

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**

May 21, 2013

5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held May 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour

Departmental Staffing: Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Trisha McMillan – Recording Secretary.

Guests: Vickie Graham

Media: Ms. Jennifer Moulliet, WMAZ News

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

- 3a. Discussion of May 21, 2013 regular meeting agenda - Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

- 5a. Petition for Rezoning Application No R-13-01. Mr. Beecham advised that the Planning Commission recommends the rezoning at Washington Place Subdivision be approved. It would involve the interior units being reduced by 6' and the 6' added to the end units.

- 8c. Resolution(s) for Consideration

1. Resolution amending City of Perry Fee Schedule. Resolution proposes that “non-profit” be taken out of Perry Arts Center section because it has not been used at all.

8d. Award of RFP(s):

Award of RFP for Emergency Fire Apparatus Engine No. 2

Chief Gray supplied information on 4 different manufacturers that supplied information to him on their apparatus. Upon reviewing the bid specification booklets the manufacturers scored as follows on a 100 point scale:

Rosenbauer – 73 points

Marion – 49.5 points

E-1 – 47 points

Pierce – 41.75 points

All companies were asked to give a price for a rescue pumper, which is a base unit. The additional request was for the 65' multi-purpose water tower better known as the "snuzzle". This is a "telesquirt" type truck with the capability for the vehicle to become another fire fighter. The waterway arm allows fire fighters to protect another structure. The truck will cost \$751,267 and will meet ISO specifications. Mr. Gilmour stated the money for the truck will come from a lease purchasing agreement with GMA, and the City will own the truck after it is paid off. Mr. Gilmour explained that with this lease program costs can be stabilized.

After receipt of this apparatus, Engine 1 and Truck 1 will be at the headquarters station which will also have Pumper 1 as a reserve and be in compliance with ISO.

8e. Consider establishing "No Parking" on Hay Road

Chief Lynn proposed that "no parking" signs be put on Hay Road because of parking along the shoulder from the West Gate to the South Gate of the fairgrounds during certain events.

8f. Approve blocking a portion of Washington Street for the Independence Parade.

Chief Lynn asked permission to close a portion of Washington Street to be able to have room to stage the Independence parade.

9b. Authorize special events alcoholic beverage permit to downtown merchants association:

The Downtown Merchants Association are sponsoring an event to be held on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gilmour distributed a map showing the route of the event and suggested authorizing the permit subject to:

1. Working out the arrangements with the Police Department
2. Blocking/fencing at start and end of route
3. Plastic only containers

Mr. Gilmour further stated that this event would attract people that would not usually be downtown at that time and introduce them to different businesses. Mayor Pro Tempore Posey opposed the idea because of the large area it encompasses. Ms. McIntosh, President of the Downtown Merchants Association, will give more details in the council meeting and council will take a vote.

11. Council Member and General Public Items.

Council Member King expressed concerns over the park at Sand Hill. The hinge has been broken on the front gate, tables have been broken and backs have been taken off seats. Mr. Gilmour stated the first thing that needs to be done is to assure that everything that is repaired and then work on a solution to the problem.

Council Member Walker addressed Council and Mr. Gilmour in reference to the budget, suggesting they take a conservative look at the budget. If there is no increase in revenue, there is a concern of an immediate loss of \$130,000. Based on that theory, Council Member Walker suggested 2% salary increases instead of 3% and no new hires until the tax digest is published. At that point, Mayor and Council can prioritize jobs to determine which positions should be filled. Council Member Walker also expressed support in eliminating the solid waste job.

Discussion was held. Mr. Gilmour suggested eliminating the 2% increase because it can always be reinstated. Mayor Faircloth asked that the budget be revised to show no increase.

Ms. King advised council that the new utility billing on line has been pushed back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in August. This is probably a good thing because it will allow staff more time to prepare for the upcoming audit.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the pre council meeting at 6:01 p.m.