

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 19, 2010
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held January 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer and Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King. Council Members Riley Hunt, Joe Posey, Randall Walker, William Jackson and Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

Elected Official Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and City Attorney David Walker.

City Departmental Staffing: Brenda King – Director of Administration, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Deputy Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests/Speakers: Ms. Alvalyn Pope – President of Loaves and Fishes of South Houston County, Mr. Jim Frith and Mr. Penrose Wolfe.

Press/Media: Ms. Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal and Ms. Jennifer Burk – Macon Telegraph.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Dr. Billy Key – Retired Pastor and Pastor Emeritus of the Perry United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Major Kenny Richards – USAF led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Citizens with Input.

Ms. Alvalyn Pope – President of Loaves and Fishes of South Houston County – Wanted to thank Council for all their support since 1993 when the Loaves and Fishes opened. She gave Council a brochure about the food bank and again thanked Council from the bottom of her heart. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. thanked Loaves and Fishes of South Houston County for all their efforts and volunteers' hard work. Mayor Faircloth asked the volunteers of the Loaves and Fishes of Houston County to stand and state their names, they were: Mr. Paul Story, Ms. Joy Albright, Ms. Doris Clay and Ms. Sandy Yawn.

Mr. Jim Frith – Concerning building fees. Mr. Jim Frith came before Council to request consideration on adjusting building and impact fees. Mr. Frith advised he was with SF Communities and they are one of the largest builders in Houston County. Mayor James E.

Faircloth, Jr. commended Mr. Frith on what he does and asked City Manager Lee Gilmour to look at the building and impact fees and report back to Council at his earliest convenience.

Mr. Penrose Wolfe – Asked how much stimulus money the City has received in FY 09 and how much stimulus money was invested in the economy in FY 09. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that at this time the City has applied for but has not received any stimulus money in FY 09. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the City is currently applying for CDBG-Chips and COP hiring program grants which are Federal stimulus money.

5. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - 5a. Council Consideration – Minutes of January 4, 2010 work session, January 5, 2010 pre council meeting and January 5, 2010 regular meeting. Council Member Riley Hunt motioned to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King seconded the motion. Council Member William Jackson asked for the correction of Rev. Jenny Jackson – Adams to regular meeting minutes. With correction, motion carried unanimously.
6. Old Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
7. Any Other Old Business Matters: None.
8. New Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - 8a. Approved waiver of background check fees for clients at Grace Village. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. reviewed with Council the request to waive the background check fees for clients at Grace Village. Mayor Faircloth stated that the City has contracted with Perry Volunteer Outreach to operate the building, but the building is owned by the City. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace motioned to waive the background check fees for clients at Grace Village. Council Member William Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Council Member Riley Hunt reclused himself from voting because he works for Perry Volunteer Outreach.
 - 8b. Authorized processing quitclaim deed and maintenance agreement between GDOT and City of Perry. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. reviewed with Council the request to authorize processing a quitclaim deed and maintenance agreement between GDOT and City of Perry except for the areas on Langston Road, Former SR 127 and Bear Branch Road. The County still maintains the properties on Langston Road and Bear Branch Road and the property on Former SR 127 is private property. Council Member Riley Hunt motioned to authorize processing quitclaim deed and maintenance agreement between GDOT and City of Perry except for the areas on Langston Road, Former SR 127 and Bear Branch Road. Council Member Joe Posey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - 8c. Approved unanimously recommendations of the City Council work session from their meeting held on January 14, 2010.

1. Authorized applying for CDBG-CHIPS funds for housing upgrade assistance.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King made the motion to authorize applying for CDBG-CHIPS funds for housing upgrade assistance. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Authorized applying for COPS Hiring Program grant.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace made the motion to authorize applying for COPS Hiring Program grant. Council Member Joe Posey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8d. Award of Bids: Consideration of Award.

1. Award of Bid for the Chlorine Monitors Water Treatment Plant #1 and #2. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. presented for Council's consideration award of bid for the Chlorine Monitors Water Treatment Plant #1 and #2. It is recommended to award the bid from New Technology Services, Inc. in the amount of \$9,760.00. Council Member Riley Hunt motioned to award the bid for the Chlorine Monitors Water Treatment Plant #1 and #2 to New Technology Services, Inc. in the amount of \$9,760.00. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Award of construction management services for water/wastewater operations building. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. recused himself from voting on the bid and left the room for discussion because he is employed by Parrish Construction Group. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King asked City Manager Lee Gilmour to present for Council's consideration award of construction management services for water/wastewater operations building. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that it is recommended to award the bid from Parrish Construction Group. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace motioned to award the bid to Parrish Construction Group for the construction management services for water/wastewater operations building. Council Member Riley Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mayor Faircloth was advised that discussion and action on item was finished and he re-entered Council Chambers and proceeded as meeting officer.

9. Department Head Items. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. asked each department head if they had any items and they responded as follows:

Brenda King, Director of Administration – No.

Rick Kilgore, Director of Parks and Recreation – No.

Ronnie Jones, Director of Public Works – No.

Deputy Chief Joel Gray, Fire Department - No.

George Potter, Director of Public Safety – No.

Mike Beecham, Director of Community Development – Stated there is a Swift Street Corridor Plan meeting on Thursday, January 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and is the first of multiple meetings.

10. Council Member and General Public Items.

City Manager Lee Gilmour – No.

Council Member Willie King – No.

Council Member William Jackson – No.

Council Member Riley Hunt – No.

Council Member Randall Walker – No.

Council Member Joe Posey – No.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace – No.

There were no items from the General Public.

11. Mayor Items.

Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. stated that he wanted to remind Council that the first Council meeting in February, Council will make their appointments to the various Boards and Authorities.

12. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the meeting held January 19, 2010, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.