

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**November 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 November 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, Robert Jones, and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk, Gail Price.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, and Chad McMurrian.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Mrs. Ellie Loudermilk, Mr. Todd Yates, Mr. James Lanier, Ms. Claire Swaim, and Greg Boike

Press: Mr. Vic Powell - Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Presentations:

1. Presentation of Perry Housing Assessment – Mr. G. Boike.

Mr. Boike provided a presentation of the housing assessment. The City of Perry requested assistance of Middle Georgia Regional Commission to conduct an assessment of residential properties within the City. The purpose of this was to identify concentrations and conditions of substandard and dilapidated housing and develop strategies and target assistance programs to revitalize neighborhoods. Mr. Boike presented a methodology chart ranging from excellent to failing structures. Mr. Smith advised that they were glad to have this data.

2. Presentation of the cost estimates relative to Sam Nunn Boulevard and General Courtney Hodges Boulevard landscaping improvements –

Carter & Sloope, Inc. Claire Swain reviewed the overall tasking which was to develop landscaping concepts to beautify main pathways into downtown for General Courtney Hodges Boulevard and Sam Nunn Boulevard. An estimated cost was presented. The question was asked if GDOT considers Crape Myrtles trees. Ms. Swain will check into this. Council will take under advisement and Mr. Gilmour will get back to council when he has had time to check.

3b. Administration

1. Consider a special alcoholic beverage license – Mr. L. Gilmour. The Administration recommends Council authorize a new alcoholic beverage permit category for certain businesses. The suggested conditions are: (1) property must be zoned to allow the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license, (2) there can be no sale of the alcoholic beverage for any amount nor a trade-off for service, (3) Manager must be able to pass background check, (4) alcoholic beverage cannot be taken from the business site, (5) establishment must have a current City of Perry business license, (6) facility cannot serve meals or include drink as service price. Conceptually if the council is interested in pursuing, then staff will check and see if it legally can be done as far as the State is concerned. If the State says no then we go no further. Council concurred.
2. 704 Carroll Street – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour advised that Administration recommends Council authorize the demolition of the structure and provide a historical plaque. Mrs. Ellie Loudermilk suggested that we re-advertise using the design build approach. She also suggested that a historical committee be appointed so that some grants can be written and receive some monies that could help with projects like this. Mrs. Loudermilk would like the building to be saved and repurposed for restrooms for events or for the cemetery or when Veterans Park is completed. Mayor stated the comments would be taken under advisement and addressed at the pre-council meeting on November 7, 2017 and get a consensus of moving forward at the time. Council concurred.
3. Amend animal retention policy to reduce city time to seven (7) calendar days – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour advised that the Perry Police Department requests the City's animal care time be reduced from the current ten (10) days to seven (7) calendar days. Administration has no objections. Council concurred. There will be a resolution to amend at City Council on November 7, 2017.

3c. Economic Development Department

1. Review of Interstate Signage – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith discussed the signage brochures. When the final package is put together it will have all the cost estimates and everything that council will need to move forward

in regards to phasing this in. Council concurred with moving forward in finding out how much it will cost and deciding which signs are wanted.

3d. Community Development

1. Proposal for engineering services relative to pump station improvements - Mr. C. McMurrin. Mr. McMurrin discussed the request for engineering services from GWES to upgrade and improve four (4) wastewater pump stations: (1) Highway 41 N, (2) Valley Drive, (3) Wooden Eagle and (4) Wind River. It would be paid out of SPLOST 12. Council concurred to move forward.

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

- 4a. Discussion of the derelict vehicle ordinance – Mr. B. Wood. Mr. Wood explained the derelict vehicle ordinance. New procedures as stated in items E and F, which give detailed specifics in how to enforce and who is responsible at what point. Once a derelict vehicle has been identified, the City will post that vehicle with notice informing the owner they have 15 days to remove or rectify the violation. Simultaneously with that posting of the vehicle, a letter will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle giving the person the same notice. At the end of that 15 day period if the vehicle has not been removed or the violation corrected then the City will contact a wrecker service to remove the vehicle. At that point, the notice is again sent to the vehicle owner indicating which wrecker service towed the vehicle and the contact information for that vehicle owner will work with the wrecker services to retrieve. This revision will be on the agenda for the council meeting.

5. Council Member Items:

Council Member Jones – Thoughts and prayers are with the community and the families of the victims in the church shooting in Texas.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson and Council Members Walker, King, Hunt, Bynum-Grace had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour had no report.

Assistant City Attorney Hulbert had no report.

6. Department Head Items:

Ms. King reported

- Update on computer issues that the city has been having.
- Mike Baker updated on the spoofing emails that the city has been receiving and not to open any emails if you have doubt.

Mr. Smith reported

- Cleanup in New Hope with 24 people.

- Tailgate event was cancelled because of weather.
- Application for Rural Zone was submitted last week.
- Brownfield application was also submitted this week.

Mr. Wood reported

- His computer was one of the ones that was affected.

Chief Parker reported

- The new rescue truck had 95 calls to date.
- Announced that Ellen Palmer won the Larry Walker Leadership Award.

Mr. McMurrin - no report

Ms. Palmer – no report

Chief Lynn – no report

7. Executive Session entered at 6:21p.m.: Council Member King moved to enter into an executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. Executive Session adjourned; Council's work session meeting reconvened: Council adjourned the Executive Session held November 6, 2017 and reconvened into the work session meeting.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2017 – 47 stating the purpose of Executive Session held November 6, 2017 was for real estate acquisition. Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on November 7, 2017 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2017-47 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
10. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held November 6, 2017, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded and it carried unanimously.