

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 16, 2013
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held April 16, 2013 at 5:00p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

Departmental Staffing: Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Rick Kilgore – Director of Recreation, Mary Beth Bass – Economic Development Director, Cyndi Houser - Recording Secretary.

Guest(s): Mr. Jim Taylor – Warner Robins Supply; Emerson Chew

Media: Ms. Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - 3a. Ms. Bass presented an update for Enterprise zone possibilities within the City of Perry. She noted that the original request to investigate Enterprise zone came from an inquiry from a local business owner. Ms Bass then thanked Mr. Beecham and Community Development staff and Chief Lynn, Perry Police Department and staff, for assistance in obtaining data which was used to recommend five possible areas for enterprise zone. She further explained the methodology and the criteria of the Department of Community Affairs used to determine if an area qualified. Following the presentation, Council asked questions regarding data used, areas identified and what benefits would be if the zones are created. The next steps will be that Mayor and Council will review the data, determine if there is interest in creating one or more zones, possibly create an Enterprise zone resolution, report to the DCA (although no approval is required from them) and then publicize and promote to business, developers, etc. Mayor Faircloth requested that the discussion be continued in a follow up session.

- 3b. Mr. Gilmour advised that the Older Americans Council Middle Georgia (OAC), located in the Worrall Community Center, contacted the Mayor regarding the current state of their program. The OAC said their funds were greatly reduced from federal sequestration directly affecting their service in Perry. The Mayor inquired if there was relief the City could offer the program but not through appropriations. The City currently has a long-standing agreement that the OAC would reimburse the City for electricity based on an internal meter at the center. It was proposed that perhaps the City could waive this agreement which would offer some relief to the OAC. This would have a very small affect on the City's income, but may provide a great value to the program which is part of a regional program. After discussion, Council members felt they needed more information regarding the program and requested that Mr. Gilmour contact a representative to meet with them during the next work session.

Discussion of April 16, 2013 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

7a. Second Reading of a supplemental ordinance to provide for the issuance of the City of Perry Water and Sewerage Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, to finance the costs of refunding and redeeming the City's outstanding Water and Sewerage Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 1998 and the City's outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Bond, Series 2005.

7b. Second Reading: Application for Alcohol License for Beer/Wine Packaged To Go for new owner SHIVANI 12, LLC D/B/A Discount Tobacco located at 719 Carroll Street. Applicant name is Shanta A. Maneklal Patel.

9b. First Reading: Application for Alcohol License for Beer Consumed on Premises for new restaurant, Hibachi Buffet located at 1406 Sam Nunn Boulevard. Applicant name is Ichiban Hibachi Buffet D/B/A Hibachi Buffet. *(No Action required at first reading).*

9c. Consider proposal for additional landfill closure and methane monitoring tasks. Mr. Beecham advised that this is the next step in the methane monitoring because there were hits on existing wells. The City had another portion of the landfill that was never formally closed and is included in the proposal.

9d. Award of Bid. Award Valley Drive Drainage Improvements to lowest bidder, LeClay Construction, Inc.

4. Other Council Member Items:

Mayor Faircloth asked if any member of Council had any items for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Posey and Council Members Hunt, Bynum-Grace, King and Jackson did not have any reports.

- 4a. Mr. Gilmour advised that Mr. Jeff Loewen who owns multiple properties did not receive all of his tax notices because the Tax Department had changed his mailing address without his knowledge and therefore he was delinquent on some parcels. Mr. Gilmour requested that Council consider waiving additional fees on Mr. Loewen's tax bill that through no fault of his own he did not receive the notices.
- 4b. Mayor Faircloth advised that there are several issues with the New Perry Hotel sign: the size is outside the current parameters permitted by Planning and Zoning and it actually sits in the City of Perry's right-of-way. He further explained that Mr. Jim Taylor of Warner Robins Supply had approached Ms. Johnson of the New Perry Hotel offering to refurbish her sign in exchange for being allowed to add a directional sign for his business. Mr. Taylor failed to obtain the necessary permit for his project prior to beginning. Mayor noted that Council may approve the project for a "grandfathered" sign if Mr. Taylor makes the application to the Planning & Zoning and the DDA. Council concurred that if Mr. Taylor completes the process they will consider a special exception. Mayor Faircloth requested the Ms. Bass and Mr. Beecham follow up.

Ms. King: no report

Mr. Kilgore: no report.

Chief Lynn: no report.

Chief Gray: no report.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the pre council meeting at 6:08 p.m.

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