

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
February 16, 2010
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held February 16, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None.

Departmental Staffing: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Mike Beecham - Director of Community Development, George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Deputy Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Brenda King – Director of Administration and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ramsdale, Ms. Becky Wood, Ms. Terre Walker – Perry Arts Center Advisory Board and Ms. Lora Arledge – Perry Arts Center Advisory Board.

Press: Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal.

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

- 3a. Discussion of February 16, 2010 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

8a. (1). Ordinance to amend FY 2010 Operating Budget– City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that there are two corrections and they were: (1) to correct an addition mistake in the Water/Sewer Revenue fund and (2) to separate the JAG Grant money from the General Fund to put it in special revenue fund.

8b (2). Ordinance to amend the Perry Code – City Manager Lee Gilmour stated this is a new code and the reason is to amend the current City code to coincide with the Georgia code.

10b. First Reading – Alcohol License – Mayor Faircloth stated that the applicant will be out of the country at the second reading, but will be present tonight to answer any questions Council may have.

10c. Uniform Usage – Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King stated this item was brought to him about personnel in the office not dressing appropriately. Mayor Pro-Tempore King stated that since this is a public building with people coming in and out personnel should dress appropriately. Council Member Randall Walker asked if there was a recommendation for the City to furnish uniform shirts. Mayor Pro-Tempore King stated that uniform shirts were already in place and this was not something he requested, but would like a consensus and recommendations from Council. Council Member Joe Posey asked about how much it would cost the City to provide uniform shirts. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that it would cost about \$190.00 for uniform shirts. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace stated that personnel needs to be dressed professionally. Council Member Joe Posey asked if the City has a dress code; City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that City does not. Council Members Joe Posey, William Jackson, Randall Walker and Phyllis Bynum-Grace stated that City needs a dress code with guidelines on what is appropriate attire. Council Member Riley Hunt stated that he would like to see the City have a dress code, but is against the City furnishing uniforms for the office personnel. Council Member Joe Posey and Phyllis Bynum-Grace agreed that the City should not furnish the uniforms. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King stated that it would be better to have this come from Council than an individual supervisor. Mayor Faircloth asked if the consensus is to formulate a dress code that outlines the standards on what is appropriate attire and bring back to Council. All members concurred. Council Member Randall Walker asked about the shirts that were provided to the clerical workers last year. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the clerical workers were provided three shirts and were not given a time frame on when they have to wear the shirts. Mayor Faircloth asked Council if they had adequately addressed the issue, and if so no reason to discuss again at the Council meeting. Mayor Faircloth stated that since Council has adequately addressed the issue the item will be removed from the regular meeting agenda and requested City Manager Lee Gilmour to bring back more information on dress code standards.

10f. Discuss 2010 Census process – Mayor Faircloth stated local municipalities and the county have formed a committee to help ensure a full census count and designated Mr. Mike Beecham as the representative for the City. Mayor Faircloth stated that recommendation would be to mail a notice to the residents of Perry to encourage their participation in the 2010 census.

10g. Award of Bids – Mayor Faircloth stated that the funding for the project would be coming from the SPLOST 06 Water/Sewer fund. Council Member Joe Posey asked about the large discrepancy between the lowest bid and the next bid. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the discrepancy is due to the difference in the insurance amount that the contractor wants to include on the project because when they are doing the line relocation the line has to remain active throughout the construction process.

3b. Discussion of armory name. Mayor Faircloth stated that the previous name of the building when the State gave to the City was the “General Courtney Hodges Armory”. The City has not formally named the building however, when it was determined that the Perry Arts Center was to be located in the building, it was called the Perry Arts Center, therefore the question is whether the building should retain the original name with the Perry Arts Center underneath. Ms. Terre Walker of the Perry Arts Center Advisory Board addressed Council with a statement from Chairman Lora Arledge of the Perry Arts Center Advisory Board with a request to have the Board consider this question and make a recommendation to Council. Mayor Faircloth asked if Council would be opposed to letting the Perry Arts Center Advisory Board make some recommendations to bring back to Council. All members concurred to have the Perry Arts Center Advisory Board make recommendations to bring back to Council.

3c. Consideration of disposing of public property:

- Marshallville Road and Faye Circle. City Manger Lee Gilmour stated the property was donated to the City and was to be used for some type of greenspace. The City has been approached by a private property owner about the possibility of selling the property; the City has no immediate use for the property. Council Member William Jackson asked the property’s size. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that is .46 acres. Mayor Faircloth asked if there were any restrictions on the property. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated there were none the property was a gift. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that if Council wants to explore the possibility of selling the property then there is a process that has to be followed by State law, which is advertising and a bidding process. City Manger Lee Gilmour asked Council if they wanted to sell the property or think about it. All members concurred to start the process for selling the property.

- Toomer Road Landfill a.k.a. Public Safety Training Site. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the City already has something planned for this property, but has been approached by a realtor to sell the property. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the recommendation of the administration is for the City to keep the property. All members concurred with the recommendation of the administration to keep the

property. Director of Public Safety George Potter stated that property can be used when the City has a storm to take debris waste to save money in lieu of shipping it out to Houston County. Chief Potter also noted that the City received a grant to build a firing range on the property. Furthermore the City has already invested in the property; this includes power, storage buildings and a well. Director of Public Safety George Potter asked Council's consideration to pay Ocmulgee Site & Environmental Services, Inc. \$6,000 for the engineering and surveying services for the proposed public safety firing range with funding coming from the Confiscated Asset Funds. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King asked if the property was stable to build a firing range. Chief Potter stated the firing range will not be built on the landfill, but on a different portion of the property. Mayor Faircloth asked Chief Potter to bring this item before Council at the regular meeting.

4. Other items as needed: None.
5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.