

MINUTES

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL

September 20, 2011

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called the pre-council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. held on September 20, 2011.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Gilmour, City Manager
Ronnie T. Jones, Public Works Director
Captain William Phelps, Public Safety
Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray, Public Safety
Dianne Abney, Recording Secretary

Guests: Ms. Vickie Graham

Press/Media: Ms. Jessica Clark, Houston Home Journal; Ms. Christina Wright, Macon Telegraph; Mr. Mike Baker, ComSouth

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

- 3a. Discussion of September 20, 2011 Regular Meeting Agenda: Mayor Faircloth reviewed the *Agenda for Regular Meeting of the Perry City Council* being held September 20, 2011 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker inquired concerning bid award for electrical service upgrade at the Houston County General Government Building. The City Manager recommended the low bid with copper wiring. The funding for the electrical service upgrade is from the music festival, hotel/motel tax.

Council Member Posey inquired relative to bid award for the lighted message board sign. The City Manager stated that Council authorized to go to bid and divide the cost with 50% from the confiscated asset fund and 50% from the water and sewer fund. Both departments will utilize the sign.

4. Other Council Member Items:

Council Member King – inquired relative to the status of the Westwood Mobile Home Park. The City Manager stated that the owner of the park contacted Mr. Mike Beecham, Director of Community Development, on September 20, 2011, indicating they are working and hope to have the PUD sketch plan delivered to Mr. Beecham by end of this week. The property owner has contracted with *Saunders Engineering* to gather information for the easement for storm water. The City Manager stated that primarily in providing the PUD indicates that the property owner will provide a timeframe in addressing the infrastructure issues in Westwood Mobile Home Park.

Council Member Hunt – inquired about the status of Crossroads Campgrounds. The City Manager stated the property owner is addressing issues that they have been cited.

Council Member Jackson – no items for discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker – no items for discussion.

Council Member Posey – no items for discussion.

Council Member Bynum-Grace – no items for discussion.

City Manager Lee Gilmour – at the work session held on Monday, September 19, 2011, Council requested a list of capital projects that are prioritized. The City Manager provided to the Council *Exhibit A* which is all capital improvements however, they are not prioritized. The priority projects found were Gresham Creek storm water improvements, project complete; Kings Circle drainage improvements, project under construction; Hillcrest storm water improvements...first part, residents primary concern was, lowering the drainage ditch, project completed by Public Works; second part, needs pipe installed under Tucker Road driveways and Cooper Street storm water drainage culverts, with an estimated cost of \$10,053.00 provided by the Public Works Director in memo dated August 30, 2011 addressed to the City Manager. The City Manager stated a projected balance in the general construction fund can address the Hillcrest issue plus the Board of Education sidewalk request. The City Manager recommended authorization to proceed, with Hillcrest being the first priority and depending on the availability of funds, proceed with the Board of Education sidewalk request. No action is required by Council at this time. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker recommended Council review the capital projects and create a priority list relative to the importance of each project. There was discussion concerning the Baird Drive improvement project. The City Manager stated that many of the capital projects are storm water issues. Mayor Faircloth inquired relative to the storm water district plan costs. The City Manager answered, other than Council determining the level of service on the monthly charge amount for storm water, project is ready to begin the process. Implementing the storm water district plan is mandated by the State; however, the City has not received a specific date that the plan must be in operation. Mayor Faircloth asked the City Manager to schedule in future work sessions, review of the capital improvement projects for prioritization including the storm water district plan as requested by Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker.

Council Member King inquired relative to the status of the new fire department. The City Manager stated that the request for proposal (RFP) for the design build is being published. Upon receipt of response (60-day response time) will then bring before Council for consideration.

Captain Phelps – no items for discussion.

Chief Gray – no items for discussion.

Mr. Ronnie Jones – no items for discussion.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before City Council, the pre-council meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.