

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
September 1, 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 September 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member William Jackson

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney David Walker and Recording Clerk, Annie Warren

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

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): None

Media: Laura Corley– Macon Telegraph and Jake Jacobs – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of September 1, 2015 council meeting agenda. Mayor Faircloth reviewed the September 1, 2015 council meeting agenda.

6a. Petition for Special Exception Application No. SE-15-01. Mr. Beecham reviewed the requested and stated the use would be for an outreach mission not an actual church.

10a.(1) Authorize establishing six (6) part time and two (2) full time police officer positions. Mr. Gilmour reported Council had reviewed the digest and it was the consensus of Council to establish two (2) full time police officer positions and five (5) additional part time police officer positions.

10a.(2) Authorize proceeding with MOU for GDOT Gateway Grant. Mr. Beecham City of Perry was awarded a \$50,000 GDOT Gateway Grant and is currently awaiting the Memorandum of Understanding from GDOT to ensure there is no penalty for installing less landscaping than what was in the original landscape plan. Council concurred to proceed with the Memorandum of Understanding subject to review and approval by the city attorney.

10a.(3) Resolution to amend the fee schedule to provide for an adjustment of the fire fees. Mr. Gilmour reported Council concurred at the August 31st work session to make adjustments to the fire fee rates relative to churches, synagogues, temples, etc. from significant or maximum risk to moderate risk.

10b.(1) Resolution amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour advised the stormwater fee cap has been in effect since the implementation of the stormwater fee but is not reflected on the fee schedule, thus the reason for the amending the fee schedule.

10c.(1) Bid No. 2016-02 Ag Village Water Main Extension. Mr. Gilmour reported on the necessity to extend a water main within the Ag Village project.

10d. Authorize surplus sale of former Rozar Park tennis court fencing. Mr. Gilmour stated when the tennis courts were removed at Rozar Park the fencing was saved. Administration consulted with the Departments of Leisure Services and Public Works and they stated they had no need for the fencing. Administration recommends surplus sale of the fencing.

10f. Perry Main Street Advisory Board request for City services relative to the 2015 Buzzard Drop. Mr. Smith stated this is a formal request from the promotion committee for the 2015 Buzzard Drop.

3b. Review of the Director of Community Development job description.

Mayor and Council discussed possible changes to the position and concurred to amend the position responsibilities and have the position oversee the Department of Community Development.

3c. Request from The Loudermilk Companies for permission to drill two wells in Ag Village – R. Smith.

Mr. Smith presented a request from The Loudermilk Companies for permission to drill two (2) wells in Ag Village to supply unchlorinated water needed to keep the retention ponds base line water level at a depth and quality of water that will support fish and other aquatic wild life and to supply water for the developments irrigation system. Mr. Gilmour stated the project would have to be approved by the City engineer.

4. Council Member Items:

No reports from Council
No report from Mr. Gilmour

5. Department Head Items:

No reports from Mr. Aaron, Ms. King, Mr. Beecham and Chief Gray

Mr. Dye reported the opening ceremony for football season will be held on September 12th

Chief Lynn provided an update on the HVAC system replacement at the police department.

Mr. Smith advised the regional plan has to be updated.

Mayor Faircloth shared with Council a letter from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission relative to the City of Perry Comprehensive Plan and Service Delivery Strategy updates.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held on September 1, 2015, Council Member Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m.; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.