

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
October 15, 2013  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the pre council meeting held October 15, 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\*, Randall Walker\*, William Jackson, Phyllis Bynum-Grace and Willie King.

\*Mr. Hunt arrived at 5:02 pm

\*Mr. Walker arrived at 5:04 pm

Elected Official(s) 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, Mary Beth Bass – Economic Development Director, Cyndi Houser - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Walton Wood

Media: None

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

3a. Discussion of October 15, 2013 regular meeting agenda. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

7a. (1). Second reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately 1.44 acres from City of Perry IN, Institutional District to R-3, Multi Family Residential District. The property is located at 1115 Forest Street. Mr. Beecham stated there was no new information for this property.

7a. (2). Second reading of an ordinance amending the Perry Code by deleting Sec. 15-53 – Collection of tax by lodging provider and adding a new Sec. 15-53. Mr. Gilmour advised Council there was no new information for this ordinance.

8b. Consider approval for special event alcohol permit for the New Year's Eve Buzzard Drop Event. Ms. Bass stated that Susan Scragg will be representing this application along with a request to block certain streets.

3b. Update on stormwater utilities district hearings.

Results of hearings and special meetings. Mr. Gilmour stated that as a result of the meetings, some properties were reviewed and adjustments were made. He further stated that because of the reviews, Administration is recommending two (2) items: 1) Establish a maximum amount of \$1,200/year for one meter and 2) that no one parcel be charged more than \$2,400. The second recommendation is for properties having 3 or more meter customers, but none are the owner(s). Initially the parcel owner would be charged, however, meter customers would be advised they would be responsible for a pro-rated portion in the event the owner does not pay. Mr. Gilmour stated the process should be evaluated after one fiscal year of operation. Council was agreeable to moving forward with this process.

3c. Review recommended partners/departments for priority planning items. Ms. Bass stated that these items will be reviewed in the planning session scheduled for October 21, 2013.

4. Other Council Member Items:

Mayor Faircloth asked if any member of Council had any items for discussion.

Council Members King, Bynum-Grace and Jackson did not have any reports.

Council Member Hunt passed on several comments regarding the Buzzard Drop event scheduled for December 31, 2013.

Council Member Posey reminded Council that at the last work session, the Bay Creek Plantation development owners had approached Council to approve hunting on several of the parcels within the development based on any restrictions the Council may desire. This request appears to be a covenant that would be continued with any new parcel owners. The developers were assured the Council would provide a decision at the next meeting. After much discussion, the consensus was that this should be voted on during a regular meeting because it was a formal request for an exception to an ordinance.

Council Member Walker thanked Perry Fire and Police for assisting with his 911 call on Friday evening. He is feeling much better.

Mr. Gilmour brought three (3) items for consideration: 1) After the demonstration by Chief Lynn with the SUV police vehicle, Administration recommends all future replacement vehicle purchases be of this type if the Council is agreeable. A short discussion about the cost difference, durability and the department's opinion was held. The consensus was all future purchases should be the specialized Interceptor SUV's. 2) UPS has approached the City about placing a "pod" as a mini-distribution center at Calhoun Park to service the nearby neighborhoods. Packages would be delivered by a part-time person on a golf cart. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation to disapprove because pods are not allowed in residential areas. Council also recommended UPS be directed to other more suitable locations in the area. 3) Calvary Way Community Church is asking to use Rotary Park to distribute free clothing for a one-day event. There were no objections from Council as long as they clean up after their event.

Chief Lynn reminded everyone that the dedication for the Toomer Road sign for Potter Training Center will be at 3 pm on Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

Chief Lynn has been approached by a business that erects and deconstructs steel buildings and would be willing to donate a useable building, possibly for the animal control center, but would charge for his costs to erect the structure. Council requested more information. Chief Lynn has also been received a request from the Perry Ministerial Association about closing Carroll Street for the Christmas at the Crossroads event on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. The Association will need to submit a formal request for approval. The County has already approved the use of the old Courthouse.

Ms. Bass reported she met with Langford Holbrook of the Vinson Institute at UGA to work on the Master Plan the City will be embarking on beginning next month. As part of the process, a volunteer is needed from the elected officials for a six-month commitment on a steering committee made up of diverse interests. The commitment will include 5 meetings, focus groups, one-on-one interviews and other opportunities for participation. Mr. Walker volunteered. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Bass reminded all that the GHIC meeting is set for next week with DCA, GMA & UGA. The meeting will be held at Mr. King's church; Mayor Faircloth and Mr. King will both be speaking; a tour is being arranged and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr. Beecham updated Council on the employee office area being built at the public works barn. It appears that it will be completed on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. King reported that the auditors are still on site; tax bills were mailed out last week; two GEFA energy loans have been paid off; the gross insurance premium came in at \$713,000; and the hotel/motel tax audit conference call went well. The auditor was impressed with the good collection rate and had very few other concerns.

Mayor Faircloth reminded everyone:

- Davis Farm Fire Station dedication will be October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.
- A promotion ceremony will also be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm
- James Farmer is holding a grand opening on October 16, 2013 at 10 am.
- Announced that he had a work-related commitment that has been scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>. Council agreed to postpone the planning session until Mayor Faircloth could be present. Ms. Bass will suggest dates.
- The next walk with the Mayor is slated for October 22<sup>nd</sup> in District 3. Council members Walker and Hunt will determine the route and advise Ms. Warren and Ms. Houser.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the pre council meeting at 5:54 pm.