

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
July 16, 2013

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore, Joe Posey, Presiding Officer called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held July 16, 2013 at 6:01pm.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Presiding Officer Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey, Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Riley Hunt, and Willie King.

Elected Officials Absent: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Council Members William Jackson, and Randall Walker.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and City Attorney John Gray Walker.

City Departmental Staffing: Deputy Fire Chief Dave Stanton – Perry Fire and Emergency Services, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mary Beth Bass – Director of Economic Development, Susan Miles – Revenue Collections Manager and Trisha McMillan – Recording Secretary.

Guests: Vickie Graham, Rosella Cooper, Robert Jackson, Mr. Beckham

Press/Media: Ms. Ginny McDaniel – Com South, Ms. Christina Wright – Macon Telegraph

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

4. Citizens with Input.

Ms. Rosella Cooper thanked council members and City of Perry for their kindness while she has been living here. She will be moving to North Carolina in the near future and asked that her resignation from the WRATS committee be accepted.

5. Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey called to order a public hearing at 6:05 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-67A-3 (c).

5a. Petition for Rezoning and Annexation Application No. R-13-04. Applicant Beckham Family Limited Partnership, Ed Beckham – Agent, requests to rezone and annex approximately 18.4 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located on Perry Parkway.

Per Mr. Beecham the Planning Committee has already approved this rezoning request from agricultural to commercial.

Mr. Beckham spoke on behalf of this property. He said the owners have passed away and their heirs in Florida inherited the property. The owners contacted Mr. Beckham who purchased the property from them.

There was no one who spoke against the rezoning.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 6:07 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

6. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey

- 6a. Council Consideration – Minutes of July 1, 2013 work session, July 2, 2013 pre council meeting and July 2, 2013 council meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the above referenced minutes and second reading of amendment. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion; motion was carried unanimously.

- 6b. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amendment to provide an exemption process.

Adoption of Ordinance #2013-18 approving an exemption process for fruit produce stands. Council Member Hunt motioned to adopt an amendment to an ordinance to provide an exemption process for fruit produce stands. Council Member King seconded the motion; motioned carried unanimously.

7. Other Old Business: Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey

- 7a. Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey – None
7b. Council/Manager/Attorney – None

8. New Business: Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey

- 8a. Matters referred from the July 16, 2013 pre council meeting. None

8b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading and Introduction.

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone approximately 18.4 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located on Perry Parkway. *(No action required by Council).*
2. **First Reading** of an ordinance to annex approximately 18.4 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located on Perry Parkway. *(No action required by Council).*

8c. Award of Bid(s).

1. Award of bid from Insituform for 2013 I & I projects.

Mr. Gilmour said the Council has approved the next phase for upgrades to sewer. The bid was recommended to the low bidder and the price is \$475,772.10. It will be paid for using the 2012 SPLOST. Council Member King made a motion to accept the low bid and Council Member Hunt seconded the motion; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

8d. Resolution(s) for Second Reading and Adoption:

Adopted Resolution No. 2013-27 to accept the maintenance agreement for Wooden Eagle Subdivision, Phase 3, Section 2. Mr. Beecham reviewed with Council the maintenance agreement for Wooden Eagle Subdivision, Phase 3, Section 2. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt the resolution; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2013-27 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

9. Other Business – Supplemental Agenda

9a. Alcohol License for First Reading and Introduction:

1. **First Reading:** Application for new Alcohol License (for Beer & Wine Packaged to Go) for new owner/operator, H & P 247, LLC located at 1501 Sam Nunn Boulevard. Applicant name is H & P 247, LLC D/B/A LuLu's Marathon #3. (*No action required at first reading*).
2. **First Reading:** Application for new alcohol application (Beer & Wine Packaged to Go) for new owner/applicant Michelle Lynn Bamhill McCrea, business located at 517 North Perry Parkway, Shamsha Perry LLC dba Perry Truck Stop. (*No action required at first reading*).

10. Department Head Items.

Chief Lynn reported that the Citizens Police Academy will start on August 22nd from 6 – 8 pm. and will last for 12 weeks.

Mr. Beecham announced that Frito Lay's natural gas fueling station is a go; they will pick up their application on Wednesday.

Ms. Bass reminded Council that the Chamber will have a ribbon cutting on Wednesday at 10 am at Destiny Fitness. Governmental Affairs will also be hosting a legislative appreciation event at Go Fish on August 22nd at 5:30 pm.

Ms. King announced that she received an email from Laura at NerdWallet. They are a consumer advocacy website and have done a story on the best cities in Georgia to raise a family. Perry ranked number 4 in the top ten. The group compiled this list on the

following factors: public school rating, average home value, ongoing cost of homeownership, average income and economic growth.

11. Council Member and General Public Items. None

12. Mayor Items.

Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey offered congratulations from Council to Sgt. Kitchens for being Firefighter of the Year and Corporal Heard for being Police Officer of the Year.

He also reminded everyone of the National Youth Barrel Racing which starts Saturday, July 20th featuring youth ages 8-18. It will include people from 11 foreign countries and many different states. There will be 8 – 9,000 extra people in Perry on a daily basis during this event. A tram will run from downtown to the Ag Center during that time and volleyball courts will be set up for the kids to use at the Ag Center.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey adjourned the July 16, 2013 Council meeting at 5:25 pm.