

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 6, 2015
6:01 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 January 6, 2015 at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney David Walker and Recording Clerk, Annie Warren.

City Departmental Staffing: Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director and Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works Department.

Guest(s)/Speakers: None

Media: Todd Wilson – ComSouth 100 and Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Rev. Willie King of Faith Bible Church gave the invocation and Council Member Jackson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Faircloth deviated from the agenda.

Mayor Faircloth presented 2014 Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker a plaque of appreciation for his service as Mayor Pro-Tempore.

4. Selection of 2015 Mayor Pro-Tempore. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

Mayor Faircloth entertained to select Council Member Bynum-Grace to serve as 2015 Mayor Pro-Tempore. Council Member Walker motioned to select Council Member Bynum-Grace as 2015 Mayor Pro Tempore. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and the motioned carried unanimously.

5. Professional Services Appointments: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr.

- 2015 - Selection of City Attorney: Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to continue with the law firm of Hulbert, Gray, Moore & Byrd. Council Member Hunt motioned to continue

with the law firm of Hulbert, Gray, Moore & Byrd. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 2015 – Selection of Municipal Court Judge
- 2015 – Selection of Municipal Magistrate Court Judge

Mayor Faircloth recommended postponing the selection of the Municipal Court Judge and Assistant Municipal Court Judge and Council concurred.

6. Appointments to Boards/Authorities and Commissions. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- 6a. Mayor
- Jointly Owned Natural Gas

Mayor Faircloth appointed himself to the Joint Owned Natural Gas Board.

- 6b. Council Post 1 – District 2 Appointment(s)
- Downtown Development Authority - Dr. Brian Burnham

Council Member Jones appointed Dr. Brian Burnham to the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry.

- 6c. Mayor/Council Joint Appointment(s)
- Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority
 - Industrial Building Authority

Mayor Faircloth recommended postponing these agenda items until after the Called Work Session on January 8th, 2015 and Council concurred.

7. Approve continuation of existing employment contracts.

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to approve the continuation of existing employment contracts. Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the continuation of existing employment contracts; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Citizens with Input. None

9. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- 9a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the December 15, 2014 work session meeting, December 16, 2014 pre council meeting and December 16, 2014 council meeting

Council Member Hunt moved to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2014 work session, December 16, 2014 pre-council meeting and December 16, 2014. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion; the motioned carried with Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace abstaining.

10. Old Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

10a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading and Adoption.

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the FY 15 Operating Budget.

Adopted Ordinance 2015-01 amending the FY 15 Operating Budget. Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to adopt an ordinance amending the FY 15 Operating Budget. Council Member Walker motioned to adopt an ordinance amending the FY 15 Operating Budget; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2015-01 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance establishing no through truck routes.

Adopted Ordinance 2015-02 establishing no through truck routes. Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to adopt an ordinance establishing no through truck routes. Council Member Walker motioned to adopt an ordinance establishing no through truck routes; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2015-02 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

11. Any Other Old Business Matters:

11a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. – No report

11b. Council Members – No reports

11c. City Manager Lee Gilmour – No report

11d. City Attorney David Walker – No report

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

12a. Matters referred from January 6, 2015 pre council meeting. None

12b. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution re-adopting the five ethics principles to continue participation in the Georgia Certified City of Ethics program.

Adopted Resolution No. 2015-01 re-adopting the five ethics principles to continue participation in the Georgia Certified City of Ethics program. Council Member Walker motioned to adopt a resolution re-adopting the five ethics principles to continue participation in the Georgia Certified City of Ethics program; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2015-01 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

12c. Authorize Letter of Credit Release for the new Wooden Eagle Park. Mr. Beecham advised Mayor and Council that the equipment had been installed at the park and recommended releasing the letter of credit. Council Member King motioned to

authorize releasing the letter of credit; Council Member Jackson seconded the motioned and it carried unanimously.

13. Department Head Items. Mr. Aaron, Chief Lynn, Ms. King and Chief Gray had no reports.

Mr. Beecham stated seventeen permits were issued during the month of December for a total of 190 permits for the fiscal year.

Mr. Smith provided updates on the wayfinding system and branding initiative proposals.

14. Council Members Items:

Council Members, Mr. Gilmour and Attorney Walker had no reports.

15. General Public Items:

No reports

16. Mayor Items: Mayor Faircloth reminded everyone of the following events:

- Walk with Mayor and Council on February 24th, 5:30 p.m. in the New Hope Subdivision.
- Mayors' Day Conference, January 23-26, 2015 in Atlanta Georgia.
- Martin Luther King Jr. march on January 19th, 8:30 a.m. starting at Oldfield Baptist Church and ending at New Hope Baptist Church.

17. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held on January 6, 2015, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.