

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 17, 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 17, 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 and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

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: Ms. Mary Lou Simon 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 17, 2011 regular meeting agenda. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

9b. First Reading Ordinance – Perry Code Section 20-4 – Regulate the carrying of firearms. Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker asked if this ordinance applies to City owned properties. Director of Public Safety George Potter stated this ordinance is due to new State law which supersedes local ordinances. City Manger Lee Gilmour stated he would follow up and check on any options relative to carrying firearms on City owned properties.

9c. Resolution for Consideration – Accept water and sewer improvements only at Lake Forest Subdivision, Phase 1. Director of Community Development Mike Beecham stated that the subdivision has been inspected by Public Works and recommends acceptance of the subdivision for water and sewer only.

9d. Award of Bid – Public Works - Knuckleboom loader with trash body. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the request is to replace the oldest vehicle in the fleet due to the other vehicle not being operational. The vehicle will be used to pick up bulk waste.

10. (1). Authorize provision, if available, of spectator bleachers to Westfield Schools May 19 – 23, 2011. Mayor Faircloth stated Westfield Schools is hosting a State baseball tournament and the school is requesting the use of the spectator bleachers. All Council members concurred to authorize use of the bleachers if available. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the City would take and pick up the spectator bleachers.

10. (2). Consideration of request for waiving fees for use of the James E. Worrall Community Center by Governor Deal’s Water Supply Program and Task Force on June 23, 2011, 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated the request is from the Carl Vinson Institute for the meeting with Senator Ross Tolleson and requests Council to authorize the request for waiver of fees. All Council members concurred.

4. Other items as needed:

Mayor Faircloth gave to Council an invitation from the Salvation Army Board to attend on June 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. the ground breaking for the new shelter for victims of domestic violence facility.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker recommended moving forward with allowing Uptown Perry Partnership to present to Council ideas for the Synder Chapman property downtown since the gentleman for the vegetable stand has not contacted the City. Council Member Riley Hunt asked that the gentleman with the vegetable stand be notified. All Council members concurred to move forward with allowing Uptown Perry Partnership to present to Council.

Mayor Faircloth stated the next City Council budget work session will be on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. and the next “Walk with the Mayor and Council” will be on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Holly Hills.

City Manager Lee Gilmour stated ESG Operations, Inc. has saved the City over 3.1 million dollars. Council Member Riley Hunt suggested sending a letter of gratitude from the City. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked if Council concurs with the memo relative to the authorities and commissions to start the process using the suggested orientation outlined. All Council members concurred to proceed.

Ms. Mary Lou Simon asked when Council will make a decision relative to Parks and Recreation budget. Mayor Faircloth stated the next budget meeting will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss all budget items that have been presented to Council.

Ms. Vickie Graham stated she wanted to thank Mayor and Council for her plaque that she received for appreciation.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.