

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 21, 2015
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace called to order the pre council meeting of the Perry City Council held April 21, 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, William Jackson, Willie King and Riley Hunt.

Mayor Faircloth arrived at 5:03 pm

Elected Official(s) Absent: None.

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray – 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): Ms. Terre Walker and Ms. Patricia Lee

Media: Mr. Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph

Mayor Faircloth assumed his duties as presiding officer at 5:03 pm

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

6a. Public Hearing

Mr. Gilmour advised due diligence had been conducted to notify surrounding property owners of the name change. He noted there were no comments from any owners and most of the property is vacant land, except for the MicroTel Hotel. Council was further advised that if there were no objections, a resolution was included in the agenda which could be voted on later in the meeting. Mr. Hunt asked for comments from other council members regarding renaming the street; no one objected.

7a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading and Adoption.

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Code by deleting Sec. 23-36 (Fee for permit) in its entirety and adding a new Sec. 23-36.

Mr. Gilmour advised this was to bring the ordinance into compliance with the current fee schedule.

10a. Matters referred from April 20, 2015 work session and April 21, 2015 pre council meeting.

1. Authorize proceeding with wastewater system immediate improvements recommended by Constantine Engineering. Mr. Aaron reviewed the items for the Lemley station that needed immediate attention per the recommendations from Constantine Engineering. Staff requested authorization to bid out the replacement of an impeller, motor and back up pump for Lemley station only. Other items will be replaced during the recommended timeframes.

10b. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption.

1. Resolution accepting water and sewer only, Georgian Mill, Phase 2, Section 3.
2. Resolution accepting water and sewer only, Blackhawk Reserve, Phase 1, Section 1
3. Resolution accepting water and sewer only, Wooden Eagle, Phase 4, Section 1.

Mr. Gilmour stated each of these had been inspected and were approved. Staff recommended acceptance of the water and sewer systems in each of these developments.

4. Resolution to authorize and direct an officer of the City to execute one or more lease supplements under the GMA Lease Program. Mr. Gilmour advised this is an annual authorization for the lease programs through GMA when the City purchases equipment such as vehicles.

10c. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2015-23 Employee Uniform Rental & Mat Cleaning. Mr. Aaron gave a brief overview of the process used to determine the best uniforms for each department and included the recommendation of those which would be in compliance with ANSI. Requests for bids were sent to three (3) companies, but only one responded. Staff recommended awarding the bid for uniform rental, mat cleaning and shop rags to G&K Services.
2. Bid No. 2015-25 Subsoil waterproofing of City Hall foundation walls and floor. Mr. Aaron advised there is an issue with water entering the records room on the first floor of the building during heavy rains. Estimates were received, but the

bids were much higher. Therefore, he recommended Council reject the bids and review the scope of work before sending out to bid again.

3. & 4. These items were not considered bids and it was recommended the items be pulled from the agenda.

10d. Approval of a mutual aid agreement between the City and the Houston County Board of Commissioners. Chief Gray stated the agreement between Houston County and the City of Perry was overlooked in the renewal of other mutual aid agreements. This will also assist when the ISO review is done in a couple of weeks. In the future, the local agreements may be replaced by a statewide GMO agreement.

4. Council Member Items:

Mr. Walker reminded everyone that the GMA Listening Session would be Wednesday, April 22nd at 6 pm at the Arts Center with dinner.

Mr. Hunt asked about the concern with car dealers parking cars too close to the road (right of way), particularly Mr. Jeff Smith. He stated Mr. Smith does a lot for the City. Comments included the cars are moved almost daily and could be relocated the correct distance at that time and Mr. Smith would receive sufficient notice to comply with the new ordinance.

Mr. King asked about the status of Mr. Kim Mullins. Mr. Mullins is currently under the \$100 per day fine timeframe. Attorney Walker stated Mr. Mullins must complete the project in four (4) months or the City may need to seek other courts.

Ms. Bynum-Grace asked if Crossroads Motel had exhausted all their appeals. Attorney Walker stated he has sent a letter to their attorney acknowledging the improvements that have been made, but the owners have until May 15th to have the plans approved and the work completed in order to obtain a business license. If there is no response, the City will ask the court for a final hearing.

5. Department Head Items:

Mr. Gilmour announced to Mayor/Council the proposed FY16 budget would be in their boxes by tomorrow. He asked that they begin to consider when they would like to begin the review process.

Following up on the property on Main Street coming under the blight ordinance, Mr. Gilmour noted again there had been no response from the owner. Administration recommended a hearing officer be appointed by Council to offer the owner of the blighted property an opportunity to respond with a hearing. Mr. Walker inquired if there is a process for condemning a property within City code particularly if there is a safety issue. Attorney Walker advised there is a process which could lead to the City tearing the building down and placing a lien on the property if the owner does not come into compliance. There was a consensus to obtaining a hearing officer and conducting a hearing.

Mayor Faircloth:

- Based on the discussion at the April 20, 2015 work session and in fulfillment of the Perry Arts Commission ordinance, each council member was asked to be prepared to bring a nominee to the first meeting in May. Mr. King asked if an art background was required for the appointment. He was advised this was not a requirement; a person need only have an interest in all types of art and the community (i.e. theatre, dance, etc.). Council members were urged to reach out to the current advisory board to see if they would be willing to serve in a different way.

6. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Faircloth adjourned the pre council meeting held April 21, 2015 at 5:55 p.m.