

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 20, 2014**

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

2. Roll.

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

\*Mayor Faircloth arrived at 5:17 pm.

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Members Joe Posey and Phyllis Bynum-Grace

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.

Guest(s): Mrs. Terre Walker

Media: Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph

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

3a. Discussion of May 20, 2014 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

Recognition:

Mr. Harold Deal is being recognized for 25 years of service.

Presentation regarding Oliver Place, Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project. Ms. Bass gave a brief overview of the project to be presented by Trey Coogle.

Public Hearings:

7a. Petition for Re-zoning Application No. R-14-05.

Mr. Beecham briefly reviewed the request and noted the Planning Commission is not recommending approval.

9a. Ordinances(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to rezone 0.48 acres from R-3, Multi-Family Residential District to C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located at 1211 Houston Lake Drive.

Mayor Faircloth assumed duties as the presiding officer at 5:20 pm.

Mr. Beecham reviewed the request which was recommended for approval by the planning commission with a condition that no parking would be allowed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street side of the property. Council discussed the ramifications of approving this request based on the City's future plans to develop a new park adjacent to this location.

- 10c. Request from Perry Area Chamber of Commerce for certain city services relative to the Independence Parade and Freedom Fireworks.

Chief Lynn advised that the parade route had been set, traffic concerns addressed and street closures approved.

4. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker expressed concern about approving the rezoning ordinance without talking to the applicant about other options and the City's future plans. After further discussion, Mayor and Council concurred and agreed to table the second reading to the June 2, 2014 meeting so further research could be conducted. Mr. Beecham will contact the applicant.

Mr. Gilmour advised that the Perry Junior League has been awarded several tournaments at the end of June which will have an economic impact on the City. They have requested the use of our portable bleachers and there was a consensus to allow the Junior League the use of the bleachers during the tournament at Ochlahatchee Park.

Mr. Gilmour was asked by Council to make a recommendation to replace Mayor Pro Tempore Walker on the Main Street Program Inc., board in the ex-officio position representing the City. Mr. Bob Taylor's name was submitted and Council concurred with the appointment.

An issue has developed over time regarding sanitation staff going into RV parks to pick up debris when it is considered private property. There is an expectation of sanitation picking up at individual spaces even when a park has a master meter. Mr. Gilmour stated letters will be sent out to each RV park having a master meter stating the current practice will be discontinued in 30 days and debris should be

placed on the curb in the future. Failure to follow this process could result in code enforcement. Council concurred with this plan.

Mr. Hunt asked Chief Gray if an ordinance had been received from the state regarding grilling and cooking at motels and if it was being enforced. Chief Gray explained that this is actually a national fire code and it is being enforced.

5. Department Head Items:

Chief Lynn, Mr. Beecham and Chief Gray had no reports.

Ms. King stated that the April 2014 balance sheets have been given out to Council.

Ms. Bass advised Council of a follow up for business owners along Courtney Hodges Boulevard in early June after concerns were voice about being added to the Downtown District. She and Mr. Beecham reviewed the public survey which will go out electronically and will go directly to UGA.

6. Adjourn: There being no further business Mayor Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.