

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 17, 2014
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held November 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: none

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and Recording Clerk, Nancy Graham

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Decius Aaron - Director of Public Works, Chief Steve Lynn – Chief of Police, and Robert D. Smith – Economic Development Director

Guests: Keith Newton

Press: Don Moncrief, Houston Home Journal

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

Mayor Faircloth formally recognized Council-Elect Robert Jones. He will be sworn in at the November 18, 2014 regular meeting of the Perry City Council.

3a. Presentation from Mr. D. Aaron relative to the Department of Public Works functions: Mr. Aaron gave an overview of the mission and goals of the Department of Public Works relative to Public Work's commitment to increasing the efficiency and delivery of services. He advised there will be changes in the future which will require educating the citizens and business owners in an effort to keep Perry beautiful.

3b. Consider donation of two passive parks in Wooden Eagle Subdivision: Mr. Beecham advised that developer Keith Newton requested Council's consideration in accepting the donation of two passive parks located in the Wooden Eagle Subdivision. Mr. Newton assured Council that the second park, which is currently under construction, would meet the City's requirements. It was the consensus of Council to accept. This item will be on the agenda of the November 18, 2014 regular meeting of the City Council for vote.

- 3c. Follow up to Chords of Kindness fee waiver: Mr. Gilmour advised this is a follow up to Council's request for further information relative to additional fundraising and family involvement. Mr. Gilmour advised that there is no other fundraising taking place and the family remains involved as board members. It was the consensus of Council to proceed as this satisfied the concerns of Administration.
- 3d. Review of emergency management language concerns: Mr. Gilmour referred Council to the City's emergency management document, specifically Sec. 9A-2(4), d, 3 that makes reference to the restriction of firearms. A citizen's group brought to Mr. Gilmour's attention that with the State's recent legislation this language is no longer legal and should be removed for the City of Perry's plan.

Mr. Gilmour recommended removal of said language from the City's plan. Council concurred.

Mayor Faircloth advised this item will appear as an action item on the November 18, 2014 regular meeting of the Perry City Council.

- 3e. Review proposal for city's arborist services: Mr. Gilmour referred Council to Mr. Michael Turner's memo requesting consideration of proposed \$300.00 monthly fee starting the year 2015 as an arborist consultant to the City of Perry. After much discussion, it was the consensus of Council to table this item until Mr. Gilmour presents a detail listing of the services Mr. Turner will provide for the fee.
- 3f. Consider naming the community room at the Perry Arts Center the Gloria Ragland's Room: It was the consensus of Council to table this item for further discussion and/or until a determination is made relative to previous requests as well as a directive to Mr. Gilmour to provide current policies used by other municipalities on this subject.
- 3g. Discussion of the City of Perry identity branding initiative: Mr. Smith referred Council to the request for proposals soliciting services relative to developing an identity branding initiative which will provide a consistent and community-wide identity for the City of Perry. Council concurred to proceed.

4. Department Head Items:

Chief Gray, Mr. Aaron and Mr. Beecham – No report

Chief Lynn advised he and other staff members attended a Crimestoppers luncheon and that \$102,000 was raised to give to Crimestoppers.

Mr. Smith advised Council that in partnership with the Perry Chamber of Commerce, a business survey will be disseminated online this upcoming Friday to all businesses and Chamber directory.

Mr. Gilmour reminded Council that they will be hosting two Christmas parties this year: (1) Employees' Christmas party on December 5, 2014 and (2) Christmas party for the various Boards and Commissions on December 18, 2014.

Mr. Gilmour asked Council their pleasure relative to cancelling December 15th and 16th meetings. Due to the length of time from the second meeting in December to the first meeting in January, it was the consensus of Council to meet on December 15th and 16th, 2014.

5. Council Members Items:

Council Member Hunt advised Council of “mudding” in the City and that two (2) sources have brought to his attention that the City’s vacuum truck dumped its contents on private property (between Lake Joy Rd and Perry Parkway). Mayor Faircloth instructed Mr. Aaron to make sure that dumping on private property does not occur.

Council Members King, Bynum-Grace, Jackson, and Council Elect Jones – No report.

Council Member Walker advised that he and Council Member King attended the 6th District Fall meeting (GMA). One of the subjects was on reinvigorating the transportation tax. He said they felt the meeting was rewarding.

Mayor Faircloth referred Council to a letter from Georgia Department of Public Health referencing an event to be held by New Hope Baptist Church in which food will be served to the public. Mayor Faircloth was reminded in the letter of the current non-profit temporary food legislation (House bill 1576) which allows him to permit and inspect non-profit events and vendors within specified parameters. Mayor Faircloth advised Council that he would notify New Hope Baptist Church and strongly urge them to contact Georgia Department of Public Health.

Mayor Faircloth advised the following:

- Grand Opening of Holiday Inn Express – November 19, 2014 at 9:00 am
- Taste of Perry – December 4, 2014
- Ball Street Improvements Ribbon Cutting - November 25, 2014 at 11:00 am
- Perry Christmas Parade – December 6, 2014 at 4:00 pm
- Centerville Christmas Parade – December 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm
- Warner Robins Christmas Parade – December 6, 2014 at 10:00 am
- Ministerial Association Christmas at the Square – December 7, 2014 at 6:00 pm
- State of the Community Address – December 10, 2014 at 11:30 am
- Public Hearing on Parks at the Perry Art Center – November 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor James E. Faircloth adjourned the November 17, 2014 work session meeting at 6:35 p.m.