

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 18, 2014**  
**5:03 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore, Randall Walker., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held March 4, 2014 at 5:03 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. arrived at 5:09 pm

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member, Joe Posey

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

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

Guests: None

Media: Don Moncrief – Houston Home Journal and Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph.

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore, Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of March 18, 2014 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker began the review with Council of the regular meeting agenda.

4. Recognition of 2014 Perry Recreation Basketball Champions Mr. Gilmour advised Mr. Ellis and Mr. Wheeler would be introducing several teams and their respective coaches.

6. Public Hearing

6a. Petition for Re-zoning Application No. R-14-01. Mr. Beecham advised that the applicant had submitted a letter to withdraw their request. The item will be removed from the agenda.

6b. Request for a waiver of Perry City Code Section 4.28 – Keeping of wild animals, livestock, or fowl – for the purpose of authorizing farm animals. Mr. Beecham stated City Attorney David Walker had reviewed the request and advised it would need to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

9. New Business

9a. Matters referred from March 17, 2014 work session

1. Resolution supporting extension of Ocmulgee National Park and Preserve. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker reminded Council of the discussion and the agreement to proceed with the resolution.
2. Resolution declaring City of Perry a Purple Heart City. Mr. Gilmour obtained the requested information for the Purple Heart City designation and Council agreed to proceed with the resolution.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker turned the meeting over to Mayor Faircloth at 5:09 pm.

9b(1) **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone 5.68 acres from C-2, General Commercial District to R-1, Single Family Residential District. The property is located at 1311 Main Street. Mr. Gilmour advised this ordinance is no longer needed as the applicant has withdrawn their request for a zoning change.

9c. Award of Bid(s):

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| 1. Bid No. 2014-15 | ¾ Ton Regular Cab Work Truck                       |
| 2. Bid No. 2014-16 | Chevrolet Tahoe                                    |
| 3. Bid No. 2014-19 | ½ Ton Pickup Truck                                 |
| 4. Bid No. 2014-20 | High Flow Brush Cutter Attachment for a Skid Steer |
| 5. Bid No. 2014-21 | Hydraulic Flex-Wing Rotary Mower                   |
| 6. Bid No. 2014-22 | Diesel Tractor                                     |

Mr. Gilmour advised that some of the bids showed a budgeted amount of zero, but that Council concurred to allow the items go out for bid based on a confirmed maintenance agreement with the DOT. Funding will be through monies paid by the DOT or a capital lease purchase plan using stormwater utility funds. Mr. Walker expressed concern about the notification from DOT they would not be renewing the 1-year agreement. Mr. Gilmour stated the agreement may be renewed, but it is dependent upon funding; the City currently maintains the right-of-ways inside the City limits and the equipment could be used for this service; the current agreement will be active through the first 6-months of the next fiscal year; and the vehicles are all replacements. The goal for vehicles is a regular rotation cycle not dependent on mileage.

9d. Approval of supplement agreement for Gas Portfolio IV Project between the City of Perry and Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia.

4. Other Council Member Items.

No reports from Mayor Pro Tempore Walker, Council Members Bynum-Grace, Jackson, and King.

Council Member Hunt asked for clarification from Ms. King regarding a single bid for the diesel tractor. Ms. King stated there were ten (10) requests for proposals sent out, but only one replied.

Mr. Gilmour asked the Council to consider pulling Ms. Bass as a member of various work groups for the strategic planning and act only as the coordinator and facilitator. Council concurred.

5. Department Heads

Ms. King advised that financial reports have been handed out to

Chief Gray gave an update on the new truck's progress which can be viewed on-line. Delivery may be delayed until July 7<sup>th</sup>, but may be as early as June per the contract.

Mr. Beecham stated that he and Ms. Sewell toured the new Holiday Inn which is already open for business and doing well. The owner is planning a grand opening at a later date.

Ms. Bass stated she had done research on outdoor musical instruments for our parks based on Council members' comments. She provided a handout about a Georgia artisan that does this type of work. The regular DDA will be held next Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> with Perry Hyatt from the Georgia Cities Foundation telling how to establish a revolving loan fund; Gwen Hanks will also be a guest speaker. A tentative date for the town hall meeting for the master plan will be April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Perry Arts Center.

Chief Lynn noted that the memorandum of agreement with Houston County was recently changed. The police department will soon be offering firearms classes for women, which has been in great demand since the range was built. Information will be disseminated when the date is set for the first class, which may start around May 17<sup>th</sup>.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held March 18, 2014, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.