

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 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 September 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.; Council Members Randall Walker, William Jackson, Riley Hunt, Willie King, and Robert Jones.

Elected Official(s) Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace

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, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Brenda King – Director of Administration and Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services.

Guest(s)/Speakers: Larry Hunt, Davis Cosey, Sam Watson, Larry Walker III, Lora Arledge and Mike Vinson

Media: Jake Jacobs – Houston Home Journal, Laura Corley– Macon Telegraph and Tiffany Michael, Comsouth 100.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Reverend Willie King of Faith Bible Fellowship Church rendered the invocation and Council Member Hunt led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Presentation(s): Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

* Presentations by the Perry Arts Center Advisory Board – Mr. Larry Hunt

Mr. Hunt presented checks to the Perry Animal Shelter and FOPAS on behalf of the Perry Arts Center Advisory Board.

5. Special Guest(s): Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

* Mr. Sam Watson

Mayor Faircloth presented a City lapel pin and proclamation to Mr. Watson honoring him for his service to his community.

6. Citizens with Input.
Ms. Lora Arledge of 909 Massey Lane invited everyone to the Georgia Big Band Concert on September 19th, 7 p.m. at the Perry Arts Center.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15 P.M. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. called to order a public hearing at 6:15 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-67A-3 (c).

7a. Petition for Re-zoning Application No. R-15-04. Applicant(s), Alpha Strategies, LLC, LaRuss Properties, LLC and Ocmulgee Developments, LLC request to rezone 1.51 acres from City of Perry R-3, Multi-Family Residential District to C-3 Central Business District. The property is located at 902/904/906 Ball Street.

Mr. Beecham reviewed the Perry Planning Commission letter dated August 25, 2015 relative to a petition to rezone 1.51 acres from R-3, Multi-Family Residential District to C-3, Central Business District for property located at 902/904/906 Ball Street.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the petition.

In Favor: Mr. Larry Walker III of Russ Properties and Alpha Strategies, LLC spoke in favor of the petition for properties located at 902 and 906 Ball Street.

Opposed: None

7b. Establishing the 2015 ad valorem millage rate for the City of Perry. Mr. Gilmour advised Council and citizens that Council had adopted an operating budget for 2016, the required advertisement had been published and the millage rate will remain 14.05 mils.

In Favor: None

Opposed: None

Public Hearing Closed at 6:21 p.m. Mayor Faircloth closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.

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

8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of August 31, 2015 work session, September 1, 2015 pre council meeting and September 1, 2015 council meeting.

Council Member Hunt motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion; motioned carried with Council Member Jackson abstaining.

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

9a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to amend the Perry Code by deleting Chapter 22 (Solid Waste) in its entirety and adding a new Chapter 22.

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to table this agenda item; Council Member Walker motioned to table; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 9b. Petition for Special Exception Application No. SE-15-01. Applicant, Dexter Davis, requests a special exception to have a church in an R-2, Two Family Residential District. The property is located at 400 Riley Street.

Council Member King motioned to approve the special exception application as submitted; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Any Other Old Business Matters: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- 10a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.- None
- 10b. Council Members – None
- 10c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None
- 10d. City Attorney David Walker - None

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

- 11a. Matters referred from September 14, 2015 work session and September 15, 2015 pre council meeting.

1. Approved the City of Perry Wayfinding Plan. Staff recommended approval of the City of Perry Wayfinding Plan. Council Member Walker motioned to approve the City of Perry Wayfinding Plan; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Accepted modular office unit for animal control. Mayor Faircloth reviewed with Council the offer of a donated modular office unit for the animal control facility. Council Member King motioned to accept the offer of a donated modular office unit for the animal control facility; Council Member Jones seconded the motion; motioned carried 4-1 with Council Member Walker opposed.

11b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone 1.51 acres from the City of Perry R-3, Multi-Family Residential District to C-3 Central Business District. The property is located at 902/904/906 Ball Street. *(No action required by Council)*

11c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution establishing the 2015 ad valorem millage rate for the City of Perry.

Adopted Resolution No. 2015-57 establishing the 2015 ad valorem millage rate for the City of Perry. Mr. Gilmour stated the required hearing had been held and Administration was recommending the adoption of the resolution which establishes the millage rate at 14.05. Council Member Jones moved to adopt the resolution establishing the 2015 ad valorem millage rate for the City of Perry at 14.05 mills. Council Member King seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2015-57 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

11d. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2016-03 Demolition of Structures

Staff recommended awarding the bid to low bidder Level Line, Inc. in the amount of \$7,400. Council Member King motioned to award the bid to low bidder Level Line, Inc. in the amount of \$7,400; Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Idle Pines Drainage Ditch

Administration recommended rejecting both bids since the low bidder did not meet bid qualifications and the high bidder is beyond budget. Council Member Hunt moved to accept Administration's recommendation of rejecting both bids; Council Member Walker seconded the move and it carried unanimously.

11e. Approved crossing upgrade agreement between the City of Perry and Georgia Southern Railroad. Administration recommended approval of the crossing upgrade agreement between the City of Perry and Georgia Southern Railroad. Council Member Walker motioned to accept the crossing agreement between the City of Perry and Georgia Southern Railroad; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

11f. Requests from the Perry Downtown Merchants Association for the 3rd Annual Sweets and Treats on Downtown Streets on October 31st.

- Closure of Jernigan Street from Main Street to Carroll Street and the closure of Carroll Street from the 700 block thru the 900 block.
- Two (2) on duty police officers to assist with the event
- Permit fee be waived

Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the requests as submitted by the Perry Downtown Merchants Association for the 3rd Annual Sweets and Treats on Downtown Streets on October 31st; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Department Heads Items.

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

Ms. Smith reminded everyone of the CID meeting on September 28th, 5:30 pm at the former Jaycees Building.

13. Council Members Items:

All of Council wished Mike Beecham well with his new job as this was his last council meeting at the City of Perry

No report from Mr. Gilmour

No report from City Attorney Walker

14. General Public Items:

Mr. Mike Vinson requested Council's permission to have a classic car "cruise in" in the downtown area on October 24th, 5 pm – 8 pm. Council Member King motioned to approve Mr. Vinson's event and requested street closures subject to Chief Gray and Chief Lynn's approval; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Attorney Walker thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the fair parade.

15. Mayor Items:

Mayor Faircloth's Items:

- "Car City" event at Central Georgia Technical College on September 25th
- Walk with Mayor and Council on September 22nd at 5:30 pm in district 1
- 6th Annual Music Festival on September 19th, 12noon
- Georgia National Fair, October 8th - 18th; fair parade is on October 10th
- Announced Mike Beecham will be leaving the City of Perry and going to Habersham County
- Ms. Betty Cantrell was crowned Ms. America
- 41NBC will be broadcasting live in downtown Perry on September 17th at 11 a.m.

16. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular meeting held on September 15, 2015, Council Member Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.