the city had with the permit. City advised that on the numbers that they were asking for we were ok and had no problem with that. Other than the fact we would have to shift over to 24/7 on the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Gilmour suggested putting together guidelines and a formal policy. Council concurred.

3d. Public Works Department:

1. Discussion options relative to well #1: Ms. Kelly and Mr. Bode discussed the repairs needed to well number 1. A new well could be drilled and the cost would be around \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00 or could be repaired for an estimated amount of \$43,580.00. Staff's recommendation to consider the repair quote provided by Layne Atlantic to repair well #1. This item will be brought before Council on February 5, 2019.
2. Landfill leachate disposal proposal – Mr. Groselle asked for permission to run a pilot study relative to leachate.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

4a. Police Department:

1. Consider authorizing drug enforcement agent: Chief Lynn presented drug stats and requested to revisit the detective position. Chief Lynn requested funding for a detective position. Mr. Gilmour said the millage rate would have to be increased to fund this position. Mayor Pro Tempore stated he is not comfortable adding any new positions at this time.

4b. Community Development Department

1. Discussion of proposed CDBG grants location: Mr. Wood provided a recommendation for the CDBG/CHIP grant writer/administrator.

5. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker, Council Members Jackson, King, and Jones had no reports.

Mr. Hunt inquired where the city stood relative to the tennis courts.

Mr. Gilmour and Mr. Smith had no reports.

Assistant City Attorney Brooke Newby had no reports.

6. Department Head/Staff Items:

Ms. Myers, Mr. Worthington, Chief Lynn, Fire Marshall Paull, Chief Parker

Ms. Hardin

- Attended the Georgia Economic Outlook luncheon in Macon and advised Mayor and Council of the code to register online.

Ms. Palmer

- Reminded everyone of the Public Forum for the new park will be on February 21, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Mr. Wood

- Completed training on Inner-gov.
- January's residential permits have picked up since November and December.

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into executive session for real estate.

7. Executive Session entered at 6:45 p.m.: On a motion by Council Member Hunt, seconded by Council Member Jackson and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for the purpose of real estate.
8. Executive Session adjourned at 6:46 p.m.; Council's work session reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held on February 4, 2019 because staff was not prepared and reconvened into work session.
9. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held February 4, 2019, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.