

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 18, 2010
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held May 18, 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, William Jackson and Randall Walker.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

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: Marlon Walker – Macon Telegraph.

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

- 3a. Discussion of May 18, 2010 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

5a. (1). Petition for Special Exception Application No. SE-10-01. Director of Parks and Recreation Rick Kilgore stated the recreation department offers swimming lessons at a cost. Council Member Randall Walker advised he has spoken with Ms. Peggy Williams and there are no neighbors nor parking issues. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham advised that during the Planning and Zoning hearing there were some complaints from the neighbors from Constance Court about noise issue, but the Planning and Zoning Commission determined the City could handle any noise complaints. Mayor Faircloth advised Council that the petition is a special exception, Council can vote on the item tonight or postpone to the next meeting. All Council Members stated they had no issue with voting tonight.

7a. (3). Second Reading of an ordinance amending to provide for 1% increase in Accommodation Excise Tax (Hotel/Motel). City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that if the ordinance is adopted it would not take effect until August 1, 2010.

4. Other items as needed:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King asked about Westwood Trailer Park and nothing has yet been done and it is still a concern; he has spoken with the property owner Kim Mullins to start on the project. Mr. Mullins has advised at this time he does not have the funding to start on his portion of the project. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham advised Council that his department will be issuing citations for the violations that have not been corrected. Council Member Randall Walker asked if the City could condemn the trailers that are uninhabitable and have them removed. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated yes the City can and it is ultimately the property owner's responsibility. City Manager Lee Gilmour suggested contacting Mr. Kim Mullins as a reminder and proceed with the citations for the violations. Mayor Faircloth stated he would like to meet with Mr. Mullins to move the project along.

Council Member Joe Posey asked Director of Parks and Recreation Rick Kilgore if there will be a ground breaking tomorrow for the football field. Mr. Kilgore stated there would be.

Mayor Faircloth asked about an update for the convenience store on Perimeter Road. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham advised that his department has received the engineering plan, but has not received any drawings. Director Beecham advised the engineer all plans have to be presented to the DDA and approved before any permits will be issued. Director of Public Safety George Potter advised Council at the next Council meeting he will be requesting to have Pepo's convenience store alcohol license rescinded due to problems with gambling machines and selling alcohol to minors. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King asked that when new businesses come into the City, do they receive the City's laws and regulations. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated most businesses already know the laws and regulations.

Council Member Joe Posey reminded Council about the City's outside agencies coming before Council to report on their progress and future plans for the City.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.