

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
October 20, 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 October 20, 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, William Jackson, Robert Jones and Riley Hunt.

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staffing: Major William Phelps – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray -Fire and Emergency Services Department, 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: Sgt. James Berres and the Young Marines of Warner Robins

Media: Michael Carr – Channel 100; Jake Jacobs – Houston Home Journal; and Laura Corley – Macon Telegraph

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Pastor Robert Jones of Grace Community Church gave the invocation and Sgt. Berres with the Young Marines of Warner Robins led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Mayor Faircloth presented a proclamation observing Red Ribbon Week to Sgt. James Berres in honor of the unit's efforts to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our community. The Young Marines recited their creed and obligation followed by a short speech by Sgt. Berres.

5. Citizens with input:

None

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

The purpose of the Public Hearing is 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).

- 6a. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance –Section 106-Signs.

Based on discussions in the pre-council meeting, Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to table the hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Council Member Walker moved to table the hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- 7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the October 5, 2015 work session, October 6, 2015 pre council meeting, and October 6, 2015 council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace moved to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2015 work session, October 6, 2015 pre council meeting, and October 6, 2015 council meeting. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- 8a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption

- a. **Adopted Ordinance 2015-24 amending the FY2015 Operating Budget.** Mr. Gilmour advised this will finalize all expenditures based on the audit. Council Member King moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-24 amending the FY15 operating budget. Council Member Jackson seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2015-24 has been entered into the official book of record.*)
- b. **Adopted Ordinance 2015-25 amending the FY2016 Operating Budget.** Mr. Gilmour advised this will adjust the current operating budget through the first quarter of the year. Council Member King moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-25 amending the FY2016 operating budget. Council Member Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2015-25 has been entered into the official book of record.*)
- c. **Adopted Ordinance 2015-26 amending the Perry Code by deleting Chapter 22 (Solid Waste) in its entirety and adding a new Chapter 22.** Mr. Aaron stated the code revisions have been sent to the City Attorney for review and staff recommended adoption of the code subject to review and approval by the City Attorney. Council Member Jackson moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-26 amending the Perry Code by deleting Chapter 22 (Solid Waste) in its entirety and adding a new Chapter 22. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2015-26 has been entered into the official book of record.*)

- 8b. Presentation of the Department of Leisure Services website – Kevin Dye.

Mr. Dye provided a web-site presentation of Rozar Park now available through the City's webpage. He stated the slide show can be viewed on smart phones, laptops or desk top computer. Other City parks will follow as time permits.

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

9a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. - None

9b. Council Members - None

9c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None

9d. Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert - None

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

10a. Matters referred from October 19, 2015 work session and October 20, 2015 pre council meeting.

None

10b. 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.*)

10c. Award of Bid(s):

1. Natural gas main upgrade

Metal gas lines in the Stanley Street area were inspected by ESG Operations, Inc. and they recommended replacement. They further recommended awarding the project to the low bidder, C&H Pipe, Inc. of Hawkinsville. Council Member Riley Hunt moved to award the project to the low bidder, C&H Pipe, Inc. for \$19,083.89. Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10d. Request for exemption from City's wastewater connection policy.

A request was received from Mr. David Campbell, Houston Healthcare-Perry Hospital Administrator, to waive the requirement to tie into the City's wastewater due to elevation problems and the costs required for the connection. This exemption would only apply to a modular building which will be used for backup meeting space and conference room. The Board of Health would not approve the installation of a septic tank without the waiver from the City. ESG Operations, Inc. and Administration recommended the one-time waiver be approved. Council Member Jackson moved to approve the one-time waiver requiring connection to the City's waste for the modular building at the Perry Hospital. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda:

- 11a. Request for street closings in downtown (Carroll Street, Ball Street, Jernigan Street) relative to the Painting, Pitchers and Pints event sponsored by the Perry Arts Center Committee on November 6, 2015, 6 pm-9 pm.

Major Phelps presented the request for the November 6, 2015 event in downtown Perry. The Police Department recommended approval of the street closings. Council Member Walker moved to approve the street closings for the November 6, 2015 event from 6-9 pm. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Department Head Items.

Ms. King, Major Phelps and Mr. Smith had no reports.

Mr. Aaron will attend his first Warner Robins Area Transportation (WRATS) meeting on Wednesday; hoped the revisions will be approved in order to get the information out to the public by January 1, 2016; a meeting with Griffin Folsom will be held on Thursday regarding the cover repair at the landfill.

Mr. Dye reminded everyone of Movie Night on November 6<sup>th</sup> at sunset at Rozar Park where "Inside Out" will be shown. This free event is open to the public and concessions will be available. You are encouraged to bring your own chairs and blankets.

Chief Gray reported with the cooler weather the last few days the department had already responded to seven (7) smoke detector calls. He also reminded folks about Halloween safety and the information located on the department's Facebook page.

13. Council Member Items:

None

14. General Public Items:

None

15. Mayor Items:

- October 22, 2015 will be the ground breaking ceremony for the new Houston County Fire Station 6 to be located at Perdue Farms plant on Hwy. 247 Spur at 10:30 am.
- October 24, 2015 a Zombie Run will be held at the Guardian Center. Perry Police will be assisting with security & traffic control with the expected 5,000-7,000 participants.
- October 27, 2015 will be Walk with Mayor and Council in District 2 behind Meadowdale Learning Center at 5:30 pm. Water will be available along with Fire and Emergency Services.
- October 28, 2015 – A community forum will be held at Eagle Springs Clubhouse on domestic violence.
- November 4, 2015 – The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a State of the Community luncheon at the Board of Education Annex on Macon Road beginning at 11:30 am.
- November 18, 2015 - GMA District 6 Fall Meeting will be held at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in Macon from 11 am-1 pm.

- December 5, 2015 – Warner Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Christmas parade at 10. Perry will hold their annual parade the same day at 4 pm.
- January 22-26, 2016 will be the annual Mayors’ Day Conference to be held in Atlanta.

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel.

16. Executive Session entered at 6:33 p.m.: On a motion by Council Member Walker, seconded by Council Member Jackson and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session to discuss personnel.
17. Executive Session adjourned at 7:11 p.m.; Council’s meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held October 20, 2015 and reconvened into the regular meeting.
18. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-60 stating purpose of the executive session held on October 20, 2015 was to discuss personnel. On a motion by Council Member Hunt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace and carried unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2015-60 stating the purpose of the executive session held on October 20, 2015 was to discuss personnel. (*Resolution 2015-60 has been entered in the City’s official book of record*).
19. Adjournment: On a motion by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member King and carried unanimously, the reconvened meeting of Council held October 20, 2015 was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.