

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
September 3, 2013

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. called to order the pre-Council meeting held September 03, 2013 at 5pm.

2. Roll:

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

City Staff: Lee Gilmour, City Manager

Departmental Staff: Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Capt. Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Chief Joel Gray – Fire & Emergency Services, Mary Beth Bass – Director of Economic Development, Rick Kilgore – Director of Recreation, and Christine Sewell – Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Jimmy Harrell

Media: Ms. Ashleigh Lewis – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of September 3, 2013 regular meeting agenda

Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

Mayor Faircloth advised he would bring up for discussion the special event alcohol license process.

Item 9c(1): Discussion ensued on the fee for the special event alcoholic beverage caterer license with clarification that two licenses would be required, one for the event itself and one for the alcohol caterer.

Item 9c(2): Ms. Bass advised this is a standard resolution showing support of the of the City's application for the Georgia Initiative Community Housing program.

Item 9d: Mr. Gilmour advised opportunities occasionally arise for the City to purchase parcels for use as greenspace, parks, etc. and to assist the cash flow balance, monies can be borrowed and at the end of December paid back with interest using property taxes received. Council would be approving process for capital purchases only.

Item 10a(1): Capt. Phelps advised vehicle was being requested for use in City events such as Dogwood Festival, 5K Runs, etc. to assist in patrolling and for use at firing range.

Council Member Walker was concerned only one bidder responded; Capt. Phelps advised local vendors were contacted, but either did not respond or could not supply requested vehicle. Council Member Hunt advised he had spoken with Mr. Foster Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes could not meet the specifications requested. Council Member Hunt was concerned with the maximum speed the vehicle. Council Member Posey voiced concern over the substantial increase of cost from the budgeted amount. Capt. Phelps noted \$12,000 was budgeted, but with added safety features the cost was increased. Mr. Gilmour noted this item goes back to previous fiscal year and original bids had been too restrictive and specifications were revised in an effort to include local vendors.

Council Member Hunt inquired if the increase from the difference of the budgeted cost could be funded from confiscated fund balance; Mayor Faircloth advised since the item was a budgeted item per State laws it could not be. Council Member King felt the department should not have to wait an additional year for the purchase as it has already been delayed and the price would likely increase again.

3b. Extension of natural gas service to unincorporated areas

Mr. Gilmour advised as is standard City procedure if a request is received to tie into City water/sewer services annexation is required. A recent request, which is believed to be a first, has been made to tie into natural gas on Hill Road and the question before Council should the same policy apply. Mr. Gilmour noted unlike water/sewer natural gas is not required for the property, and if considered, cost effectiveness and any potential conflict need to be examined.

Council Member Jackson inquired impact on long range supply. Mr. Gilmour advised reserves are held and new residential customers' impacts are calculated, however it was noted most new subdivisions are electing not to have natural gas service.

Council Member Walker inquired who pays in the incorporated areas for service; Mr. Gilmour advised a cost analysis is performed and if no other customers elect service then costs are customers' responsibility; in this request the gas line runs directly in front of the residence. Mayor Faircloth voiced concern a precedent would be set in that City services would be provided without annexation.

Concurrence of Mayor and Council was to deny request.

4. Other Council Member Items.

Council Member Jackson asked Mr. Beecham to check W.F. Ragin Drive for a dead tree/limb that may be a hazard.

No other reports from any other Council Member.

Mr. Gilmour requested of Mayor and Council authorization to proceed with the Stormwater Utility District fee to be imposed on impervious surfaces. Consultants' information has been

received and the following is suggested: 1). All customers affected will be notified of the impending fees, 2). Meetings with larger payees will be held to explain process, and 3). Meetings with tenants in commercial shopping complexes (i.e. Publix) to explain process.

Council Member Jackson inquired what basis was used for calculating and how fees were determined for individual tenants in the larger commercial complexes; Mr. Gilmour advised fees were based on how many tenants in the complex, square footage, and a variation on the configuration of parking spaces. It was also noted credit(s) would be given for sites with stormwater ponds.

Council concurred for Administration to proceed accordingly with Stormwater Utility District fee adjustment implementation.

Ms. King advised software conversion is still proceeding with business licenses beginning this week.

Ms. Bass inquired of Mayor and Council a date for the next strategic planning session; September 23rd @ 5pm was set. Industry tour is being set for September at Gilmer Warehouse, date to be provided.

5. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre Council meeting held September 3, 2013 Mayor Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 5:56pm.