

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**July 31, 2017**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held July 31, 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, Robert Jones, Randall Walker and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Riley Hunt

\*Note of personal privilege – Mayor Faircloth advised Council Member Riley Hunt will be absent for the foreseeable future due to a family issue and requested that he and his family be kept in everyone’s prayers.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk Janet Duffin.

Staff Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staff Absent: Kevin Dye, Director of Leisure Services Department, Annie Warren, City Clerk.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Trey Gavin, Carter & Sloope and Darlene McLendon, Perry Area Chamber of Commerce.

Press: Ms. Kristin Moriarty - The Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Public Works:

1. Local limits evaluation report – Mr. Trey Gavin gave an overview of the company and an update on current projects for the City of Perry.

Recommended changes were also outlined.

3b. Department of Economic Development:

1. City Facility Wayfinding Signage and RFP – Mr. Robert Smith provided a listing of City facilities and their recommended signage type. Mr. Gilmour advised City will follow the prioritized listing.
2. City of Perry Oktoberfest – Mr. Robert Smith advised planning has begun for the inaugural Perry Oktoberfest which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in downtown Perry. Mr. Smith stated this will be a family oriented event and an opportunity to take advantage of the German influence now present with the relocation of Sandler Nonwoven here in Perry.

3c. Administration:

1. Recommended priority list for playground equipment upgrades – Mr. Gilmour recommended Council approve the priority list based on the previous presentation from Mr. Kevin Dye for the playground equipment upgrade schedule. Council agreed to move forward with the recommendation.
2. Recommended public hearing for revocation of business license for Howard Johnson motel – Mr. Gilmour recommended Council authorize a public hearing to consider the revocation of the Howard Johnson motel's business license due to delinquent accommodation excise taxes. Council agreed to schedule the public hearing for the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. Consider parking restrictions on Commerce Street and Washington Street – Mr. Gilmour recommended that Council authorize no parking on the entire length of Commerce Street and on Washington Street between Commerce Street and the Sam Nunn Blvd. intersection. Council agreed to proceed with the recommendation.

3d. Citizens Public Input:

1. Ms. Darlene McLendon, Perry Area Chamber of Commerce – Ms. McLendon advised that the Business Battlefield event is scheduled to be held on September 7, 2017 in Perry at Heritage Park. This event is a new event for business networking and teambuilding effort, aimed at young professionals in our community, and will be open to members only this year.

Ms. McLendon also advised that Perry has been chosen for the September session of Leadership Georgia day which will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017. The session is scheduled to be held at Roughton Park and will begin at 4:30 p.m. with shopping in the downtown area to follow. Two hundred attendees are expected.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Member Bynum-Grace advised that the access drive coming from General Courtney Hodges Boulevard going into Creekwood Park is on her wish list. Mr. Gilmour advised the neighbors who reside on Ida Lassiter Circle have a concern regarding the need for a good fence behind their houses. He further stated that the City will put up fencing with a double access gate to enable them to enter their yards from the back. This project is currently on hold pending confirmation of Ms. Newberry's property.

Council Member Bynum-Grace advised that the town hall meeting needed to be rescheduled. It was decided the meeting would be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Faith Bible Fellowship Church on Martin Luther King Drive. Notification will be sent via flyers, placed on the marquees and sent out on social media.

Council Member Willie King inquired about the striping on James Street. Mr. McMurrian advised quotes have been obtained for striping James Street and WF Ragin and these two projects have been given priority.

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

Assistant City Attorney Hulbert had no report.

5. Department Head Items:

Ms. King reported

- The tax sale will be held Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Mr. Schell reported twenty two locks have been placed on the spigots at Evergreen Cemetery due to water being stolen.

Mr. Smith, Chief Parker, Mr. Wood, Major Phelps, Mr. McMurrian and Ms. Palmer had no reports.

Mayor Faircloth items

- Pre-Council and Council Meetings are August 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Veteran's Center open house is Wednesday, August 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- Southeast Region Little League Boys Tournament starts Friday, August 4, 2017
- Town Hall Meeting is August 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Rev. King's Church, Faith Bible Fellowship
- Next Work Session will be Monday, August 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session meeting held July 31, 2017, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.