

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 6, 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 6, 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: Mr. Walton Wood and Mrs. Becky Wood, Mr. Chuck Ramsdale.

Press: None.

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

- 3a. Discussion of April 6, 2010 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

10e. (1). Award of bid for the Kubota Front Deck Mower. Council Member Riley Hunt asked if Foster Rhodes will be given an opportunity to match the low quote according to the local vendor preference provision. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised that Foster Rhodes will be given the opportunity.

11a. Bid No. 2010-06 Award for Police Administrative Vehicle. Council Member Riley Hunt asked Director of Public Safety George Potter to review the bid with Council. Director Potter stated the bid is for an emergency purchase and recommends going with Peach County Ford since the City already has an investment in Ford vehicles. Hamby Automotive quoted a 2010 Chevrolet Impala, but the bid specifications were for a 2010 Ford Taurus SE. The replacement vehicle is needed now and Peach County Ford states they can deliver a replacement vehicle within a week, the fastest delivery date of the dealerships making a bid.

The delivery dates for the other bidding dealerships were: Wayne Morris Ford – 6-8 weeks, Family Ford – 10-15 weeks, Hamby Chevrolet – 30-90 days. Director of Administration Brenda King advised the delivery dates are due to 2011 vehicles are not in production. Council Member Riley Hunt stated he would like to speak with the Hamby Automotive dealer about the quote and recommends going with the local vendor.

- 3b. Camp Character – Ms. Kimberly Green Martin. Ms. Martin came before Council to ask for use of the facilities at Rozar Park for the Camp Character summer camp program. The program was very successful last year and has already received donations for this year's program. The summer camp would begin on May 31st running through July 17th with hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ms. Martin stated they have submitted for a Pepsi grant and local sponsorship for the program. Council Member Joe Posey asked if Camp Character is a national program; Ms. Martin advised it was. Last year there were a total of 35 -55 kids each week in the program, and the same number of kids was expected this year. The cost per child is \$55.00 per week. Director of Parks and Recreation Rick Kilgore reiterated the program was very successful last year and he supports the program again this year. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised that Camp Character would have to carry liability insurance and enter into a hold harmless agreement with the City for use of the facilities. Council Member Joe Posey asked Director of Parks and Recreation Rick Kilgore to report back to Council how the program is going this year. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked if Council concurs to proceed with the scheduling of the Parks and Recreation facilities for Camp Character. All members concurred.

4. Other items as needed:

Mayor Faircloth passed out to Council the Dogwood Festival T-shirts.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King suggested a Mayor's night with citizens, which is a chance to meet and greet with the Mayor once a month from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., if Mayor Faircloth has the time. Mayor Faircloth advised he would be happy to meet and greet with the citizens.

Council Member Riley Hunt asked Mayor Faircloth his opinion about the moving of the Dogwood Festival to the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Mayor Faircloth stated he has expressed his opinion to the Chamber of Commerce. All Council members agreed that they did not like the idea of moving the festival, but since the festival is a Chamber of Commerce event, it is not up to Council. Council would like a letter sent to the Chamber of Commerce expressing Council's position. Mr. Chuck Ramsdale expressed that the festival when held downtown brings more exposure to the downtown area merchants. Director of Public Safety George Potter advised that since the festival has been moved to the Georgia National Fairgrounds the streets will only be blocked off on Friday night for the opening ceremony from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.