

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 19, 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 May 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.; and Council Members Randall Walker, Willie King, Robert Jones, William Jackson and Riley Hunt.

Elected Official(s) Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace

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

City Departmental Staffing: Captain Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray - Fire and Emergency Services Department, Fire Marshal David Stanton – 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: Master Hudson McGehee and family, Miss Caroline Vinson and family, Miss Taylor Fink and family, Miss Tajah Mathis and family, Ms. Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator and Ms. Jane Elwell.

Media: Douglas Taylor – Channel 100

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Rev. Willie King of Faith Bible Fellowship Church gave the invocation and Master Hudson McGehee and Miss Caroline Vinson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Proclamation(s)/Presentation(s): Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

National Public Works Week – Mayor Faircloth presented a proclamation declaring May 18-22, 2015 National Public Works Week to Mr. Aaron – Director of Public Works. Mr. Aaron then gave a brief overview of the activities planned for the upcoming week and the essay contest sponsored by the department. The three winners were all fourth-graders at Westfield Schools: 1st place – Caroline Vinson; 2nd place - Taylor Fink; and, 3rd place - Hudson McGehee. Each received a plaque and certificate along with congratulations from Mayor and Council.

Recognition of Tajah Mathis – Captain Phelps recognized Ms. Tajah Mathis for her honesty in turning in a commercial money bag to the police. Mayor Faircloth also praised her and thanked her for her good deed.

5. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Authorities. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

Perry Public Arts Commission – Mayor Faircloth inquired if any council member was prepared to make an appointment to the Perry Public Arts Commission. Mayor Faircloth and Council members Jackson, King and Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace indicated they are still waiting on responses. Mayor Faircloth asked that the item to remain on the agenda until all appointments are made.

Perry Main Street Advisory Board – Perry Main Street Advisory Board nominating committee presented names from various agencies for Council’s consideration. Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to accept the following recommendations and their nominating agency: Joe Brownlee – Perry Area Chamber of Commerce (term ending 12-31-2016), Bill Loudermilk – Uptown Perry Partnership (term ending 12-31-2015), Bill O’Neal – Perry Arts Center Advisory Board (term ending 12-31-2017), Susan Scragg – Perry Downtown Development Authority (term ending 12-31-2016), Terre Walker – Perry Area Historical Society (term ending 12-31-2015), Trish Cossart – Perry Downtown Merchants Association (term ending 12-21-2017), and Andrew Presswood – Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (term ending 12-31-2017). Council Member Hunt moved to accept the recommendations from Perry Main Street for the Main Street Advisory Board as submitted; Council Member King seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Citizens with input:

Ms. Jane Elwell, 201 N. Hampton Place, expressed concerns about the condition of the current animal shelter and the monies available for constructing a new facility. She asked for clarification on previously designated monies and was advised Administration would provide the information to her.

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

7a. Council’s Consideration – Minutes of the May 4, 2015 work session, May 5, 2015 pre council meeting, May 5, 2015 council meeting, May 11, 2015 special called meeting and May 12, 2015 special called meeting.

Council Member Walker moved to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2015 work session, May 5, 2015 pre council meeting, May 5, 2015 council meeting, May 11, 2015 special called meeting and May 12, 2015 special called meeting. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Jackson abstaining on the May 5, 2015 pre council and May 5, 2015 council meetings.

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

8a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading and Adoption.

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to rezone 1.86 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry R-1, Single Family Residential District. The property is located at 107 Hill Road.

Adopted Ordinance 2015-10 of an ordinance rezoning 1.86 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry R-1, Single Family

Residential District. The property is located at 107 Hill Road. Council Member King moved to adopt the ordinance as submitted. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Hunt abstaining. (*Ordinance 2015-10 has been entered in the City's official book of record.*)

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to annex 1.86 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry R-1, Single Family Residential District. The property is located at 107 Hill Road.

Adopted Ordinance 2015-11 of an ordinance to annex 1.86 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry R-1, Single Family Residential District. The property is located at 107 Hill Road. Council Member Jackson moved to adopt the ordinance as submitted. Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Hunt abstaining. (*Ordinance 2015-11 has been entered in the City's official book of record.*)

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

9a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.- None

9b. Council Members - None

9c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None

9d. City Attorney David Walker - None

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

10a. Matters referred from May 18, 2015 work session and May 19, 2015 pre council meeting.

1. Authorize the write off of taxes. Ms. King gave a background on the request for writing off certain taxes and penalties which had accrued when a business owner passed away and the business was closed. She noted the Houston County Tax Commissioner had written off the personal property taxes for the same years and recommended relief be approved. Council Member Robert Jones moved to write off \$302.40 in taxes and penalties for Rowley Construction for the years 2011-2014. Council Member Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

10b. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2015-24 Fire Alarm and Security System

Awarded Bid No. 2015-24 to Fire & Security Engineers. Mayor Faircloth presented for Council's consideration bids for installing fire alarm and security systems in identified city buildings. Staff recommended the overall low bidder, Security and Fire Engineers in the amount of \$113,960. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus to remove the City Hall building because of possible renovations in the near future. Council Member Walker motioned to award the bid of \$60,825 not including City Hall, to Fire &

Security Engineers. Council Member Hunt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Bid No. 2015-30 Worrall Community Center HVAC system

Awarded Bid No. 2015-30 to Hoke's Heating and Air. Mayor Faircloth presented for Council's consideration bids for replacing a 12.5 ton unit at the Worrall Community Center. Staff recommended the low bidder, Hoke's Heating & Air of Perry, GA, in the amount of \$10,808.00. Mr. Gilmour advised it will be paid from the general fund. Council Member Hunt moved to award the low bid to Hoke's Heating & Air of Perry, GA, in the amount of \$10,808.00 to replace a 12.5 ton unit at the Worrall Community Center. Council Member Jones seconded and the motion was unanimous.

10c. Appointment of an architect to prepare documents and specifications for phase 2 of the Perry Arts Center improvements.

Mayor presented for Council's consideration a bid for preparing documents and specifications for phase 2 of the Perry Arts Center improvements. Mr. Gilmour advised that bids were solicited from four firms, but there was only one response. Staff recommended the bid be approved. Attorney Walker confirmed that it was acceptable to move forward if only one bid was received and met the criteria in the request for proposal. Council Member Jones motioned to appoint JMA Design and Architectural Services to prepare documents and specifications for phase 2 of the Perry Arts Center improvements. Council Member Hunt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Department Head Items.

Ms. King, Captain Phelps, Mr. Smith and Chief Gray had no reports.

Mr. Aaron thanked Mayor/Council for their support and announced that as part of Public Works Appreciation Week some of the department's equipment would be on view in the parking lot Wednesday from 10am-Noon.

Mr. Beecham advised Dollar General stores are in the planning stages of building at a new location. Architectural drawings are being reviewed and will be submitted to Main Street Design Committee.

12. Council Member Items:

None

13. General Public Items:

Ms. Edgemon introduced Ms. Tori Evans, a member of the 2015 Perry Leadership Institute. Ms. Evans was attending as part of getting acquainted with local government functions.

14. Mayor Items:

- May 21st – Budget review presentations beginning at 5 pm.

- May 26th – Walk with Mayor and Council in District 1 at 1807 Macon Road on May 26th beginning at 5:30 pm.
- May 28th – The Chamber of Commerce’s Business After Hours will be hosted by the Historical Society at the museum.
- May 30 – Perry Leadership Institute will host a day at Heritage Park site, located on Hwy. 341 from 11 am – 2 pm. There will be entertainment, games and food.
- Urged everyone to drive safely and carefully for the upcoming weekend.

15. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held on May 19, 2015, Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.