

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2014
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 February 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer. Mayor Pro – Tempore Randall Walker. Council Members Joe Posey, Willie King, Riley Hunt and William Jackson.

Elected Official Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Mary Beth Bass – Economic Development Director.

Guests/Speakers: Coach Ronnie Jones, Westfield School head football coach, Westfield School football team members and coaching staff, family and friends of the Westfield School football team, Mr. Brent Conway, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Jackie Cleghorn, Mr. James Burch, Mr. Mike Baker, Mr. George Smith, and Mr. Kyle Smith.

Press/Media: Mr. Don Moncrief – Houston Home Journal and Mr. Andrew Baker - ComSouth.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mr. Robert Jones, Grace Church, gave the invocation and Council Member Jackson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Proclamations(s)/Recognition(s): Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr.

Proclamation recognizing Coach Ronne Jones and the Westfield High School football team. Mayor Faircloth and the City Council publicly recognized and honored Coach Ronnie Jones and the Westfield football team for winning the 2013 GISA championship with the presentation of a plaque and a key the City to for Coach Jones. Coach Jones thanked the City and noted that the team members had received their championship rings today. Each council member offered their congratulations and best wishes.

5. Citizens with Input.

Mayor Faircloth asked if there is anyone who wished to address Council on any subject.

1. Mr. Robert Jones noted with no election held this past November it would indicate that the citizens were very happy with their current elected officials and he commended them for their service.

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

- 6a. Council Consideration – Minutes of the February 3, 2014 work session, February 4, 2014 pre council meeting and January 4, 2014 regular meeting.

Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

7a. Ordinances for Second Reading and Adoption.

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to rezone 1.287 acres from Houston County C-2, General Commercial District and 22.933 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located at 2403 Hwy 127 and 1946 Houston Lake Road, Kathleen, GA.

Adoption of Ordinance 2014 -04. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. gave the second reading of an ordinance to rezone 1.287 acres from Houston County C-2, General Commercial District and 22.933 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located at 2403 Hwy 127 and 1946 Houston Lake Road, Kathleen, GA. Council Member Posey moved to adopt the original request of the petitioner. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker seconded the motion; Council Member King opposed; motion carried 4-1. (*Ordinance 2014-04 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to annex 1.287 acres from Houston County C-2, General Commercial District and 22.933 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located at 2403 Hwy 127 and 1946 Houston Lake Road, Kathleen, GA.

Adoption of Ordinance 2014 -05. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. gave the second reading of an ordinance to annex 1.287 acres from Houston County C-2, General Commercial District and 22.933 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located at 2403 Hwy 127 and 1946 Houston Lake Road, Kathleen, GA. Council Member Posey moved to adopt. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker seconded the motion; Council Member King opposed; motion carried 4-1. (*Ordinance 2014-05 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending FY 14 Operating Budget.

Adoption of Ordinance 2014-06. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend the FY14 Operating Budget. Mr. Gilmour noted there were no significant changes halfway through the budget year and Administration recommended adoption. Council Member Walker moved to adopt the ordinance amending FY14 Operating Budget. Council Member Jackson seconded; motion was approved unanimously. (*Ordinance 2014-06 has been entered in the City office book of record.*)

- 7b. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. - No Old Business
- 7c. Council/Manager/Attorney. - No Old Business

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

8a. Matters referred from February 18, 2014 pre council meeting.

No action required by Council from the February 18, 2014 pre council meeting.

8b. Award of Bid(s):

- 1. Bid No. 2014-14 Zero Turn Mower – Industrial Grade

The Department recommendation is to accept the low bid of \$12,299.99 from A&A Contractors, Perry, GA.

Council Member Jackson motioned to accept the low bid of \$12,299.99 from A&A Contractors, Perry, GA. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8c. Approve Chamber's request for City Services for the 2014 Dogwood Festival.

Council Member Posey motioned to approve the request as submitted. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Department Head Items.

Chief Gray, Chief Lynn, and Ms. King- No report.

Ms. Bass- Calendar reminders- Chamber Business After Hours on Thursday, February 27th at Perry Chiropractic; and Houston County Development Authority is hosting a groundbreaking at EMICC for their expansion project on Friday afternoon at 2 pm.

Mr. Beecham- Requested permission to remove a sign located in the triangle area of Main Street and Houston Lake Drive. Community Development has been unable to locate the legal paperwork of the sign owners and it will need to be removed when construction is started. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with removal of the sign.

10. Council Member and General Public Items.

Council Members – No report.

General Public

1. Mr. Jackie Cleghorn, 1932 Houston Lake Road asked for clarification for the Council accepting the original petitioner's request for rezoning rather than the Planning Commission's recommendation and how this would impact the value of the single family owners around the property. Mayor Faircloth explained the Council based their decision on information provided during the hearings, Community Development's written information, recommendations from Planning and Zoning and discussion during the pre-council meeting.
2. Mr. James Burch, 1936 Houston Lake Road also expressed concerns about how the zoning and the number of driveways would affect property values.

11. Mayor Items.

Mayor Faircloth- Advised Council of the GMA Focus group meeting to be hosted by the City of Perry on Wednesday, February 19th. He announced the ***Walk With Mayor and Council*** will be on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:30 pm in the Five Points neighborhood.

12. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council in the meeting held February 18, 2014, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.