

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 20, 2015
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 January 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney David Walker and Recording Clerk, Cyndi Houser.

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

Guest(s)/Speakers: Mr. Penrose Wolf and Mr. Lawrence Baker.

Media: Todd Wilson – ComSouth 100

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Rev. Robert Jones – Grace Community Church gave the invocation and Council Member Riley Hunt led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Professional Services Appointment(s): Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., opened the floor for nominations for 2015 Professional Service Providers.

- 2015 Selection of Municipal Court Judge – Judge Herbert Wells. Council Member Walker moved to appoint Judge Herb Wells as Municipal Court judge. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 2015 Selection of Assistant Municipal Court Judge – Mr. Jeff Grube. Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace moved to appoint Mr. Jeff Grube as Assistant Municipal Court judge. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

5a. Council Post 1 – District 1 Appointment(s)

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace appointed Ms. Takisha Hayward to the Downtown Development Authority.

5b. Mayor/Council Joint Appointment(s)

Council Member Walker moved to appoint Mr. Bill Loudermilk to the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Faircloth requested the appointment to the Industrial Building Authority be tabled until such time as the Authority is active again. It was the consensus of Council to table the appointment to the Industrial Building Authority.

6. Approve continuation of existing employment contract.

Council Member King moved to approve the continuation of the existing employment contract for the City Manager. Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Remarks of Citizens: Mr. Lawrence Baker, 1211 Swift Street, thanked Council for changing the language in the proposed ordinance requiring customers to bag leaves. Mr. Baker also thanked Mr. Aaron for taking the time to listen to his concerns.

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

8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the January 6, 2015 pre council meeting, January 6, 2015 council meeting, January 8, 2015 called work session, January 12, 2015 called meeting and January 13, 2015 called meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace moved to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2015, January 6, 2015, January 8, 2015, January 12, 2015 and January 13, 2015 meetings. Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

9a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. – None

9b. Council Members - None

9c. City Manager – None

9d. City Attorney - None

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

10a. Matters referred from January 20, 2015 pre council meeting.

None

10b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading and Introduction.

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance creating the City of Perry Public Arts Commission. *(No action required by Council)*

10c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-04 establishing a Film Policy for the City of Perry. Mr. Smith advised Council that the resolution establishing a Film Policy for the City of Perry had been revised to show the addition of review comments from all department heads. Council Member Jones moved to adopt the resolution as submitted. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2015-04 has been entered in the City's official book of record).*
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-05 adopting the City of Perry Strategic Master Plan. Mayor Faircloth stated the plan was created in partnership with the Downtown Development Authority and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at UGA. Public comments were sought, forums were held and the plan was discussed at length by Council. Council Member Walker moved to adopt the City of Perry Strategic Master Plan as submitted. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2015-05 has been entered in the City's official book of record).*
3. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-06 amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour explained fees for certain solid waste services had been revised and the Recreation Department had entered into a sharing program for spring baseball and therefore the fees were added to the fee schedule. Council Member Walker moved to adopt the resolution as submitted. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2015-06 has been entered in the City's official book of record.)*

10d. Award of Bid(s):

1. Award of Bid for Medical Services for Animal Control Operations. Chief Lynn reviewed the process for obtaining bids noting that only one veterinary office responded. Administration recommended awarding the bid to Westmoreland-Slappey for various services and costs for a 2-year period. Council Member Hunt moved to award a 2-year contract to Westmoreland-Slappey Animal Hospital to perform various services and costs for animal control operations. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10e. Approved an agreement for city arborist services. Administration recommended approval of an agreement between the City and Michael Turner for arborist services on an as needed basis. Council Member King moved to approve an agreement between the

City and Michael Turner for arborist services on an as needed basis. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10f. Approved the Chamber of Commerce's request for City services for the 2015 Dogwood Festival. Mayor Faircloth presented for Council's consideration, a request from the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce for various services from the City of Perry during the April 11th & 12th Dogwood Festival. Council Member Walker moved to approve the request for City services as submitted. Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10g. Approved the purchase of testing equipment for E. Coliform and T. Coliform testing. Mr. Gilmour advised Council the USEPA has mandated testing of E. Coliform and T. Coliform. Testing is currently sent to an outside lab to meet regulations. Administration recommended approval to purchase the required testing equipment which would be paid out of the water and sewer fund for permits and safety. Council Member King moved to approve the purchase of testing equipment and service agreement in the amount of \$5,069.76. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Department Head Items.

Ms. King, Chief Lynn, and Mr. Smith – No reports

Mr. Beecham advised Community Development had received plans from Hibbett Sports to remodel three spaces in the Kroger shopping center for their new store. Council Member Hunt inquired about the new ownership of the New Perry Hotel. Mr. Beecham stated he did not know the name.

Mr. Aaron stated he is working a presentation for the methane remediation options for the next work session.

Chief Gray announced that the new piece of equipment was put into service on Thursday at 11:30 am and had its first call at 2:45 pm; and it will be on display beginning at 4:30 pm prior to the next work session.

Mr. Gilmour – No report.

City Attorney David Walker – No report.

12. Council Member and General Public Items.

None

13. General Public Items: None

14. Mayor Items.

Mayor Faircloth reminded Council:

- The Perry Leadership Institute kick-off reception at 101 Courtney Hodges Blvd. on Thursday, January 22nd beginning at 5:30 pm.

- The Annual Mayors' Day event January 23-26 in Atlanta offering a chance to network and take continuing education classes sponsored by Georgia Municipal Association.

12. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held January 20, 2015, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.