

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
October 21, 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 October 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker and Council Members William Jackson, Willie King, Phyllis Bynum-Grace 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 Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Administration and Finance, and Decius Aaron – Public Works Department.

Guest(s): Robert Jones; John Hulbert, Jim Mehserle and Felix Smith representing The Worrall Foundation; Mary Lou Simon and Anderson Willis representing residents of Creekwood Drive, residents of Creekwood Drive and Bob Carnot – Houston County Habitat for Humanity.

Media: Cody Wetherington – ComSouth 100 and Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Rev. Willie King of Faith Bible Fellowship Church gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tempore Walker led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Remarks of Citizens:

Ms. Mary Lou Simon expressed concerns about the Creekwood Drive improvements asking when they would be completed, why the work was not consistent, if there were plans to repair lawns and if green space would be provided in order to place mailboxes in compliance with the postal service regulations.

Mr. Anderson Willis also expressed concerns about the sidewalks adding that the placement for mailboxes was not uniform throughout (no green space between sidewalk and street), there were no retaining walls or curbs to direct water to the drains and fences taken out to complete the project should be replaced by the contractor. Mr. Willis also provided a written statement to Mayor and Council about the areas of concern.

Mayor Faircloth and Council Members stated they were already aware of the problems and were working with the contractor to correct the problems. It was estimated that it would be less than 6 months to complete the corrective work.

5. Presentation(s):

- Special Presentation(s)

Mayor Faircloth presented Mr. Gilmour with a 15-year service pin. Mayor, council members and department heads complimented Mr. Gilmour on his leadership, knowledge, friendship and the guidance to keep the City abreast of issues affecting its operations.

Mayor Faircloth deviated from the regular agenda to allow for an introduction.

- Mr. Beecham, Director of Community Development, introduced Mr. Joe Brown, new code enforcement officer and stormwater inspector. Mayor and Council welcomed Mr. Brown to the City.

6. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:33 P.M. Mayor Faircloth called the public hearing to order at 6:33 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).

- 6a. Petition for Re-zoning Application No. R-14-07. Applicant, City of Perry, requests to rezone approximately 20.068 acres from City of Perry R-1, Single Family Residential District to GU, Government Use. The property is located at 2005 Hwy 341 North-Perry.

Mr. Beecham advised this property was reviewed by the Planning Commission which recommended approval of the zoning change. This property will be the site of Heritage Park.

In Favor:       None

Opposed:       None

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Faircloth closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

7. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

- 7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the October 6, 2014 work session meeting, October 7, 2014 pre-council meeting and October 7, 2014 council meeting.

Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 work session as submitted; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2014 pre-council meeting and October 7, 2014 council meeting; council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Council Member Bynum-Grace abstaining.

8. Old Business: Mayor Faircloth.

8a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending Perry Land Development Ordinance Farm Winery.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2014-22 amending Perry Land Development Ordinance Farm Winery. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Council Member Randall Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2014-22 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 102-Accessory Dwelling Units.

Council Member Walker moved to deny the request to amend Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 102-Accessory Dwelling Units. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it was unanimous to disapprove the ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 102-Accessory Dwelling Units.

8b. Follow up discussion relative to a land donation request from Houston County Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Gilmour explained the Houston County Habitat for Humanity has requested a donation of a property on Van Street to construct a home. Administration recommended approval of the agreement subject to the following conditions: 1) No bundling/grouping of homes on the same street/block, 2) Early involvement of appropriate City staff in order to speed the permitting process and 3) Habitat for Humanity's agreement to maintain or correct any code issues for the life of the mortgage in the event the homeowner is unable or unwilling. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to approve the donation of the property on Van Street subject to the conditions outlined. Mr. Hunt seconded and it was approved unanimously.

8c. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. - None

8d. Council/Manager/Attorney - None

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

9a. Matters referred from October 20, 2014 work session and October 21, 2014 pre council meeting.

1. Approve the concept plan for Heritage Park.

Mr. Mehserle spoke on behalf of the Worrall Foundation explaining their proposed concept plan for Heritage Park. This park would be used for many types of outdoor activities including walking trails, dog park, picnic facilities, restrooms, and parking. For the time being, most of it will be left natural. Mr. Mehserle stated that if the concept

plan is approved, it would allow the Worrall Foundation to move forward with raising money to begin the park. Council Member Hunt requested that a water park be considered in their plans. Mayor Faircloth thanked the Foundation members for all their hard work. Council Member Jackson moved to approve the concept plan for Heritage Park. Council Member King seconded and it was approved unanimously.

2. Authorize funding for the 2015 Music Festival.

Mayor Faircloth reported that the 2014 Perry Music Festival was a huge success and that many of the bands have already asked about returning for 2015. Mayor Faircloth then entertained a motion to authorize funding for the 2015 Perry Music Festival of \$5,700 (to be included in the next budget year), provide the same level of assistance from City staff, coordinate with other venues and set the date as September 19, 2015. Council Member King moved to authorize funding for the Perry Music Festival at \$5,700, provide the same level of assistance from City staff, coordinate with other venues and set the date as September 19, 2015. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading and Introduction.

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone approximately 20.068 acres from City of Perry R-1, Single Family Residential District to GU, Government Use. The property is located at 2005 Hwy 341 North. *(No action required by Council)*
2. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend the FY 2014 Operating Budget. *(No action required by Council)*
3. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend the City of Perry Code to provide for fining of a person failing to appear for a court date. *(No action required by Council)* Mr. Gilmour stated this ordinance came from Judge Wells to bring the Municipal Court in line with state recommendations.

10. Department Head Items.

Ms. King, Mr. Aaron, Chief Lynn – No reports

Mr. Beecham reminded Council of a demonstration of the GIS system about two (2) months ago. As part of the software package, free online abilities were included and the department has started to use these. No maps are available for public use yet, but should be in the near future.

Chief Gray stated the military surplus truck that was converted to a brush truck passed its test with the Forestry Service last week. They will be in town on Wednesday to complete the striping and lettering and the truck should be in service by the end of the week. The moving target of the arrival of the new apparatus is getting closer. The apparatus is at the dealership in north Georgia for initial service following a 1,500 mile break-in and it was hoped it would be here by end of business Friday. Chief Gray will notify Mayor and Council when it arrives.

Mr. Gilmour – No report.

11. Council Member and General Public Items.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker noted he was happy that the long anticipated fire apparatus would finally be arriving.

12. Mayor Items.

- Mayor Faircloth reminded everyone of the Walk with Mayor and Council on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. in the Highlands Ranch Subdivision.
- Expressed congratulations to Randy Moore and his staff at the Georgia National Fairgrounds for a very successful fair this year.
- Reminded everyone to vote; if you don't vote, you cannot complain.

Ms. Bynum-Grace also reminded everyone that early voting is available until October 31st and Saturday early voting is from 9 am-4 pm on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the old courthouse. She also thanked the Creekwood residents for all their research.

13. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held October 21, 2014, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.