

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 15, 2014

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker called the pre Council meeting of the Perry City Council to order at 5:00pm.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker; Council Members Riley Hunt, William Jackson, Willie King, and Phyllis Bynum-Grace. *Mayor Faircloth arrived at 5:26pm.

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Joe Posey

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and Christine Sewell 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: Mrs. Terre Walker, Mr. Keith Newton, and Mr. John Kitchens

Media: Don Moncrief – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of April 15, 2014 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

Public Hearings:

6a. Petition for Re-zoning Application No. R-14-02.

6b. Petition for Re-zoning and Annexation Application No. R-14-03.

Mr. Beecham briefly reviewed both requests and noted the Planning Commission recommended approval of both.

6c. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 83.2 Downtown Development District

Mr. Beecham advised the proposal is to extend the downtown boundary for those parcels fronting General Courtney Hodges Blvd., but to keep current regulations intact for the area and allow the Main Street Board review of any new/proposed changes in the area.

Council Member Jackson inquired if an overlay district would be created as a result; Mr. Beecham advised once the results of the Master Plan are received there most likely would be, as well because of the shallow lots on General Courtney Hodges Blvd. he would be

recommending in the Master Plan process inclusion of the entire block in the downtown district.

Mrs. Terre Walker commented the Main Street Board would be able to utilize the Downtown Development Authority as an economic tool for improvements/enhancements on the corridor.

9c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution accepting Wooden Eagle, Phase 3, Section 3.

Mr. Beecham advised acceptance was for infrastructure; City has inspected and recommends approval.

2. Resolution designating a tract of land for use as a landfill, Perry, Houston County, Georgia.

Mr. Beecham advised the resolution was for the expansion of the Toomer Road Landfill boundary as required by the Environmental Protection Division for the methane monitoring. The monitoring vents on the north side of the existing boundary consistently exceed the minimum acceptable levels and the methane seems to be migrating underground to the north. By expanding the boundary the City initially addresses the State's monitoring issue.

9d. Award of Bid(s):

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| 1. | 2014-23 | 1 Ton 2WD Crew Cab with Stahl Challenger Service Body |
| 2. | 2014-24 | Kubota SVL90-2 or Comparable |
| 3. | 2014-25 | F750 6/8 Yard Dump Truck |

Ms. King summarized the various bids and noted Mr. Bob Taylor had reviewed and provided recommendation on each; funding will be through the capital lease program and vehicles are for use by water & sewer line maintenance.

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

1. Selection of voting delegate and alternate for Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's Election Committee.

Mr. Gilmour advised each year a voting delegate is selected; staff recommends Mayor Faircloth with Mayor Pro Tempore Walker as alternate.

10b. Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month – Hon. Hunt.

Council Member Hunt advised of the charity benefit on April 28th from 5pm to 8pm at the Swanson Restaurant benefiting the Rainbow House.

4. Council Member Items: Council Member Bynum-Grace inquired on the start of the Creekwood sidewalk project; Mr. Gilmour advised the contractor had been partially delayed

due to weather, and will be notified if commencement does not begin soon monetary damages will be assessed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker inquired if discussion would continue on the avenue(s) to be taken for the fire protection fee as it appears there may be some confusion and wants to make sure requirements are met to lower the ISO rating.

Discussion ensued on the necessary number of firefighters needed as this will determine the establishment of the fee. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker felt in reviewing the matter it should be considered that the final decision be enough to lower the ISO rating so that affected property owners receive the benefit of the lowered rating on homeowners insurance premiums.

Chief Gray advised certain ISO criteria has been met with the new engine having a larger pump for water flow, replacing of hydrants and briefly explained the system and his recent correspondence of the possible need of (21) firefighters.

Council concurred further discussion will be required.

5. Department Head Items:

Mr. Gilmour advised the sale of the Deanview property is on hold until all advertisements are completed and will be brought back forth at a later date.

Ms. Bass advised of the GICH housing kick-off April 22nd which will coincide with Walk with Mayor & Council and neighborhood Clean-up day on May 3rd.

6. Adjourn.: There being no further business Mayor Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm.