

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 20, 2015
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held January 20, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

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

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

Guests/Visitors: Ms. Maggie Schuyler, Ms. Darlene McLendon and Ms. Bonnie Giles

Media: None

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

3a. Informational presentation by Ms. Maggie Schuyler regarding an opportunity for the City.

Ms. Schuyler, president of Zaltana Club, explained the group is the youngest women's civic organization whose main mission is the Mary Elizabeth Paris Scholarship Fund. The scholarships from this fund are awarded to one or more students attending Perry High School, Westfield School or Veterans' High School who live in Perry and have had a traumatic event in their lives. The scholarship fund is named in honor of former Council Member Joe Posey's granddaughter. Their upcoming fundraiser will be a skeet and clay shoot and Ms. Schuyler invited Mayor/Council and the public to support the event through a team sponsorship, participating individually or an investment.

3b. Discussion of January 20, 2015 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

5a. Council Post 1 – District 1 Appointment Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace stated she would be recommending Ms. Tikisha (Tish) Hayward to the Downtown Development Authority vacancy.

5b. Mayor/Council Joint Appointment(s)

- Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Council Member Walker recommended Mr. Bill Loudermilk be appointed to the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority.
- Industrial Building Authority. Mayor Faircloth noted that the Industrial Building Authority had not been active for a number of years and recommended the two appointments to this board be tabled. The Council concurred.

6. Approve continuation of current contract Mayor Faircloth noted the oversight of not including the City Manager's contract during the last Council meeting.

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

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance creating the City of Perry Public Arts Commission. Mr. Gilmour advised Council to review prior to voting at the next meeting. Council Member Walker asked for clarification on Section 2-242 (6) allowing staff to alter a permit whereby an applicant may be required to participate with the Commission prior to issuance of a Development Permit. Mr. Gilmour explained that this is similar to requiring contractors to replace any trees or contribute monetarily when trees are taken out during a project. However, for this Commission, the public art would have to be approved or disapproved by them and a recommendation made to the permit department that it meets the guidelines that would be established if the ordinance is approved. Other comments included the makeup of the commission members, this ordinance is the framework for public art/beautification process and this would be a city-wide review board.

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

1. Resolution establishing a Film Policy for the City of Perry. Mr. Smith noted one change in the permit application requiring a review by every department head.
2. Resolution amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour noted this amendment provides for the adjustment in the requirement for bagging leaves and penalties for littering in commercial customers and adding fees in the Recreation Department. The City is partnering with Peach County to offer a spring baseball program and the fees have been added to the schedule.

10d. Award of Bid(s):

1. Medical services for animal control operations. Chief Lynn explained that it had been several years since this contract was put out for bids. Requests for bids were sent out to local veterinary clinics and there was only one response. Administration recommended awarding the bid to Westmoreland-Slappey Veterinary Services.

10e. Approve agreement for city arborist services. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the discussion of arbor services held several months ago. A list of the services was prepared and Mr. Michael Turner was contacted regarding his provision of services and the costs. Mr. Turner was amenable to the guidelines and requested that after a time, the services be reviewed to assure that costs and services are in-line with expectations. Administration recommended the agreement be approved.

10f. Chamber's request for City services for the 2015 Dogwood Festival. Ms. McLendon and Ms. Giles reviewed the Chamber's request for various City services including police, fire, public works and community development. Ms. Giles inquired about the possibility of upgraded electrical service along Carroll Street. This project is still being reviewed. Timing of street closures was confirmed. Council Member Walker thanked the Chamber for bringing so many people into the downtown area with this event.

10g. Proceed with purchase of needed equipment for E. Coliform and T. Coliform testing. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the information provided by ESG which indicated the USEPA is now mandating the testing of these items for the stormwater monitoring. Administration is recommending approval of the purchase.

4. Council Member Items.

Mayor Faircloth asked if any Council members had any items for discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bynum-Grace inquired about the "Lids for Artists" program being revived. Ms. Bynum-Grace has several people that are interested in this program.

Council Member King had received a request that the City consider installing a sidewalk on North Davis and Park Avenue near the high school parking lot. There are many students walking on the shoulder, but must take to the ditch when meeting traffic. It was requested that this be added to possible street projects for feasibility as well as repair of the street. Council Member Jones received a similar request.

Council Member Hunt asked for clarification on the road closure near Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Hunt was advised this is only in the proposal stage, but an entrance would be provided for Evergreen if the plan is completed.

Council Members Jackson and Walker had no reports.

5. Department Head/City Manager Items/Public Comments.

Chief Gray, Mr. Beecham and Ms. King had no reports

Mr. Aaron noted the stormwater plan is in progress and he is working with Community Development on this. It will be completed in time for the February 15th deadline for EPD. Chief Lynn reported the police department was in need of a storage shed for storing the Polaris vehicles and other items. The 12'x24' building would be placed across the street from Public Safety, would cost \$5,012 and be paid from investigative (condemned) funds. Based on this

information, the Council advised Chief Lynn he did not need their approval for any expenditure from the investment fund, but they appreciated that advised them of the project.

Mr. Smith reported the Board of Education is participating in the Georgia Cities Week including an essay contest “If I Were Mayor...” and working with the director of school and public relations; the housing analysis is being completed and noted they also went under cover for several days; the report will be completed by the January 27th deadline.

Mr. Gilmour noted that the City is coming up on renewal for the property insurance lines. Georgia Municipal Association is the current carrier and is normally renewed automatically, but historically the City seeks estimates from local and other carriers about every 5 years. It was also noted most other carriers are not able to match GMA, but Administration asked for the concurrence of Council to proceed with this plan.

6. Mayor items

Mayor Faircloth reminded everyone of “Business After Hours” on Thursday, January 29th at Ace Hardware and the kick-off reception for the Perry Leadership Institute at 5:30 at the Chamber building on January 22nd.

7. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the January 20, 2015 pre council meeting at 5:54 pm.