

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 18, 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 August 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Members Jackson and Jones

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

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

Guest(s)/Speakers: Rev. Jim Dominey, Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church.

Media: Kelly McWilliams – Channel 100; Laura Corley – Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Pastor Willie King, Faith Bible Fellowship Church, gave the invocation and Council Member Randall Walker led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Citizens with input:

Rev. Jim Dominey, Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, Hwy 127, Kathleen, explained the church's utility bill had gone up dramatically in the last 18 months with the addition of utility district and fire protection fees. He asked Council if there was any assistance to reduce their monthly utility bill.

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

7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the August 3, 2015 work session, August 4, 2015 pre council meeting, and August 4, 2015 council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace moved to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2015 work session, August 4, 2015 pre council meeting, and August 4, 2015 council meeting. Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

6a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.- None

6b. Council Members - None

6c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None

6d. City Attorney David Walker - None

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

7a. Matters referred from August 17, 2015 work session and August 18, 2015 pre council meeting.

1. Select a consultant to develop site designs for two (2) parks.

Council Member Walker moved to select TSW as the design consultant to develop site designs for two (2). Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Establish an advisory committee to work with the design consultant and appoint two members from Council to the committee.

Administration recommended an advisory committee be established to work with the design consultant in order to provide input from sectors across the community. Council Member Hunt moved to establish an advisory committee for the park design consultant. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mayor Faircloth then appointed Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace and Council Member Jackson as Council representatives to the committee.

7b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend the Perry Code by deleting Chapter 22 (Solid Waste) in its entirety and adding a new Chapter 22. (*No action required by Council.*)

7c. Resolutions for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution No. 2015-50 accepting water and sewer only, Sanford Place, Phase 3, Section 2. Mr. Beecham advised the system had been inspected by staff and recommended acceptance. Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-50 accepting water and sewer only, Sanford Place, Phase 3, Section 2. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2015-50 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)
2. Resolution No. 2015-51 accepting water and sewer only, The Woodlands of Houston, Phase 1, Section 2. Mr. Beecham advised the system had been inspected

by staff and recommended acceptance. Council Member King moved to adopt Resolution 2015-51 accepting water and sewer only, The Woodlands of Houston, Phase 1, Section 2. Council Member Hunt seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2015-51 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

3. Resolution No. 2015-52 amending the City of Perry Personnel Management System relative to seat belts. Mr. Gilmour advised the City's risk management carrier recommended a formal policy be adopted by Council requiring a safety policy of seat belt usage by City employees and contractors. Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace moved to adopt Resolution 2015-52 amending the City of Perry Personnel Management System requiring seat belt usage by City employees and contractors. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2015-52 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

- 7d. Accept an agreement between the City of Perry and Georgia Southern Railway Company to upgrade rail crossings. Mr. Gilmour explained the agreement will authorize the City to proceed with upgrading railroad crossings at Main Street, Carroll Street and Jernigan Street. The work will be done by a contractor approved by Georgia Southern Railway. Council Member Hunt advised the public the City is receiving no help from the railroad for this improvement project. Council Member King moved to accept the agreement between the City of Perry and Georgia Southern Railway Company subject to the removal of the "sovereignty" clause and other adjustments that may be recommended by the City Attorney's office. Council Member Hunt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Department Head Items.

Fire Battalion Chief Wheeler, Ms. King, Chief Lynn, Mr. Aaron, Mr. Beecham, and Mr. Dye had no reports

Mr. Smith announced an informational hearing will be held for the proposed improvement district (CID) along the Courtney Hodges corridor. The hearing will be held on August 24, 2015 starting at 5:30 pm at the Jaycees building located between Carroll and Main Streets. He also reminded everyone that the minority business owners' luncheon will be at the Perry Arts Center on October 16th with Donna Ennis as the featured speaker. Please call Mr. Smith for details.

9. Council Member Items:

None

10. General Public Items:

None

11. Mayor Items:

- August 19, 2015 – Perry Music Festival Committee will be meeting at 5 pm.

- August 20, 2015 – Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an “Eggs & Issues” breakfast beginning at 7:45 am at the Air Museum.
- August 20, 2015 - A “Meet & Greet” with the City’s management team will be at 5:30 at the Perfect Pear on Carroll Street. The public was urged to come speak with them and find out what each is responsible for.
- August 25, 2015 will be Walk with Mayor and Council in District 3 beginning at Fairway Ridge Clubhouse at Houston Springs at 5:30 pm. Water will be available along with Fire and Emergency Services.
- August 27, 2015 – The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a legislative appreciation reception at Go Fish Education Center.

12. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held on August 18, 2015, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.