

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 3, 2018**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held December 3, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, Assistant City Attorney Josh Waters, and Recording Clerk Joni Ary.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Fire Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services, Brenda King – Director of Finance, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Kevin Dye – Leisure Services Director, Fire Marshall Michael Paull – Fire and Emergency Services, Ellen Palmer - Digital Communications Manager, and Mitchell Worthington –Assistant Finance Director.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Ms. Susan Sharp. Mr. Mike McCrorey, Mr. Steve Capp and Ms. Garnett Long – Sunbelt Builders; Mr. Dave Cyr, Mr. Curt Eckman, Mr. Charlie Griffis and Mr. Clay Bryan – Parrish Construction.

Media: Mr. James Simpson, II – The Houston Home Journal and Sabrina Burse – 13WMAZ

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

- Mayor Pro Tempore Walker deviated from the agenda and introduced Ms. Susan Sharp to Council. Ms. Sharp presented to Council a request for assistance and guidance for opening up a scooter shop in Perry. The location requested would be the old Sinclair station. Ms. Sharp and a two person staff would assemble and sell the scooters. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker and Council thanked Ms. Sharp for her presentation and stated they would take her request under advisement.

3a. Office of City Manager.

1. Review Construction Management Services Proposals.

Mr. Gilmour stated two firms that are seeking the award for the services have agreed to go one at a time with the other firm waiting in lobby.

- a. Sunbelt Builders presentation. Mr. McCrorey, Mr. Capp and Ms. Long presented to Mayor Pro Tempore and Council their plans for the construction management services for the City's parks proposals. The proposals were for Heritage Park, Barbara Calhoun Park, Legacy Park and Crossroads Park.
  - b. Parrish Construction presentation: Mr. Cyr, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Eckman presented to Mayor Pro Tempore and Council their plans for the construction management services for the City's parks proposals. The proposals were for Heritage Park, Barbara Calhoun Park, Legacy Park and Crossroads Park.
2. Appointment of hearing officer. Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Council the recommendation to appoint Ms. Sharell Lewis for an outside hearing officer. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to appoint Ms. Lewis as the hearing officer.
  3. Review attendance of Perry Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority. Mr. Gilmour stated that Council's appointees should be reviewed on a quarterly basis due to lack of participation. If the appointees show 60% attendance record, they should be removed from the board. Council discussed that participation of their appointees should be set at 75% starting January 1, 2019 and if an appointee falls below the required participation level, the Council Member should be notified to speak to their appointee to find out if the appointee should be replaced or if there is a medical/personal reason they are not participating in the Board. Mr. Gilmour stated it would be the recommendation of the Administration, beginning January 1, 2019, if any Council appointees fall below the 75% participation level, the Council member for that appointee will be notified to speak with the appointee to find out what may be going on. It was the consensus of Council to proceed.

3b. Department of Economic Development

1. Review Project Tucson incentives request – Ms. A. Hardin: Ms. Hardin reported to Council that an Italian-inspired restaurant with a brewery is considering a location in the Agricultural Village. It is a \$1.2 million dollar project with a 6,000 sq. ft. structure including an outdoor, rooftop deck overlooking the fairgrounds. Ms. Hardin stated the owner asked about possible incentives. Council discussed possible incentives, but it was the consensus of Council that by doing so, it would set a precedent for new business. The recommendation of the Administration was to pick up the difference between a 1" and 3" water meter. Council has done this in the past on a case by case basis. The consensus of Council was to pick up the difference in cost between a 1" and 3" water meter installation.

4. Council Member Items:

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

Council Member King inquired about lighting request from a resident for King Boulevard cul-de-sac. Mr. Gilmour stated the City will take a look and if it complies with the City's policy for lighting it can be installed; if not, the resident will be notified that if they want lighting, they will have to pay for it. Council Member King also stated the buzzards are back. Mr. Gilmour will pass along the information to ESG Operations, Inc.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker stated the City closed on purchasing 61+ acres from Cherokee Pines on Friday, November 30, 2018. This will be the first park for that area of Perry.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker reviewed with Council the rescheduling of the Perry Christmas Parade. The organizers of the parade announced December 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. After discussion, Council stated that the organizers cannot reschedule an event without the request coming before Council; therefore, the Perry Christmas Parade will be held on December 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker asked for an update on the heliport installation. Mr. Gilmour stated that after discussion with the Hospital Board and an Airvac representative, they are asking for waivers relative to storm water management, the pond and fire suppression. The recommendation of the Administration is to have the City install the water and sewer line under Morningside Drive to the property line. All Council members concurred to proceed with recommendation of the Administration.

5. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Attorney Waters and Ms. King, Mr. Paull, Ms. Palmer and Mr. Wood had no reports.

Mr. Dye reported that Leisure Services will be offering an adult basketball league. Registration will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup> and teams will play in January and February 2019.

Chief Lynn advised that the Police Department will be declaring an older vehicle from their fleet as surplus. The South Georgia Technical College is in need of a vehicle for their Driver's Program and their Police Academy. Chief Lynn asked Council's permission to proceed with donating the surplus vehicle to South Georgia Technical College. All Council Members concurred to proceed.

Mr. Worthington introduced himself to Council.

Chief Parker stated that the new battalion's chiefs truck was parked outside tonight for Council and public to see. He also reminded Council the Guardian Center training exercise would be tomorrow. If there are any concerns from the public about a large plume of dark smoke coming from the area near the Guardian Center, it is only a part of the exercise.

Ms. Hardin stated the position for Main Street Coordinator will be posted tomorrow. She also reminded everyone about the Holiday on Carroll on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Gilmour asked that Council fill out a natural gas survey form and return to him after the meeting.

Mr. Gilmour and Chief Lynn updated Council about President Trump declaring Wednesday, December 5, 2018, the official day of mourning for the passing of former President George H.W. Bush. The recommendation of the Administration was to not close the City offices unless the banks close. Council concurred with the recommendation of the Administration.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on December 3, 2018, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.