

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
March 17, 2015  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth called to order the pre council meeting of the Perry City Council held March 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Members Willie King and 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)/Speaker(s): None

Media: Mr. Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph

3. Items of Review/Discussion: 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.

Mr. Beecham referred Council to page 4 of the proposed ordinance relative to Downtown Development District Board of Review shall be appointed by Mayor and Council. He also stated Attorney David Walker recommended current definitions become part of Article III.

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. Attorney Walker inquired about the rate reduction. Mr. Gilmour advised the rate was reduced from 8% to 7%.

b. **First Reading** of an ordinance establishing the Perry Main Street Program Board. Mr. Gilmour stated information will be sent to Attorney Walker for preparation of the ordinance and then reviewed by Council to confirm all concerns were addressed.

2. Authorize to establish a designated account for animal control facility. There was discussion following Council Member Hunt's questions relative to restrictions of funds. It was noted that the funds will be for a new animal control facility.

8b. Approval of a contract between the City of Perry and the Houston County Board of Elections for 2015 General Elections. Mr. Gilmour referred Council to the agreement in their packet relative to an agreement between the City of Perry and the Houston County Board of Elections to administer and handle the 2015 General Elections. Council concurred to proceed with the agreement.

4. Council Member Items:  
None

Mayor Faircloth stated he received a letter from a citizen relative to the beautification of Perry. The letter was passed out to Council.

5. Department Head Items:

Ms. King reminded Council that the February financial reports have been placed in their boxes.

Mr. Smith advised Council that he has been working closely with Council Member King about concerns in the minority community relative to business development. A minority business development meeting is currently being planned.

Battalion Chief Crumpton advised that the new recruits passed the State test today and the bee warehouse on Kings Chapel Road and Davis Drive was lost to fire but no bees were lost in the fire.

Mr. Beecham advised 18 permits were issued and plans were received for a new phase in the Woodland Subdivision.

Chief Lynn presented Mayor and Council a memo outlining findings and possible solutions relative to the Gatwick Village traffic issue. After discussion, Mayor advised Chief Lynn to monitor and as conditions change it will be addressed at that time. Council concurred.

Mr. Aaron advised that prep work has begun for the clean up scheduled on March 21, 2015.

As a follow up to a question from last night's work session relative to the county's plans on the installation of the sidewalk in front of the Perry Library. Mr. Gilmour stated that Mr. Harold Deal spoke with a county representative and the county's plan is to install a concrete sidewalk. Mr. Gilmour advised that Administration's recommendation is installation of a bricked

sidewalk (standard layout). He also advised this item be placed on the March 17, 2015 regular meeting agenda for vote.

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of land acquisition.

6. Executive Session entered into at 5:25 p.m. On a motion by Council Member Hunt, seconded by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for land acquisition.
7. Executive Session adjourned; Council's pre council meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held March 17, 2015 and reconvened into the Council's pre council meeting.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2015 - 17 stating purpose of the executive session held on March 17, 2015 was land acquisition. On a motion by Council Member Walker, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Bynum-Grace and carried unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2015 - 17 stating the purpose of the executive session held on March 17, 2015 was for land acquisition. (*Resolution 2015- 17 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
9. Adjournment: On a motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Hunt and carried unanimously, the reconvened pre council meeting of Council held March 17, 2015 was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.