

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL  
May 6, 2019  
5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held May 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

\* Council Member Robert Jones left at 5:44p.m.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member William Jackson.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, Assistant City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Anji Holley

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Ashley Hardin – Department of Economic Development Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Ansley Fitzner –Landscape Manager, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Finance Director, Mirian Arrington – Chief Court Clerk, Laura King – Executive Secretary, Renia Davis – Building Maintenance Manager, Todd Ennis – Solid Waste Supervisor, Randy Christian – Street Maintenance Supervisor, and Mike Baker – ComSouth.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Darlene McLendon

Press: Jada Dukes – Houston Home Journal

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

- 3a. Appearance(s):

1. Chamber/DMC's Wine Tasting event – Ms. D. McLendon. Ms. McLendon advised the Chamber's and DMC's Wine Tasting will be held June 7, 2019.

- 3b. FY 2020 Operating Budget

1. Department of Public Works – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith provided a year

in review presentation relative to the Public Works Department.

2. Department of Leisure Services – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith reported that 2019 was a busy year with an 11% increase in operating costs and expressed his thanks for the basketball court resurfacing project. Council Member Bynum-Grace shared her concerns relative to tables and benches under the pavilion.
3. Municipal Court – Ms. M. Arrington. Ms. Arrington advised Municipal Court is happy with the proposed budget. Recommended having arraignments twice a month. Administration recommended adding additional judges.
4. Department of Administration – Ms. B. King. Ms. King advised the Department of Administration is happy with the 2020 budget and presented a PowerPoint of the department's highlights.

3c. Police Department

1. Update relative to traffic on Glenwood Avenue – Chief S. Lynn. Chief Lynn reported that between the dates of April 17-May 2, no noticeable speed problems were detected on either street. Police wrote three (3) warning tickets and four (4) citations. Advised that traffic volume was high and suggested a traffic counter.
2. Update relative to traffic on W.F. Ragin Drive – Chief S. Lynn Chief Lynn reported that W.F. Ragin is a cut-through. No tickets were written. Administration did not recommend any speed bumps on collector streets.

3d. Office of the City Manager

1. City Technology Services – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith advised that there is a need to take the City to the next level with regard to technology. Mayor Faircloth referred this item to Council's May 7, 2019 agenda.
2. Incentive program – Mr. L. Gilmour. Administration recommended Council authorize incentives to restaurants in the downtown district to receive gas usage incentive. Funding would come from the gas fund. There was a consensus of Council to cancel for a further meeting.
3. Disposal of inventory – Mr. L. Gilmour. Administration proposed to have a City flea market to dispose of surplus inventory. There was a consensus of Council to move forward.
4. Transfer of items – Mr. L. Gilmour. Administration recommended to relocate two items currently at the Perry Arts Center. Move the sculpture of "Girl in Tree" to Crossroads Park and relocate the gazebo to Andrew Heights Park. There was a consensus of Council to move

forward.

5. Temporary assignment – Mr. L. Gilmour. Administration recommended designating Ms. Graham on a temporary basis as the acting director of the Department of Leisure Services. There was a consensus of Council to move forward.
6. Amending City billing collection process – Mr. L. Gilmour. Administration recommended the City billing process be amended to cover loss of revenue, damage of City property and theft. There was a consensus of Council to move forward; subject to City Attorney review.
7. Implementation of excise tax – Mr. L. Gilmour. Administration advised that the City should collect excise tax on each liquor drink sold in the City. There was a consensus of Council to move forward.
8. Approval of plaque for Sinclair Station – Mr. L. Gilmour. Council concurred with the plaque for Sinclair Station.

4. Council Member Items:

Ms. Bynum-Grace thanked the City of Perry for the clean-up Saturday.

Mr. Gilmour advised that questions had come up in regard to City of Perry's nepotism policy and will confirm the current City policy.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Newby had no reports.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Mr. Wood provided an update with regard to the community clean up and advised that he had received notification from DCA that the City is recertified Georgia Community Housing for two (2) years.

Chief Lynn advised Council of upcoming events from the Police Department:

- May 11-Coffee with a Cop
- May 13- Honoring officers who died in the line of duty in the last 6 months. This event will be held at Southside Baptist Church in Warner Robins.
- May 15- National Law Enforcement Memorial Day-flags will go to half-mast.

Chief Parker advised that the HALO Group is hosting a Community Festival at the airport. They have asked to borrow an apparatus for a fire truck pull.

Ms. Hardin advised that the Splashpad opened today.

Ms. Warren reminded Council to turn in their Personal Financial Disclosure Reports by July 1.

Ms. Palmer had no report.

6. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council in the work

session held May 6, 2019 Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.