

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
October 21, 2014  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held October 21, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour and Cyndi Houser, Recording Clerk

Departmental Staffing: Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Chief Stephen Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Decius Aaron, Director of Public Works and Brenda King – Director of Administration.

Guests/Visitors: Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator, Terre Walker, John Schell, Anderson Willis, Mary Lou Simon, Lossie Glover, Carl Lumpkin, Teresa Mitchell and Wesley Willis

Media: Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph

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

3a. Discussion of September 2, 2014 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

6a. Petition for Re-Zoning application No. R-14-07. The hearing for the petition is the location of the proposed Heritage Park changing the zoning from Single Family Residential District to GU, Government Use. The property is located at 2005 Hwy 341 North-Perry.

8a. (2). Second Reading of an ordinance amending Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 102 – Accessory Dwelling Units. Mr. Walker advised he would be making a motion to deny.

8b. Follow up discussion relative to land donation request from Houston County Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Gilmour advised that if agreeable, certain conditions would be added to the agreement which would need to be voted on.

9a. (1) Approve concept plan for Heritage Park. Mr. Gilmour reminded Council that this is a concept plan from the Worrall Foundation and they are seeking City approval. Mr. Hunt commented that the work session discussion included asking for consideration of a water park within the plan.

9b. (3) First Reading of an ordinance to amend the City of Perry Code to provide for fining of persons for failing to appear for a court date. Mr. Gilmour explained this request has come from Judge Wells to the City Attorney. Judge Wells would like stronger language for people who fail to appear for misdemeanors not related to traffic citations such as code violations. This ordinance came out of a recent training for court clerks and more closely matches state recommendations.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda Items:

4a. Discuss improvements to Ball Street/truck routes. Mr. Hunt expressed concerns about the durability of the current improvements to handle heavy log trucks. He feels the base is not as heavy-duty as had been anticipated and suggested a weight limit be placed on both Ball and Jernigan Streets. A discussion ensued about possible alternatives to trucks coming through the downtown area, how to encourage the trucks to use the Ball Street Extension and meet with Interfor to gain their cooperation.

4b. Discuss possible funding of hanger improvements for Perry-Houston County Airport. Mr. Hunt deferred discussion until after Mayor Faircloth meets with the Airport Authority Chairman Billy Jerles and Houston County Commission Chairman Tommy Stalnaker. He did note, however, there is an extensive waiting list for hanger space and it would be good if another hanger could be built although money would be a big factor. Mr. Walker commented the current cash flow does not justify building another hanger and the authority may need to look at other options.

4c. Discuss possible options for frontage road construction. Mr. Hunt requested this be deferred to the next work session until Mayor Faircloth meets with the Airport Authority Chairman Billy Jerles and Houston County Commission Chairman Stalnaker.

4d. Discuss Perry Music Festival. Mayor Faircloth stated that a wrap-up meeting had been held and the consensus of the committee was that the event was very successful. Mr. Gilmour noted the financial report showed the Festival made \$2,000. Mayor Faircloth asked if the Council would be willing to support the event next year and if so, it would need to be voted on at the regular meeting. This would allow Mr. Lumpkin to start responding to bands wanting to come back again. Council members suggested that financial support be at the same level as this year and that the event be coordinated with other venues on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

5. Council Member Items.

Mayor Faircloth asked if any Council members had any items for discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker and Council Member Jackson had no reports.

Council Member Hunt requested that Randy Moore of the Georgia National Fair be recognized publicly for the hard work that went into the one of the best attended fairs in their history.

Council Member Bynum-Grace commended all who came and helped with the New Hope neighborhood clean-up.

Council Member King seconded Council Member Bynum-Grace's comments and noted the next cleanup will be in the Oldfield neighborhood.

6. Department Head Items/Public Comments.

No reports from Department Heads.

7. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the October 21, 2014 pre council meeting at 5:43 pm.