

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**March 17, 2015**  
**6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held March 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member William Jackson

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney David Walker and Recording Clerk, Nancy Graham.

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

Guest(s)/Speakers: Mr. Joe Brownlee, Ms. Darlene McClendon, Mr. Robbin Jackson, and Mr. Davis Cosey

Media: Mr. Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Council Member Robert Jones rendered the invocation and Council Member Riley Hunt led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Citizens with Input:

Ms. Darlene McClendon and Mr. Joe Brownlee, representing Perry Chamber of Commerce, presented to Mayor and Council promotional items for the upcoming Dogwood Festival.

5. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

5a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the March 2, 2015 work session, March 3, 2015 pre council meeting, March 3, 2015 council meeting and March 10, 2015 joint work session of Council and the Perry Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace moved to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2015 work session, March 3, 2015 pre council meeting, March 3, 2015 council meeting and March 10, 2015 joint work session of Council and the Perry Planning Commission. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Old Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

6a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading and Adoption.

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance for Articles I – III regulating the administration and zoning procedures.

Mr. Beecham stated that based on the advice of Attorney Walker, “Definitions” is added in Article III since the First Reading.

Adopted Ordinance 2015-06 amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance for Articles I – III regulating the administration and zoning procedures. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance as described. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2015-06 has been entered in the City’s official book of record*).

7. Any Other Old Business Matters: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

7a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.- None

7b. Council Members - None

7c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None

7d. City Attorney David Walker - None

8. New Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

8a. Matters referred from March 16, 2015 work session and March 17, 2015 pre council meeting.

1. Ordinance(s) for First Reading and Introduction

- a. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the accommodation excise tax rate. (*No action required by Council*)

Mr. Gilmour reminded Mayor and Council of the recommendation discussed at the last work session lowering the accommodation excise tax rate from 8% to 7%.

- b. **First Reading** of an ordinance establishing the Perry Main Street Program Board. (*No action required by Council*)

2. Authorize to establish a designated account for animal control facility. Council Member Jones motioned to establish an account on the city books that’s designated and restricted for a new animal control facility. Mayor Pro-Tempore Bynum-Grace seconded and it carried unanimously.

3. Approval to activate the new website. Council Member Hunt motioned to approve activation of the City’s new website. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Faircloth noted that the website address will not change.

8b. Approval of a contract between the City of Perry and the Houston County Board of Elections for 2015 General Elections. Council Member King motioned to approve the agreement between the City of Perry and the Houston County Board of Elections for 2015 General Elections. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

8c. Upgrade sidewalk in front of Perry Library. Council discussed whether to upgrade the sidewalk in front of Perry Library. It would be bricked to be consistent with the sidewalks in the downtown area. After discussion, Council Member Jones motioned to upgrade sidewalk at the City's expense in conjunction with the county's project for the Perry Library Board for the sidewalk on Northside Drive. Council Member Hunt seconded and it carried unanimously.

9. Department Head Items.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Aaron, Ms. King and Battalion Chief Crumpton had no reports.

Chief Lynn gave a brief explanation to clear up confusion relative to the theft that took place at PetSmart in Warner Robins.

Mr. King thanked Mayor and Council for the approval of the new website.

Mr. Aaron reported a new employee, Terry Bynum started to work today.

10. Council Members Items:

Council had no reports.

City Manager Lee Gilmour – No report

City Attorney David Walker – No report

11. General Public Items:

Mr. Robbin Jackson asked what would be the procedure to have a building declared an historical site. Mr. Beecham advised him to contact the U.S. Department of Interior.

Mr. Davis Cosey elaborated further relative to the money stolen at PetSmart in Warner Robins.

12. Mayor Items:

- Reminder to Council that he will be speaking on March 19, 2015 (Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce).
- Clean up day in Oldfield will be on March 21, 2015
- Georgia Economic Development Association awarded the Small Business Rockstar Award to the Guardian Centers.

13. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held on March 17, 2015, Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.