

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 16, 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 June 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk, Cyndi Houser

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Catherine Edgemon– Economic Development, and Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works Department.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Ms. Annie Bacon – Perry Players

Media: None

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

4. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Authorities

Perry Public Arts Commission – The remaining appointments are still open.

Perry Tree Board - The remaining appointments are still open.

- 7a. Ordinances(s) for Second Reading and Adoption

Second Reading of an ordinance granting the City of Perry's Approval for Jointly Owned Natural Gas to enter into a franchise agreement with Macon-Bibb County. Mr. Gilmour explained that Jointly Owned must enter into a franchise agreement in order to continue to operate in the newly combined Macon-Bibb County entity. Administration recommended approval of the ordinance.

Second Reading of an ordinance adopting FY 16 Operating Budget for the City of Perry. Mr. Gilmour stated that the ordinance in its current form reflected the changes recommended by Council.

Mayor Faircloth assumed his duties as presiding officer at 5:10 pm.

9b. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption

1. Resolution to amend the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour stated that the fee changes were based on the FY16 Operating Budget and the Cost of Living increase.

9c. Perry Main Street items for consideration:

- Approval to change the operation hours of the Perry Farmers' Market
- Approval of the Perry Farmers' Market Contract

Ms. Edgemon explained the manager and vendors of the Farmers Market were requesting the operational hours be moved to 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as there is very little traffic between 8 am -9 am. A discussion ensued about the ramifications of how this would affect permanent businesses along Carroll Street as well as vehicle traffic, the quality of vendor items, the competition from another farmers' markets and failure to keep the hours posted. It was suggested Ms. Edgemon contact the manager and the Main Street Board regarding possibly moving the market to Jernigan as well as addressing the concerns expressed by Council. Based on this discussion, Council concurred to table both items until Ms. Edgemon is able to obtain more feedback.

- 9d. Approval of Task Order 23 to Constantine Engineering relative to professional and technical engineering services for the Perry 2015 Sewer I&I Flow Study. Mr. Gilmour advised that this an ongoing item to study where the greatest intrusion of water into the sewer lines. A map of the study was provided to Mayor and Council showing the lines which have been repaired and those scheduled for the next portion of the study. This contract will be funded through SPLOST.

- 9e. Request from Greater Union Baptist Church to block Marion Street from Carroll Street to Main Street in order to host a Vacation Bible School party on June 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Chief Lynn advised that the police department had reviewed the area, found no issues and recommended approval.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Member King inquired about the Westwood Trailer Park project. Mr. Beecham advised the project is progressing, but probably would not meet the deadline set by the Court.

Council Member Walker asked for an update on the Crossroads Motel. Mr. Beecham stated the owners had finally submitted plans as a motel rather than an apartment and a permit was issued for construction. Chief Gray noted there are no kitchenettes and hot plates are prohibited by state and local codes. Mr. Hunt inquired about guests having cooking

equipment (such charcoal grills) even though there may not be a kitchenette. Chief Gray advised that it would be allowed only if it is outside the footprint of the building.

Council Member Hunt inquired about the Hill Road speed limit discussions held at previous meetings. Mr. Gilmour provided the requested information and a discussion ensued about increasing the speed limit. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with an ordinance to increase the speed limit to 40 mph for Hill Road only.

5. a. General Public Items:

Ms. Annie Bacon, representing Perry Players, requested the use of a City trailer for the Independence Day parade that would hold 20 adults. The request was denied because the City does not lend City-owned equipment to private groups. Ms. Bacon was provided with several names and telephone numbers to contact. Ms. Bacon also invited everyone to attend the Perry Players summer presentation, The Addams Family.

b. Department Head Items:

Mr. Aaron presented a request from the Department of Natural Resources to place an informational sign for the Flat Creek Public Fishing area on the westbound side of the City right of way at the intersection of Hwy 41 South and Perry Parkway. It was the consensus of Council to approve provided it meets the standards from the Georgia DOT.

Chief Lynn advised the department was expecting heavy traffic during the visitation and funeral for Mr. Marc Martin on Wednesday afternoon. The department will also be escorting the funeral procession to the Pulaski County line. He also reported that one of the officers has been out for back surgery followed by emergency surgery, but was doing well.

Mr. Beecham reported that the RFPs for Form Based Zoning are due June 30th. The Planning Commission will review the bids and a recommendation will be presented at the second July meeting.

6. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the June 16, 2015 pre council meeting at 5:50 p.m.; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.