

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
March 6, 2017  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held March 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Robert Jones

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Attorney John Hulbert and Recording Clerk Annie Warren.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Robert Smith - Economic Development Director, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Chad McMurrian – Lead Engineering Technician, and John Schell – Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor.

Guest(s) / Speaker(s): Brian Felder and Jason Chance

Media: Kristin Moriarty - Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Administration

1. Authorization for position adjustment – Mr. L. Gilmour. As a result of the upcoming requirements of the City's MS4 stormwater control plan, Administration recommended establishing two full time positions, Stormwater Supervisor/Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. Council concurred to move forward and this item will be placed on Council's regular meeting agenda.
2. Review costs for meter replacement – Mr. L. Gilmour. Administration provided Mayor and Council a breakout of the costs associated with meter replacement. Mr. Gilmour stated a subcontractor damaged a meter and the builder has asked for a reduction of the amount charged for the meter replacement. Council concurred to follow standard city

policy.

3b. Department of Community Development

1. Consider authorization for use of ADS storm pipe – Mr. C. McMurrian. Mr. McMurrian presented to Mayor and Council a request from Ocmulgee Engineering for ADS storm pipe use under roadways. Mr. Felder explained the differences between the polypropylene pipe and polyethylene pipe and reported there are no known failures with the polypropylene pipe. Mr. McMurrian advised Mayor and Council of Mr. Murph's recommendation of a pilot project for the use of ADS piping under roadways. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the use of ADS piping on a trial basis.

3c. Department of Economic Development

1. Hotel Market Assessment Study – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith reported the study from Horwath HTL had been completed and the results came back favorable for the City of Perry. The study suggested the City develop an incentive program package to sell the city as a profitable setting for hotel property.
2. Perry Opportunity Zone Status – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith presented a recap of the city's participation in the Opportunity Zone and reported the City's Opportunity Zone is set to expire in November 2018. Discussion ensued among Mayor and Council. Administration recommended moving forward with reapplying for a new Opportunity Zone status and Council concurred.
3. 2017 CDBG Administration Selection – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith advised Mayor and Council the administrative procurement process has been completed and staff's recommendation to select Grant Specialists of Georgia, Inc. and Mrs. Sherri Kurtz to prepare and submit the CDBG application on the City's behalf as well as administer the grant if funded. Council concurred to move forward with the same firm.

4. Council Member Items:

Council had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour and Assistant Attorney Hulbert had no reports.

5. Department Head Items:

Mr. Wood, Chief Parker, Ms. King, Chief Lynn, Ms. Warren, Ms. Palmer and Mr. McMurrian had no reports.

Mr. Smith advised work has started on the 2016 CDBG project at 713 Elaine Street where a contractor is doing work.

Mr. Schell advised the old animal shelter has been inspected for asbestos and none was found, so proceed with the demolition bids.

Mr. Dye reported he was approached by a couple who would like to purchase a piece of playground equipment for either Rozar Park or Calhoun Park.

Mayor Faircloth items

- March 6<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm – Council’s and Perry Planning Commission Joint Meeting
- March 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 a.m. – Houston County Development Authority meeting
- March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm – Georgia Water & Environmental Services dinner

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held March 6, 2017 Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.