

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 3, 2011
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held May 3, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker. Council Members Riley Hunt, Joe Posey, William Jackson, Willie King and Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

Elected Official Absent: None.

Departmental Staffing: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray – Public Safety, Brenda King – Director of Administration, George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Walton Woods and Ms. Vickie Graham.

Press: Jennifer Burk – Macon Telegraph and Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal.

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

- 3a. Discussion of May 3, 2011 regular meeting agenda. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

4. Appointments – Recreation Commission. Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker asked if his recommendation for Recreation Commission would be appointed tonight. Director of Parks and Recreation Rick Kilgore stated only Council Members Willie King and Phyllis Bynum-Grace would be appointed tonight. Director Kilgore stated he would like to meet with Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker before his appointment is made.

5. Appearances – Ms. Brenda Howard – Fee waiver for Creekwood Park. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace stated Ms. Howard is hosting a Children’s Day event. The event is normally held in Ms. Howard’s yard but the event has grown and she needs a bigger area to hold the event. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace stated Ms. Howard has been hosting this event for fifteen (15) years.

9a. (1). Ordinance for Second Reading – Perry Code – Solicitors. Director of Administration Brenda King reviewed with Council the recommended amendment to the ordinance that would be incorporated in the ordinance. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the ordinance would not apply to charitable organizations i.e. Boy and Girl Scouts and the fees would not be removed, only referring to the City's fee schedule. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace suggested including the information on the City's website.

9b. (1). Taxicab License for Second Reading – Applicant Mr. Marcus Zack Dennis Jr. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the applicant has acquired his home occupation license, therefore completing all the necessary requirements to receive the taxicab license.

11b. Ordinance for First Reading – Perry Code – Business license tax on insurance companies. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the fees associated with the tax on insurance companies are set by the State and per State Code since the City of Perry has over 10,000 citizens, the City is required to increase the fee. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked if Council wanted to change the effective date to correspond with the City's fiscal year (July 1, 2011) or leave it calendar year (January 1, 2012). All Council members concurred to change the date to correspond with the City's fiscal year. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated it would not affect the current insurance companies this year, only new insurance companies.

11d. Resolution for consideration. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the agreement is a follow up to proceed with the sidewalk and lighting project for the General Courtney Hodges Boulevard. Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker stated the agreement is for Commerce Street Improvements not General Courtney Hodges. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated yes the agreement is for Commerce Street, not General Courtney Hodges.

4. Other items as needed:

Council Member Willie King stated Steamer's restaurant opened this weekend. Council Member Riley Hunt stated Rusty's is slated to be open on Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace suggested restarting the Ambassador's program for functions/events that are held downtown. It was a volunteer program that would help people visiting the City. Mayor Faircloth and Council thought it was a good idea and asked Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace to head up the program.

Director of Public Safety George Potter stated there are approximately twenty (20) community service workers that if Council concurs he would put to work cleaning up the parcel of land on Marshallville Road for the Open Market. All

Council members concurred. Director of Public Safety George Potter also asked Council if they had any projects for the community service workers to please give him a list.

Mayor Faircloth stated the City was approved for a special exception variance for the Public Safety Training facility and firing range on Toomer Road. Mayor Faircloth thanked Director of Public Safety George Potter and his staff for putting together the presentation. Mayor Faircloth asked Director George Potter what the anticipated opening date for the facility. Director Potter stated September 1, 2011. Mayor Faircloth asked Director Potter to give Council a copy of the presentation and the minutes from the Informational Hearing on March 29, 2011.

Council Member Willie King suggested having Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray present to the citizens relative to the fire protection fees to inform the public and answer any questions they might have.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.