

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 20, 2010
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held April 20, 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, Joe Posey, Phyllis Bynum-Grace, William Jackson 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, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: None.

Press: Michael Pannell – Macon Telegraph.

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

- 3a. Discussion of April 20, 2010 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

10b. (1). Resolution to accept a street known as Champions Way into the City of Perry maintenance system. City Manager Lee advised the street known as Champions Way is the access road from Houston Lake Country Club to Houston Lake Road and the Country Clubhouse has already been annexed into the City.

10c. Appoint replacement for former Council Member Joe Kusar to the City of Perry pension committee. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the committee consists of the City Attorney, City Manager, Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King and two City employees. The committee calls for two representatives from Council. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that the committee only meets when an employee is retiring. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace nominated Council Member Randall Walker as the replacement representative for the committee. All members concurred with the recommendation.

4. Other items as needed:

Mayor Faircloth passed out a letter from the Housing Authority Chairman Penrose Wolf advising Council that the Authority has hired a new Executive Director, James T. Joyner.

Mayor Faircloth passed out an invitation from Mr. Ransom Moore of the Georgia National Fairgrounds inviting Council to a luncheon on May 12th at noon.

Following up on Mr. King's request City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Mayor/Council that Mr. Toney Gibson (PW Sanitation Supervisor) will be working with a Houston County Development Authority suggested vendor for recycling plastic.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King suggested that Mayor/Council send out a letter to the merchants gently reminding them of the City's ordinance about putting out signs around the City and if the merchants put out signs what options they have.

Director of Public Safety George Potter reviewed with Council the auto attendant messaging system that would be used to better direct phone calls for the police and fire during normal working hours and night. Council Member Joe Posey asked if a citizen accidentally presses the wrong button what would happen. Director Potter stated that the auto attendant would repeat options. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace asked that the information be posted in the newspaper, utility bills, police and fire departments and the City website. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked if Council concurred with proceeding with the auto attendant for the public safety building with the posting of the information. All members concurred. Mayor Faircloth asked that all City employees be notified of the change and if the City received any complaints or praises they would like to be notified.

Council Member Riley Hunt asked about the review of the City's purchasing policy and procedures. Council Member Riley Hunt stated in his opinion the policy relative to City employees should be expanded to include the employee's business, corporation and spouse. Mayor Faircloth stated the City Attorney advised that there is no law that states an employee can't bid. All Council members concurred to leave the policy as it is. Mayor Faircloth stated that he would briefly go over the policy and advise the public that it is available to them.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.