

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 18, 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 August 18, 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, Willie King and Riley Hunt.

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

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 – 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): None

Media: Laura Corley – Macon Telegraph

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

3a. Discussion of August 18, 2015 council meeting agenda

7c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption

1. Resolution accepting water and sewer only, Sanford Place, Phase 3, Section 2
2. Resolution accepting water and sewer only, The Woodlands of Houston, Phase 1, Section 2

Mr. Beecham advised these two subdivisions had been inspected and approved by Mr. Deal and staff recommended acceptance of the water and sewer for Sanford Place, Phase 3, Section 2 and The Woodlands of Houston, Phase 1, Section 2

3. Resolution amending the City of Perry Personnel Management System relative to seat belts.

Mr. Gilmour explained the resolution was to comply with the recommendations of the City's risk insurance carrier. Although all departments have this policy, LGRMS wanted a formalized policy from Council.

7d. Consider an agreement between the City of Perry and Georgia Southern Railway Company to upgrade rail crossings.

Mr. Gilmour explained the City will upgrade the crossings at Carroll, Jernigan and Main Streets using the contractors approved by Georgia Southern Railway. The agreement gives the City permission to proceed with the project, but that no money is being paid to Georgia Southern Railway. A discussion was held regarding some of the language and what it could mean monetarily to the City. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the approval of the agreement subject to review by the City Attorney and removal of certain language.

4. Council Member Items:

Mr. Hunt asked if anything could be done about the lack of outside maintenance at the post office. Mr. Beecham stated he would send Mr. Brown to talk with the postmaster again; if this does not bring results, a letter will be sent to our federal delegation.

Mr. Walker expressed his appreciation for all the park design presentations and suggested Council move forward with selecting a consultant from one of the presentations, approving a committee to work with the consultant and that the Mayor appoint two representatives from the Council. It was a consensus that Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace and Council Member Jackson be appointed. Mr. Gilmour advised SPLOST monies would be used for the project.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Ms. King reported that the auditors will begin their field work on September 21st.

Mr. Beecham distributed the WRATS' (Warner Robins Area Transportation System committee) 40-year transportation plan showing the priority of roads to be improved. He noted that two (2) in the Perry area are high on the list including the anticipated completion of the West Perry Bypass in 2019. Mr. Beecham will keep Council apprised of the progress.

Chief Lynn stated he had attended a planning session at the Georgia National Fair for security. The FAA will be contacted about having the Fairgrounds as a "no-fly" zone during the fair. Low flying helicopters are expected next Tuesday and Wednesday during a training exercise at the Guardian Center.

Mr. Aaron announced the Perry Public Works Department will be hosting a public works supervisor training during October. Area counties and municipalities were invited to participate.

6. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the August 18, 2015 pre council meeting at 5:35 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.