

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 6, 2013
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held August 6, 2013 at 5:02 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member William Jackson

City Staff: City Manager, Lee Gilmour

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

Guest(s): Mr. Joe Shuttlesworth

Media: Ms. Christine Wright – Macon Telegraph; Ms. Jessica Clark and Ms. Ashleigh Lewis – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of August 6, 2013 regular meeting agenda:

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:
Mayor Faircloth advised Dr. Brad Brady will be responsible for the invocation.

6a. Minutes Approval/Council Consideration: Mayor advised due to the number of Council members not present for various meetings, voting would be taken individually.

9c. Award of Bid (s)

1. Bid No. 2013-28 Employee Building Remodeling. Mr. Beecham explained this bid is for the remodeling of Public Works Barn. He recommended Council go with low bid.

2. Bid No. 2013-29 Carroll Street Wheelchair Ramp Improvements.
Council Member Hunt asked where the money would come from to fund this project. Mr. Gilmour responded from SPLOST 12.

9e. Consider Letter of Credit request for Pepo's #7 located at 1521 Macon Road.

Mr. Beecham advised Pepo's #7 still have not completed the requests as outlined in the memo such as installation of lights, completion of rain garden and receipt of the Tree Fund donation. Chief Lynn expressed concerns about lighting being a safety issue. The parking lot is extremely dark. Chief Gray advised the air condition units are now installed on the walkway across the back of the building which impedes having a stable walk around access. When walking on the grass, there is a 30ft. drop off.

Mr. Shuttlesworth, contractor for the project stated the rain garden can not be completed until the ground stabilizes from all the rain the area has been receiving.

9f. Approval of \$6,000.00 from Hotel/Motel Tax Fund balance for Artisan Center

Mr. Gilmour advised the aforementioned amount has been appropriated but was not needed until the next fiscal year.

9g. Request authorization to call the Letter of Credit for Cameron Court, Phase 2

Mr. Beecham requested authorization from Mayor and Council to call the Letter of Credit for Cameron Court, Phase 2 if maintenance issues addressed in the memo are not completed.

Council Member Hunt questioned the erosion on the gravel road beside the Sports Center. Mr. Beecham advised that he will require the erosion problem to be fixed as well.

4. Other Council Member Items:

Council Member Bynum-Grace – No report

Council Member King – Inquired about the status of Creekwood/Westwood (sidewalks/stormwater). Mr. Gilmour stated the engineer is completing the bid package to go out and Harold Deal is having the engineer take a look at what will be the best route for the stormwater to run so it does not disrupt the neighborhood.

Council Member Hunt – No report

Council Member Posey – Asked Mayor and Council to consider a general policy that no action would be taken on certain items brought before Mayor and Council until the next meeting, which would allow further research could be done. Council Member King stated that Administration's research should be trusted. Council Member Bynum-Grace stated if this policy is adopted, it should be across the board. After further discussion, it was agreed that if

any Council Member was not comfortable voting on an item, he/she should voice it and the item will be tabled.

Council Member Walker – No report

Mr. Gilmour – No report

Ms. King – No report

Ms. Bass – Advised Mayor and Council:

- She and 5 members of the DDA will be in Savannah at the Downtown Association Conference.
- The Main Street Coordinator's position will close August 16, 2013.
- The board will be holding a Planning Session on August 23, 2013 from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

Chief Gray - No

Mr. Kilgore – A thank you to Nancy Graham for running a successful Summer Camp and to Mayor Faircloth for speaking to the kids

5. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.