

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
December 16, 2014  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held December 16, 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, Riley Hunt, Robert Jones and Willie King.

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace

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

Departmental Staffing: Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Chief Stephen Lynn – Perry Police Department, Battalion Chief Robbie Rowell – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Decius Aaron - Director of Public Works, Robert Smith – Director of Economic Development and Brenda King – Director of Administration.

Guests/Visitors: Sarah Nottingham

Media: Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph

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

7a. Discussion of December 16, 2014 regular meeting agenda. Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the regular meeting agenda.

7a. (1) Second Reading of an ordinance amending the City of Perry Blight Ordinance to provide for a hearing officer.

7a. (2) Second Reading of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance – Downtown Development District Amendment.

7a. (3) Second Reading of an ordinance amending the FY15 Operating Budget. Mr. Gilmour recommended Council table the second reading because the final information was not provided in time for review.

7a. (4) Second Reading of an ordinance amending the City of Perry Code Chapter 19 Nuisances relative to litter control.

8b. (1) First Reading of an ordinance establishing no through truck routes. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker asked for clarification of the final recommendation.

8b. (2) First Reading of an ordinance renewing the certification of Perry as a City of Ethics. Mayor Faircloth asked that this item be added to the agenda in order to assure the certification would be ready during the Mayors' Day conference in January.

4. Council Member Items.

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

Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker and Council Members Jackson, Hunt, Jones and King had no reports.

5. Department Head/City Manager Items/Public Comments.

Chief Lynn, Battalion Chief Rowell, Mr. R. Smith, Ms. B. King and Attorney Walker had no reports.

Mr. Aaron announced that the interview committee had made a selection for the Sanitation Operator I from the eight (8) candidates interviewed. A revision of the staff hierarchy will take place soon. A meeting is planned with Advanced Disposal to discuss the definition of bulk waste and what they will and will not pick up and what the City currently picks up. Mr. Aaron provided a picture of household debris that is typical of what the sanitation department picks up. He noted that the cost currently charged does not cover the actual costs as well as other concerns. A discussion was held regarding current charges to apartment complexes and enforcement of guidelines. A follow up report will be provided to Mayor/Council in January 2015.

Mr. Beecham noted Community Development had issued eighteen (18) new building permits so far this month and McDonald's on Sam Nunn Boulevard will begin remodeling about the middle of January.

Mr. Gilmour advised Council that Mr. Avery Chenoweth had donated a painting to the City which has scenes from the Georgia National Fair. He noted there is a place in the lobby where it could be hung, but asked Mayor/Council for suggestions on where they might like the painting placed. The second item presented to Council was the possibility of giving employees Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> off. After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to remain open for business as planned.

6. Mayor items

Mayor Faircloth announced that Bob Lawson had submitted his resignation from the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board and this is a Mayor/Council appointed position. He asked Council Members to bring possible candidates to the first work session in January. Other items included:

- Walk with Mayor and Council will resume in February. It was a consensus of Council to also make this a litter pick up session. Mr. King noted this would also attract volunteers.
- January 19, 2015 will be the Martin Luther King march from Oldfield Baptist Church to New Hope Baptist Church beginning at 8:30 am.
- A thank you had been received from Loaves and Fishes for the letter of support written for a grant application to Flint Energies.

- A ribbon cutting will take place at 1 pm on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> on Hwy 41 North in front of Eagle Springs Elementary. LMIG checks will also be presented.
- A new mayor Pro Tempore will need to be appointed in January. Mayor Faircloth thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Walker for his service this past year.
- Fuller Housing will be doing a presentation in Council Chambers on December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Christmas appreciation dinner for the boards and authorities is Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Perry Arts Center.
- The second annual Buzzard Drop will be December 31<sup>st</sup> in downtown Perry beginning at 8 pm. Everyone was urged to attend the festivities.

7. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the December 16, 2014 pre council meeting at 5:39 pm.