

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

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. called to order the pre council meeting of the Perry City Council held July 21, 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 David Walker, Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator and Recording Clerk, Cyndi Houser

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

Guest(s)/Speaker(s):

Media: Wayne Crenshaw – Macon Telegraph

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

3a. Discussion of July 21, 2015 council meeting agenda

4. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Authorities

Perry Public Arts Commission – The remaining appointment is still open.

6. Public Hearing: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

6a. Petition for Re-zoning & Annexation Application No. R-15-03. Applicant, Gary Burks, requests to rezone and annex 5.0 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry R-1, Single Family Residential District. The property is located at 2051 Hwy 341 South.

Mr. Beecham explained this was initiated by the City to comply with an agreement to provide a waterline for Mr. Burks several years ago. The agreement also included the condition that the property would be annexed into the City when legally possible

to do so. It is now legally possible. Mr. Beecham also noted Mr. Burks did not attend the Planning Commission meeting, but the Commission recommended approval of the rezoning and annexation.

8b. Perry Main Street items for consideration: (Tabled at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting)

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

Ms. Edgemon reviewed a memo submitted by Ms. Dianna Hall regarding concerns about the Farmers Market blocking her business, failing to vacate at the stated closing time and suggesting the market be moved to Jernigan Street. A discussion ensued which resulted in a consensus of Council to move forward with approving the change in hours of operation, keep the market on Carroll Street until September 30, 2015 and work with Ms. Hall and the vendors on some of her suggestions.

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

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend the FY 16 Operating Budget.

Mr. Gilmour explained the Perry Music Festival was inadvertently omitted from the budget printout.

10d. Award of Bid(s):

1. Consider award of bids for mowing services.

Mr. Aaron stated bids were received for Creekwood (except for the ballfields), Rozar Park (except for the ballfields) and Winchester Circle green space. Staff recommended awarding the following for approval: Riverfront Landscaping for Creekwood Park (\$546/month, \$6,552/year); Tuff Dog for Rozar Park (\$1,490/month, \$17,880/year) and E&K Lawn, LLC for Winchester Circle green space (\$80/month, \$960/year).

2. Replacement of the police department HVAC.

Public Works received two bids to replace the HVAC unit covering the front part of the Public Safety building. Both bidders recommended dual circuits which would be energy efficient and more economical. Staff recommended the single circuit, but after discussion, Council advised they would prefer the dual circuit subject to more information from the bidders.

3. Bid No. 2015-31 Replace aerator at Water Treatment Plant No. 2.

Mr. Aaron explained there are two aerators for Water Treatment Plant No. 2. One has been repaired many times but is now at the end of its useful life. Staff recommended awarding the bid to Schmidt Environmental for \$146,200.

10e. Approve JONG financing agreement

Mayor Faircloth explained that JONG cannot execute agreements therefore it is up to the cities in the partnership to approve any agreement. This agreement will allow JONG to construct a pipeline in Sofkee Industrial Park to service the new Kumho tire plant. It is expected the fees paid by Kumho will repay the loan within five (5) years. Mayor Faircloth recommended approval of the agreement subject to review and approval by City Attorney Walker.

3b. Quarterly reporting

Given the lateness of the hour, Mayor Faircloth asked the scheduled reports for the Department of Economic Development and Capital Projects be postponed until the next work session.

4. Council Member Items:

No reports

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Mr. Beecham reported that Oliver Place apartments had applied for a dirt disturbance permit and would begin the process soon.

Mr. Smith announced that a minority business owners/prospective owners luncheon is being planned for October 16, 2015 at the Perry Arts Center. He invited Mayor/Council to attend the gathering.

Ms. Edgemon announced that a regional meeting of Main Street would be held at the Swanson on July 29, 2015.

6. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the July 21, 2015 pre council meeting at 5:52 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.