

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
July 16, 2013

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey, Presiding Officer called to order the pre Council meeting held July 16th, 2013 at 5:00 pm

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey, Council Members: Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Riley Hunt, and Willie King.

Elected Officials Absent: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Council Members William Jackson, Randall Walker

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour

Departmental Staff: Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Deputy Chief David Stanton – Fire and Emergency Services, Mary Beth Bass – Director of Economic Development, Susan Miles – Revenue Collection Manager and Trisha McMillan – Recording Secretary.

Guests: Vickie Graham

Media: Ms. Christina Wright, Macon Telegraph

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Posey

3a. Discussion of July 16, 2013 regular meeting agenda.

Mayor Pro Tempore Posey reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda. It was decided that Council Member King will do the invocation and Council Member Hunt will do the Pledge to the Flag.

Mr. Gilmour advised council that one motion will be done to approve the Consent Agenda Items and it will include 6b. Second Reading of an amendment to provide an exemption process.

4. Other Council Member Items.

No other reports from any member of Council.

Chief Lynn announced there would be a Citizens Policy Academy starting Thursday, August 22nd from 6 – 8 pm for 12 weeks if anyone is interested.

Ms. King gave everyone a copy of the updated utility bill with minor water changes.

Mr. Gilmour asked Ms. Miles to share with Council the changes they have been working on in Utilities. Ms. Miles said they are hoping to get an integrated voice system to call customers and tell them they are late with their bill and their services will be turned off. Right now the meter readers are calling them.

Ms. King also announced she had received an email from NerdWallet, a consumer advocacy website which shows Perry is #4 in the state of Georgia for best places to raise a family.

Ms. King said they are still moving ahead with the software project. Susan and Bruce in Utilities have been doing some remote training. A representative will be here the week of August 5th and we will go live with UB the week of August 12th.

Per Ms. King a new item will be added to the agenda for the regular meeting. It is a change of ownership for the Perry Truck Stop located at 517 N. Perry Parkway. This will be the 1st reading.

Ms. Bass told Council that the NBHA Youth World Championships will be at the Fairgrounds on Saturday July 20th. There will be a dinner on Monday, July 22nd at 6:30 pm. to greet them and the spirit parade will be on Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30 pm. Finals will be held on July 27th. Please let Ms. Bass know how many wrist bands you will need for the week.

Ms. Bass advised Council that “I love Perry” t-shirts are available and she will need shirt sizes.

Per Ms. Bass, a job was posted today for a Main Street Coordinator on the City’s website.

Ms. Bass asked that Council send priorities for the next planning meeting which will be held on July 29th. Mr. Gilmour asked that Council send him ideas or suggestions for the Recreation Commission before this meeting also.

Mr. Beecham announced that “Brannen Outfitters” and Choo-Choo Lumber Storage will be coming to Perry.

Mr. Gilmour stated that the cub scouts and boy scouts toured the Jaycee building. He advised Council that Steve Howard will make a list of improvements to be done with an estimated cost and have an answer at the August meeting.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre Council meeting held July 16, 2013, Mayor Pro-Tempore Posey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.