

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 7, 2011
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held June 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer. Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker. Council Members Willie King, Riley Hunt and Joe Posey.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace and William Jackson.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and City Attorney David Walker.

City Departmental Staffing: Brenda King – Director of Administration, Captain William Phelps – Public Safety, Captain Heath Dykes – Public Safety, , Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray – Public Safety, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, Dianne Abney – Public Works and Annie Warren - Recording Secretary.

Guests/Speakers: Ms. Pearlie Dixon, Mr. Bryan Fountain, Mr. Carl Lumpkin, Mr. Kim Mullins, Dr. Robin Hines, Dr. Darryl Albritton, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Elgin Mayfield, Ms. Deona Dragon, Ms. Laura Dupree, Mr. Malik Bailey, Ms Wanda Walters, Ms. Annie Kendrick, Mr. Tom Walmer, Mr. Joe Voyst, Ms. Linda Horne, Ms. Tonya Hipps, Ms. Virginia Stewart, Ms. Nadine Paine, Ms. Laverne Pate, Mr. Walton Wood, Ms. Becky Wood and Mr. Mike Baker.

Press/Media: Ms. Christina Wright- Macon Telegraph, Ms. Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal and Mr. Andrew Baker - Comsouth.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Pastor John Lehenbauer of Christ Lutheran Church gave the invocation and Mayor Pro- Tempore Randall Walker led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Citizens with Input. Ms. Terre Walker asked that the Perry Area Historical Society be removed from the agenda.

5. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:12 P.M. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. called to order a public hearing at 6:12 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-67A-3 (c).

5a. Petition for Rezoning and Annexation Application No. R-11-01. Rezone 2.00 acres from Houston County M-1, Wholesale and Light Industrial District to City of Perry C-2, General Commercial District. Property is located at 111 Hicks Drive.

Staff Report: Mr. Gilmour advised Council that the Perry Planning Commission recommended approval of the application and there are no objections from the Houston County Board of Commissioners.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the petition.

In Favor: None.

Opposed: None.

- 5b. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance – Section 142A – Traffic Control Devices.

Staff Report: Mr. Gilmour advised Council that the Perry Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation for the approval of this amendment.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the petition.

In Favor: None.

Opposed: None.

- 5c. Public Hearing for FY 12 Operating Budget for the City of Perry.

Report: Mayor James Faircloth, Jr. review the proposed FY 12 Operating Budget.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the petition.

In Favor: None.

Opposed:

Dr. Robin Hines - Superintendent of HCBOE, voiced his concerns relative two issues. The elimination of the SRO's - since the Board of Education funds the SRO's and the elimination of the school crossing guards. Dr. Hines feels that the elimination of the school crossing guards is a safety issue and should be handled by the City of Perry.

Dr. Darryl Albritton - Principal of Perry High School, echoed Dr. Hines sentiments.

Mr Thomas Moore - Principal of Perry Middle School, was opposed to the elimination of the SRO's because the SRO doubles as the crossing guard.

Mr. Elgin Mayfield - Principal of Perry Primary, was opposed to not funding the school crossing guards.

Ms. Deona Dragon - Perry High School teacher, commended Officer Daly's performance.

Ms. Laura Dupree - commended Officer Daly for mentoring her son.

Mr. Malik Bailey – Perry High School student, spoke in favor of Officer Daly staying on as a school resource officer.

Ms. Wanda Walters – Perry High School teacher, felt that the elimination of the SRO would be a step backward for Perry.

Ms. Annie Mae Kendrick – Perry High School employee, spoke in favor of keeping Officer Daly as SRO.

Mr. Tom Walmer – Chairman of BOE, spoke in favor of keeping school crossing guards.

Mr. Joe Voyst – father of Perry High School student, spoke in favor of SRO's.

Ms. Linda Horne – Assistant School Superintendent of Operations, spoke in favor of SRO's and school crossing guards.

Ms. Tonya Hipps – spoke in favor saving all positions.

Ms. Virginia Stewart – retiree of Houston County Sheriff's Department, spoke in favor of school crossing guards and SRO's.

Ms. Nadine Paine – voiced her concerns of individuals losing their jobs particularly the DDA manager.

Ms. Laverne Pate – On site manager of the Farmers Market, asked Council to save the DDA manager and consider all positions.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

6. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - 6a. Council Consideration – Minutes of May 16, 2011 work session, May 17, 2011 pre council, May 17, 2011 regular meeting and May 23, 2011 budget work session. Councilmember Posey motioned to approve the minutes. Councilmember King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
7. Old Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - 7a. Ordinances for Second Reading and Adoption: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr.

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to amend the Perry Code by deleting Section 20-4 in its entirety – Regulate the carrying of firearms.

Adoption of Ordinance 2011-10. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend the Perry Code by deleting Section 20-4 in its entirety – Regulate the carrying of firearms. Councilmember Willie King motioned to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Riley Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2011-10 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

8. Any Other Old Business Matters:

- 8a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. – None.
- 8b. Others. – None.

9. New Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- 9a. Matter referred from City Council June 6, 2011 work session/ June 7, 2011 pre council meeting. None.

9b. Ordinances for First Reading and Introduction.

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone 2.00 acres from Houston County M-1, Wholesale and Light Industrial District to City of Perry C-2, General Commercial District. Property is located at 111 Hicks Drive. (*No action required by Council*).
2. **First Reading** of an ordinance to annex 2.00 acres from Houston County M-1, Wholesale and Light Industrial District to City of Perry C-2, General Commercial District. Property is located at 111 Hicks Drive. (*No action required by Council*).
3. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 142A – Traffic Control Devices. (*No action required by Council*).
4. **First Reading** of an ordinance to adopt the FY 12 Operating Budget. (*No action required by Council*).

9c. Resolutions for Consideration.

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2011-19 authorizing establishment of fees for use of PAC sound system. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. reviewed with Council the resolution to establish fees for use of the PAC sound system. Councilmember Riley Hunt motioned to adopt the resolution to establish fees for the use of the PAC sound system. Councilmember Willie King

seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2011-19 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

9d. Authorized additional engineering services from Constantine Engineering for provision of various tasks associated with sewer line intrusion/infiltration study.

Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. reviewed with Council the request for additional engineering services from Constantine Engineering for provision of various tasks associated with sewer line intrusion/infiltration study. Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker motioned to authorize the additional engineering services from Constantine Engineering for provision of various tasks associated with sewer line intrusion/infiltration study. Councilmember Posey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Department Head Items. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. asked each department head if they had any items and they responded as follows:

Captain William Phelps, Public Safety – No report.

Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray, Public Safety – No report.

Ronnie Jones, Director of Public Works – No report.

Brenda King, Director of Administration – Finance received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

11. Councilmembers and General Public Items.

City Manager Lee Gilmour – No report.

City Attorney David Walker – No report.

Councilmember Joe Posey – No report.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker – No report.

Councilmember Riley Hunt – No report.

Councilmember Willie King – No report.

General Public:

Mr. Walter Wood commended Council for doing an outstanding job.

Mr. Mike Baker thanked Council for all they do.

12. Mayor Items.

Mayor Faircloth reminded Council of the invitation to the Houston Arts Alliance Annual meeting.

Mayor Faircloth stated the next “Walk with the Mayor and Council” will be held on June 23, 2011 in District 1.

Mayor Faircloth commended the city manager, city department heads, city employees and council for their hard work in working through the budget process.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker wished Councilmember Willie King a Happy Birthday.

13. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the meeting held June 7, 2011, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.