

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**

June 1, 2010

**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held June 1, 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, Phyllis Bynum-Grace and Randall Walker.

Elected Official Absent: None.

Departmental Staffing: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Deputy Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Captain Heath Dykes – Public Safety, Steve Howard – Chief Building Inspector and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Penrose Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Wood and Mr. Keith Newton.

Press: None.

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

- 3a. Discussion of June 1, 2010 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

8a. (1) Resolution to amend Perry Fee Schedule to remove Creekwood pool daily fee charge. Council Member Riley Hunt asked why the City is removing the daily charge fee. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated it was due to it not being cost effective and citizens will still have to pay for any swimming lessons and/or to rent the pool.

- 3b. Review of FY 2011 adjusted budget. Mayor Faircloth opened the floor for discussion. Council Member William Jackson asked if the tax digest was basically remaining the same. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the tax digest would stay the same. Mayor Faircloth stated based on the meeting this morning with the County Commissioners; the County is looking at non-growth. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace asked if there would be any SPLOST. Mayor Faircloth stated to his knowledge he does not know of any at this time. Council Member Randall Walker discussed the fire inspector position request; in his opinion he is not comfortable raising the millage to fund position, but would like to have Chief Joel Gray and

Captain Jeff Patterson taken off the fire trucks. Mayor Faircloth asked if the position is needed for this fiscal year. Chief Joel Gray, Fire Department, addressed the questions from Council; to have himself and Captain Patterson taken off the fire trucks they would need an additional staff member based on the ISO standards that determine the minimal amount of personnel on a fire truck. When ISO inspects they are looking at the records and the number of staff personnel. If the City's ISO rating goes up, it would affect the citizen's homeowners insurance. All Council Members agreed they were comfortable with increasing the millage rate to .6 mills, but would like more information from the Public Safety Department relative to manpower.

City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the proposed water rate adjustment which would be a 15% rate increase. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated he also recommended no volume break for water usage for industrial/commercial per State law. All members concurred.

Mr. Penrose Wolf asked to address Council about the FY'11 Operating Budget –he has reviewed the proposed budget and strongly suggests Council increasing the millage rate by 1 mill. The millage increase is needed to build a cash reserve for the City and to maintain all the services for the City.

- 3c. Confirm process for visitor tours for water/wastewater facilities. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked if Council agrees with the guidelines as outlined by ESG Operations for the tours. All Council members agreed to the guidelines for the tour of the facilities. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated it would not cost the City any additional money for these tours. Mayor Faircloth asked to arrange a tour of the facilities for the Council members.

4. Other items as needed:

Council Member Joe Posey asked for an update relative to Gresham Place subdivision stormwater issue. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the project is still ongoing and is hopefully to be completed by the end of this week. Council Member Posey asked about the status of the Creekwood football field project. Rick Kilgore - Director of Parks and Recreation advised Phase 1 is completed and are moving toward Phase 2.

Mayor Faircloth advised Council they have been invited to the Economic Strategy meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Mayor Faircloth would also like to schedule for mid to late summer a meeting with Council to discuss the City's (20) to (30) year long range plan/goals.

City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that the application for FY 09 CHIPS funding has been denied. The State has changed the rules and guidelines for applying for the grant and suggests the City hold off on applying for the CHIPS and concentrate on the Energy grant funding. All members concurred.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.