

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 1, 2018**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held October 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. and Council Member Riley Hunt.

Staff: City Manager Mr. Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney David Walker, and Recording Clerk, Nancy Graham

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Fire Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Annie Warren – City Clerk, Battalion Chiefs Michael Paull, Kirk Crumpton and Ephraim Wheeler, Chad McMurrian - Lead Engineering Technician, Haley Myers – Special Events Coordinator and Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Ms. Terre Walker and Ms. Darlene McLendon

Media: Mr. James Simpson, II - The Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Economic Development Department:

1. Interchangeable signage framework – Ms. T. Walker: Ms. Walker (Perry Main Street Design Committee) presented for Council's consideration the concept of interchangeable sign frameworks to be installed at gateways into downtown. She advised that the signs would help inform the community of what's going on in the City. Ms. Walker asked that Council consider, as a trial, Crossroads Park as the location to install the first sign. After a question and answer session, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with the concept and further explore the design and location.

3b. Office of the City Manager

1. Fire protection services issues - Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour provided to Council a copy of the article, "New Day in the Firehouse" from the September 2018 *Governing* magazine discussing a number of issues, nationwide, relative to fire protection organizations. Chief Parker and Battalion Chiefs Crumpton, Wheeler and Paull presented a Power Point addressing the challenges highlighted in the article. No action from the Council was required at this time.
2. Decorating traffic control boxes – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour advised that the Perry Public Arts Commission is proposing to decorate traffic control boxes in the City right of way under City control. Examples of decorated traffic control boxes were presented. The designs would be by local artists and approved by the Main Street Advisory Board Design Committee.

Council Member Jackson suggested that a plan for maintenance should be considered and Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker suggested that the Perry Public Arts Commission consider the shrink wrap method which will last longer and cost less.

It was the consensus of Council for the Perry Public Arts Commission to move forward with the proposal, subject to research.

3. Request from City of Warner Robins to provide sewer services: Mr. Gilmour referred to the email from the City of Warner Robins Mayor Randy Toms to Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. dated September 24, 2018. Mayor Toms requested authorization to connect into the City of Perry's sewer system. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council for Administration to submit a letter to Mayor Toms respectfully declining his request.
4. Perry Leadership Institute Class of 2019 – Mr. L. Gilmour: Mr. Gilmour advised Council that it is coming time to submit applicants to the Perry Leadership Institute class for 2018-19. The Administration recommended that Council consider Ms. Ashley Hardin, Economic Development Director, Ms. Val Sanders, Customer Service Manager and Ms. Haley Myers, Special Events Coordinator and other candidates that could be potentially added by the Police and/or Fire Department. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with Administration's recommendation.

### 3c. Community Development Department

1. Proposed 2019 LMIG street list – Mr. C McMurrian: Mr. McMurrian presented to Council the 2019 LMIG street listing. After a question and answer session, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with the 2019 LMIG street list provided.

2. Sidewalk improvements – Mr. C. McMurrian: Mr. McMurrian presented two (2) options for Council’s review relative to adding a sidewalk around Matt Arthur School. The staff recommended a 1200 feet long connector sidewalk from Newport Avenue to Hwy 127. The estimated cost is \$72,000. Council concurred with staff’s recommendation.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Members Bynum-Grace, Jones and Jackson had no reports.

Council Member King reported that he attended the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) in Athens, GA.

Mr. Gilmour provided a letter he sent to Ms. Linda Crawford denying her request for a waiver of the fees and charges she incurred for violation of City of Perry code. The Administration advised that the City followed its standard procedure and recommended that the City remain consistent, requiring payment of fees and charges when there has been no error made on the City’s part relative to the notification process. Council concurred not to waive the administrative fees.

Mr. Smith and Attorney Walker had no reports.

5. Department Heads /Staff Items:

Mr. Wood, Mr. McMurrian, Chief Parker, Ms. Myers and Ms. Warren had no reports.

Chief Lynn stated that the badge he had pinned on his uniform was in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and advised that The National Coffee with a Cop Day is October 3, 2018 at Bodega Brew (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.).

Ms. McLendon reminded everyone of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Turner’s Furniture is October 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. and Business of the Month, The Swanson, is October 10, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

6. Executive Session entered at 6:15 p.m. On a motion by Council Member Bynum-Grace, seconded by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for the purpose of real estate and pending litigation.

7. Executive Session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.: Council’s work session reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held October 1, 2018 at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened into the Council’s work session.

8. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-71 stating purpose of Executive Session held October 1, 2018 was to discuss real estate and pending litigation. Council Member Jackson moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on October 1, 2018 was to discuss real estate and pending litigation. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. *(Resolution 2018-71 has been entered in the City’s official book of record).*

9. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held on October 1, 2018, Council Member Bynum- Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.