

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 20, 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 20, 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, William Jackson and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn, Major Bill Phelps, and Captain James Buck – 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, Annie Warren – City Clerk, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Chad McMurrian – Lead Engineering Technician, and Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Finance Director

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Jim Marquardt – Perry-Houston County Airport and Adam Nelson of Fleming & Nelson, LLP

Press: Jada Dukes – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. **Appearance(s):**

1. **Discussion of a new alcoholic beverages ordinance:** - Mr. Nelson

Mr. Nelson reviewed the results of the meeting with staff in reference to reviewing the City's current alcoholic beverage ordinance. Based on current trends, what is happening in the industry and licensing, he proposed a class system which would more closely pinpoint regulations. A printed copy of the proposed ordinance was distributed to Council members and department heads. Mr. Nelson urged all to read the document and then revise as needed.

2. Marketing opportunities: Mr. Marquardt

Mr. Marquardt presented a web-based opportunity the Perry-Houston County Airport could participate in which would help attract related businesses and increase the revenue for the Airport. He asked if the City would be willing to fund a portion of the program to try the program for one year. After a question and answer time, it was the consensus of Council to authorize \$1,000.00 for one year.

3b. FY 2020 Operating Budget:

1. Perry Police Department:

Chief Lynn reviewed the past year's statistics for the Police Department. He noted the department worked with the City Manager to fund a requested investigator for the upcoming year.

2. Perry Fire and Emergency Services Department:

Chief Parker reviewed the upgrades to equipment, additional personnel added, the new building and remediation to headquarters during the past fiscal year. The Department is happy with the recommendations submitted for the upcoming year.

3. Office of the City Clerk:

Ms. Warren stated she was happy with the Administration's recommendations for the FY 2020 budget.

4. Office of the City Manager:

Mr. Gilmour stated he was happy with the Administration's recommendations for his department.

3c. Economic Development Department:

1. Discussion of coolers at city parks for special events.

Ms. Hardin requested Council consider allowing coolers for events that are scheduled to be held at other city sponsored events. After a discussion by Council, it was the consensus to continue the policy of no coolers at this time. Council also requested a survey of similar size communities with an amphitheater to see what their policies are.

3d. Community Development Department:

1. Consider agreement with GWES, LLC relative to Frank Satterfield WPCP Capacity Evaluation Proposal.

Mr. McMurrian explained that a survey was required in order to increase the current permit to 5 million gallons per day (5 MGD) in anticipation of the City's growth. A local consultant prepared a proposal and Administration and staff recommended accepting the Agreement

with GWES, LLC for \$49,620.00. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the agreement.

2. Consider revisions for standards for city street classification.
Mr. Wood provided maps showing the different types and number of each classification. He noted the recommendations are based on traffic counts, Georgia Department of Transportation standards and Federal guidelines. Speed bumps were not recommended to be a part of the classification standards. Based on a consensus from Council, a resolution will be presented at the regular Council meeting May 21, 2019 to confirm the street classifications and standards.

3e. Office of the City Manager

1. Discussion of election date for replacement of Mayor Faircloth
Mr. Gilmour explained the election process for replacing Mayor Faircloth. Two possible dates were discussed and the timelines involved for qualifying. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with a September special election and qualifying period in July.

4. Council Member items: None

5. Department Heads/Staff items:

No reports from Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, Ms. King, Ms. Warren, Mr. Worthington, Ms. Palmer, Mr. McMurrian,

Ms. Hardin submitted a request from the owners of the New Perry Hotel asking Council to consider extending the footprint of the Food Truck Friday by closing Main Street. The owners would like to sell a meal as a fundraiser and also offer activities for children. Council had a consensus to keep the footprint as it is for the time being, but requested the owners be advised they are welcome to have activities on their property.

6. Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate.
7. Executive Session entered at 6:18 p.m.: Council Member Jones moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of litigation and personnel. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. Executive Session adjourned 6:30 p.m.: Council's work session meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held May 20, 2019 and reconvened into the council work session meeting.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-23 stating purpose of executive session held May 20, 2019 was to discuss litigation and personnel. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on May 20, 2019 was to discuss real estate. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. *(Resolution 2019-23 has been entered in*

the City's official book of record).

4. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held May 20, 2019 Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.