

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

2. Elected Official Swearing In Ceremony: City Attorney Matthew C. Hulbert.

- Council Elect Robert Jones was sworn in by City Attorney Matthew C. Hulbert

3. Roll.

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

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Matthew C. Hulbert and Recording Clerk, Annie Warren.

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, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works Department and Robert Smith – Economic Development Director.

City Support Staff: Susan Miles

Guest(s): Pastor Don Caulley, Anderson Willis, Minister Mary Lou Simon, Daniel Grosselle, Sharon Kelly, Clay Sikes, Chad McMurrin, Ryan Bode, Jack Dozier, Warren Johnson, Chantez Ford and Darlene McLeod.

Media: Tabatha Walker – ComSouth 100 and Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph.

4. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. Pastor Don Caulley of Grace Church gave the invocation and Council Member Jones led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

5. Recognition(s)/Presentation(s): Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

* Proclamation recognizing Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Day

Mayor Faircloth presented Ms. Belinda C. Enamorado a proclamation recognizing Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Day in the City of Perry.

* Various awards – ESG Operations, Inc.

Mr. Jack Dozier of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals made the following presentations:

- * Susan Miles - Public Education Award for Best Direct Media for a Medium Water System
- * Brenda King - Public Education Award for Best New Media for a Medium Water System
- * City of Perry - Best Consumer Confidence Report, Best Laboratory Quality Assurance, Gold Award for Wastewater Collection System, and Safety Award

6. Remarks of Citizens:

Mr. Warren Johnson of 107 Cedar Ridge Drive informed Mayor and Council of a covenant partnership with The Fuller Center for Housing in Perry and South Houston County.

Ms. Mary Lou Simon of 1103 Creekwood Drive inquired about the status of Creekwood Drive project. Mayor Faircloth and Mr. Gilmour answered Ms. Simon's questions.

Mr. Anderson Willis of 1107 Creekwood Drive inquired about the curbing and paving of the 1100 block of Creekwood Drive.

7. Public Hearing: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:27 P.M. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. called the public hearing to order at 6:27 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).

7a. Petition for Re-zoning Application No. R-14-08. Property owner, Robert Lumpkin, Jr., and applicant, Belinda Harris request to rezone 0.57 acres from City of Perry R-3, Multi-Family Residential to C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located at 1315 W.F. Ragin Drive.

Mr. Beecham advised Council of the Perry Planning Commission recommendation to approve the application as submitted with the condition that the use be a thrift store.

In Favor: Ms. Mary Kendrick spoke in favor of the rezoning application.

Opposed: None

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:34 p.m. Mayor Faircloth closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

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

8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the November 3, 2014 work session meeting, November 4, 2014 pre council meeting and November 4, 2014 council meeting.

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

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

9a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading and Adoption.

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to amend the City of Perry Code by adding a new Article VI to Chapter 5 – Blighted Property.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2014-25 amending the City of Perry Code by adding a new Article VI to Chapter 5 – Blighted Property. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance to include Administration recommended verbiage amendments subject to the City Attorney’s review. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2014-25 has been entered in the City’s official book of record*).

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to amend the FY 2014 Operating Budget.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2014-26 amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2014-26 has been entered in the City’s official book of record*).

9b. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. - None

9c. Council/Manager/Attorney - None

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

10a. Matters referred from November 17, 2014 work session and November 18, 2014 pre council meeting.

1. Approve the donation of two passive parks in Wooden Eagle Subdivision.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the donation of two passive parks in Wooden Eagle Subdivision. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Approve recommended language change for the City’s emergency management policy.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker motioned to approve the recommended language change for the City’s emergency management policy. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-46 authorizing the submission of a recreational trails grant program application.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a recreational trails grant program application. (*Resolution No. 2014-46 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

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

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance rezoning 0.57 acres from City of Perry R-3, Multi-Family Residential to C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located at 1315 W.F. Ragin Drive. (*No action required by Council*)

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

1. Resolution to amend the City of Perry Fee Schedule.

Adopted Resolution No. 2014-47 amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule relative the fire protection service fee. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2014-47 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

2. Resolution expanding the methane monitoring zone.

Adopted Resolution No. 2014-48 expanding the methane monitoring zone. Council Member Hunt motioned to adopt said resolution as submitted. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2014-48 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

11. Department Head Items:

Chief Gray advised Mayor and Council of Moulliet Products Christmas on Carroll Street, November 28, 2014, 6pm – 9pm; and the orientation of the thirteen firefighters who started today.

Michael Beecham provided an update relative Oliver Place Housing.

Brenda King stated she and Ms. Miles were excited for receiving the awards presented by Mr. Dozier of the Georgia Water Association of Water Professionals.

Chief Lynn, Mr. Aaron, and Mr. Smith had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour had no report.

12. Council Member and General Public Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker, Council Members Jackson, King, Hunt and Bynum-Grace had no reports.

Council Member Jones thanked the citizens of Perry for entrusting him with the responsibilities of helping to lead the City, family and friends, his father, the late Bobby Jones, the late George Potter, and his heavenly Father.

City Attorney Matthew C. Hulbert – No report.

General Public Items:

Mr. Chantez Ford inquired about the Creekwood Drive sidewalk project. Mayor Faircloth answered Mr. Ford questions.

Darlene McLendon reminded everyone of the State of Community on December 10th at 11:30 a.m. and the Taste of Perry on December 4th at 6:30 p.m.

13. Mayor Items:

Mayor Faircloth reminded everyone of the Holiday Inn Express ribbon cutting on November 19th at 11:00 a.m. and the Ball Street Extension ribbon cutting on November 25th at 11:00 a.m.

14. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held November 18, 2014, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.