

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 6, 2009
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held January 6, 2009 at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer. Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Charles Lewis, Joe Kusar, Willie King and Riley Hunt.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member James Moore.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour. City Attorney David Walker. City Departmental Staffing: George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray - Fire Department, Brenda King - Director of Administration, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, and Annie Warren – Riley Recording Secretary.

Guests/Speakers: Mr. Pemrose Wolfe.

Press: Natasha Smith – Macon Telegraph and Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal.

Not on agenda: Mayor Worrall shared with Council and the audience an article in the “*Retire in Georgia*” magazine relative to Perry as one of the ten best places to retire.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Council Member Willie King gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Council Select Honorable Riley Hunt as the 2009 Mayor Pro-Tempore. Mayor James Worrall opened the floor for nomination Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2009. Council Member Joe Kusar moved to nominate Council Member Riley Hunt as Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2009. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion. Council Member Joe Kusar moved the nominations be closed with the said Council Member’s recommendation. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. 2008 Mayor Pro-Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace received plaque of appreciation. Mayor James Worrall presented Honorable Phyllis Bynum-Grace with a plaque of appreciation for the outstanding leadership and service she has give to the community.

6. 2009 Professional services providers designated. Mayor James Worrall opened the floor for suggestions of the City’s 2009 Professional Service Providers. They were designated as follows:

- Legal Counsel of Walker, Hulbert, Gray and Byrd, LLC. Council Member Riley Hunt moved to continue with the current firm legal firm of Walker, Hulbert, Gray and Byrd, LLC. Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Kusar seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Municipal Court Judge Herbert Wells. Council Member Riley Hunt moved to continue with Judge Wells as the City's Municipal Court Judge. Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Kusar seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Appointments to Boards/Authorities and Commissions. Mayor James Worrall.

- 7a. Council Post 2 – District 1 Appointment. Council Member Willie King appointed Glen Starlnecker to the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority.
- 7b. District 2 Appointment. Council Member Joe Kusar appointed Bob Hubbard to the Planning Commission.
- 7c. Mayor Appointment. Mayor Worrall appointed Chuck Ramsdale to the Downtown Development Authority.
- 7d. Mayor and Council Re-appoint Mr. Ralph Gentry to the Jointly Owned Natural Gas Board: Mayor James Worrall announced the recommendation of Mr. Ralph Gentry as the City's representative on the Jointly Owned Natural Gas Board. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt moved to appoint Mr. Ralph Gentry as the City's JONG representative. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor and Council Appointment Mr. Pemrose Wolfe to the Housing Authority of the City of Perry. Mayor Worrall called for Council consideration of the joint Mayor/Council appointment of Mr. Pemrose Wolfe to the Housing Authority of the City of Perry. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt moved to appoint Mr. Pemrose Wolfe to the Housing Authority of the City of Perry. Council Member Charles Lewis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Not on agenda: Mayor Worrall distributed the 2009 Perry City Council Committee Assignments.

- 8. Citizens with Input. Mr. Pemrose Wolfe advised Council about an article he had read in the newspaper about the economic stimulus package and the wish list that the City of Warner Robins has. Mr. Wolfe inquired if the City of Perry has a wish list. Mayor Worrall advised that the City of Perry does have a wish list.
- 9. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:20 P.M. Mayor James Worrall called to order of a public hearing at 6:20 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-67A-3 (c).
- 9a. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance #A-011-1008, Appendix B – Downtown Development Authority District Signs. Mayor James Worrall presented a letter of recommendation from the Perry Planning Commission dated December 9, 2008 as follows:

*“Re: Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance
Appendix B – Downtown development Authority District Signs.
#A-011-1008*

Dear Mayor and Council:

On December 8, 2008, the Perry Planning Commission reviewed the above referenced amendment to the Perry Land Development Ordinance –Appendix B-Downtown Development Authority District Signs.

The Perry Planning Commission respectfully submits this letter as our formal and favorable recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for the approval of Appendix B.

Sincerely,

*Martin Beeland, Chairman
Perry Planning Commission”.*

Staff Report: Mr. Mike Beecham, Director of Community Development stated that the DDA started working on a new sign ordinance a year ago. Once completed, the sign ordinance was sent to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission wanted to make some changes so they drafted their version. Mr. Beechman presented both drafts to Council so they could compare the differences.

Public Input: Mayor Worrall called for any public input for or opposed to the amendment.

There was no public input for or opposed to the amendment.

Mayor Worrall advised Council of an incident in which the Swanson received a citation for a banner on the side of their business advertising breakfast. Mayor Worrall asked if the ordinance could be modified. Per Mr. Beecham, under the current regulations the Swanson was not allowed to have banner, but the new ordinance will allow sidewalk signs.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 6:26 p.m. Mayor James Worrall closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

10. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor James Worrall.

10a. Council Consideration –

1. Minutes of December 16, 2008 work session and regular meeting and minutes of December 30, 2008 called meeting. Council Member Charles Lewis noted an error on page three of the minutes relative to the December 16, 2008 regular meeting, item 7b, number one should have read “*motion died for lack of second*” instead of “*motion died for lack of motion*”. This correction will be made. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt motioned to approve the minutes with the

correction. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Old Business: Mayor James Worrall.

11a. Ordinances for Second Reading and Introduction: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to amend the Perry Land Development Ordinance #A-012.1108, Section 81.2.5

Adoption of Ordinance 2009-01. City Manager Lee Gilmour gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend the Perry Land Development Ordinance #A-012.1108, Section 81.2.5. Council Member Joe Kusar motioned to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2009-01 has been entered in the City's official book of record*)

12. Any Other Old Business Matters: None.

13. New Business: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

13a. Ordinances for First Reading and Introduction: Presented by City Manager Lee Gilmour.

1. **First Reading** of an Ordinance to amend Perry Land Development Ordinance #A-011-1008, Appendix B - Downtown Development Authority District Signs. (*No Action required – First reading only*)

13b. Adopted Resolution No. 2009-01 to amend the City of Perry fee schedule relative business license. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt reviewed with Council the fee for a business license for produce vendors (\$419.00 per year) and the fee for a business license for a regular business (\$69.00 per year). Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt motioned we cut the business license fee in half for produce vendors from \$419.00 per year to \$209.00 per year. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion. Council Member Joe Kusar opposed. The motion carried four in favor one opposed. (*Resolution 2009-01 has been entered in the City's official book of record*)

13c. Approved extension of agreement between City and Marvin Lester relative medical care. City Mayor Lee Gilmour presented for Council's consideration an extension agreement between the City and Mr. Marvin Lester relative medical care. City Manager Lee Gilmour reminded Council that they had previously approved an extension agreement between the City and Mr. Lester. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that Mr. Lester provided his latest medical update extending his medical leave until June. Recommendation of City Manager to approve extension of agreement between the City and Mr. Lester relative medical care. Council Member Joe Kusar moved to extend the agreement between the City and Mr. Lester relative medical care. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

14. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda. City Manager Lee Gilmour.
 - 14a. Approved of Memorandum of Understanding with GDOT for lights in the median of General Courtney Hodges Boulevard. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented for Council's consideration a Memorandum of Understanding with GDOT for lights in the median of General Courtney Hodges Boulevard. City Manager Lee Gilmour recommended to Council subject to the city attorney approval to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with GDOT for lights in the median of General Courtney Hodges Boulevard. Council Member Willie King moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with GDOT for the lights in the median of General Courtney Hodges Boulevard subject to the city attorney approval. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

15. Department Head Items.

George Potter, Director of Public Safety – No.

Deputy Chief Joel Gray, Fire Department - No.

Mike Beecham, Director of Community Development – No.

Ronnie Jones, Director of Public Works – Southern Champion contractor has moved into the wastewater plant to begin the first phase of the upgrades.

Brenda King, Director of Administration – Remind council members who have not submitted their campaign contribution reports to submit them as quickly as possible.

16. Council Member Items.

City Attorney, David Walker – No.

Council Member Willie King – No.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt – No.

Council Member Charles Lewis – No.

Council Member Joe Kusar – No.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace – No.

17. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the meeting held January 6, 2009, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.