

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 17, 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 November 17, 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, Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator 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: Mr. and Mrs. Penrose Wolf, Ms. Trish Cossart, Mr. Andrew Presswood, Rev. John Lehenbauer, Ms. Penny Byrd, Ms. Jessie Wilhite, Reverend Roland Fall and Ms. Melissa Wright

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

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Reverend Roland Fall, Perry United Methodist Church, gave the invocation and Councilwoman Phyllis Bynum-Grace led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Mayor Faircloth presented a proclamation recognizing Small Business Saturday, November 28, 2015 to Ms. Trish Cossart representing Downtown Merchants Association and Mr. Andrew Presswood of the Perry Main Street Advisory Board. Ms. Cossart explained how the Shopping Passport will work and noted nineteen (19) businesses are participating.

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

Mayor Faircloth read a proclamation honoring Mr. Penrose Wolf for service to his country and community and naming him an honorary ambassador of goodwill for the City of Perry. Mayor Faircloth added that Mr. Wolf at 90 years of age is still active in the community and gives

unselfishly of his time to help others and this community. Mrs. Wolf and their daughter, Penny Byrd, were also present.

6. Citizens with input:

Mr. Penrose Wolf, 411 Yorktown Drive, Perry, GA – Mr. Wolf gave kudos to the Public Works staff for taking care of a tree which had fallen into the greenway between his subdivision and the subdivision behind his.

Ms. Jesse Wilhite, Byron, GA – Ms. Wilhite requested the Council consider putting a policy in place in the police department to allow low income persons access to public records on a fair and equal basis.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15P.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. 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 Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7b. Petition for Special Exception Application No. SE-15-02. Applicant, Melissa Wright, requests a special exception to operate a day care home in an R-1, Single Family Residential District. The property is located at 1724 Milton Way.

Mr. Gilmour explained the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission was to deny the application, and Council could vote immediately after the hearing.

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

In Favor: Applicant Melissa Wright explained she previously held a state license for a day care in her home in another city, but could not renew the license until she had a home occupation license from the City of Perry. Ms. Wright answered questions from Council regarding the number of children she would be caring for and concerns for traffic and parking.

Opposed: None

Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion regarding the Petition for Special Exception Application No. SE-15-02. Council Member Walker moved to approve the Petition for Special Exception Application No. SE-15-02 to operate a day care home in an R-1, Single Family Residential District for a property located at 1724 Milton Way. Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- 8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the November 2, 2015 work session, November 3, 2015 pre council meeting, and November 3, 2015 council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace moved to accept the minutes of the November 2, 2015 work session, November 3, 2015 pre council meeting, and November 3, 2015 council meeting. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Hunt abstaining for the November 3, 2015 pre council meeting and November 3, 2015 meetings due to being absent.

9. Old Business: 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 November 19, 2015 work session and November 20, 2015 pre council meeting.

1. Resolution establishing six (6) months moratorium for sign variances.
2. Resolution establishing six (6) months moratorium for removal of historic buildings.

Mayor Faircloth announced these two items would be postponed until the next regular meeting December 1, 2015 at the request of one of the council members in order to obtain more information.

3. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-65 approving the amended City of Perry Employee Safety and Loss Prevention manual. On a motion by Council Member Hunt, seconded by Council Member King and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 2015-65 was adopted approving the Employee Safety and Loss Prevention manual. (*Resolution No. 2015-65 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

4. Approval of TSW's Heritage Park concept agreement. Mr. Gilmour stated this agreement is a follow up from the Worrall Foundation for the proposed Heritage Park and Administration recommended approval. It will be paid from SPLOST funds. Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace moved to approve TSW's Heritage Park concept agreement for \$23,270. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

10b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 106-Signs. Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to table the reading of an ordinance to amend the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 106-Signs until the work session review is completed. Council Member Jones moved to table the reading of an ordinance to amend the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 106-Signs until the work session review is completed. Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10c. Resolutions(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-66 accepting the maintenance of certain infrastructure at Blackhawk Reserve, Phase No. 1, Section No. 1 at Grand Reserve. Mr. Gilmour advised the warranty time has passed and there are no problems with the infrastructure; staff recommended approval. Council Member Jackson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-66 accepting the maintenance of certain infrastructure at Blackhawk Reserve, Phase No. 1, Section No. 1 at Grand Reserve. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2015-66 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-67 accepting maintenance of certain infrastructure at Wooden Eagle, Phase 4, Section 1. Mr. Gilmour advised the warranty time has passed and there are no problems with the infrastructure; staff recommended approval. Council Member Walker moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2015-67 accepting the maintenance of certain infrastructure at Wooden Eagle, Phase 4, Section 1. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2015-67 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

- 10d. Request from Perry Ministerial Association for the closing of Carroll Street from Jernigan Street to Washington Street; Ball Street from Main Street to Commerce Street relative to Christmas at the Square on December 6th from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Major Phelps and Chief Gray advised the Police and Fire Departments had reviewed the request and recommended approval. Council Member Jones moved to approve the street closings as submitted for the Perry Ministerial Association's Christmas at the Square on December 6th from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously.

11. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda:

11a. Christmas on Carroll Event: Major Phelps presented the request for the November 27, 2015 event in downtown Perry. The Police Department recommended approval of the street closings. Council Member Jackson moved to approve the street closings for the Christmas on Carroll event scheduled for November 27, 2015 from 6-8 pm. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11b. First Friday Event: Major Phelps presented the request from the Perry Downtown Merchants Association for the closing of Carroll Street and Ball Street relative to Paintings, Pitchers and Pints event sponsored by the Perry Arts Center Committee on December 4th, 6-9 pm. Council Member King moved to approve the street closings for the First Friday event; Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

12. Department Head Items.

Ms. King, Major Phelps, Chief Gray and Mr. Dye had no reports.

Mr. Aaron reported the annual “Fall Clean Up Week” was going well.

Mr. Smith announced his department is hosting an information session on the form based code proposal at the Perry Arts Center on Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm.

13. Council Member Items:

Council Members Walker, Jackson and Hunt congratulated Mr. Penrose Wolf on his recent 90th birthday and 65th wedding anniversary.

14. General Public Items:

Ms. Edgemon, Main Street Coordinator, spoke about the Small Business Saturday and how the Main Street Board and the Downtown Merchants Association met the challenge of participating in the November 28th event. She urged everyone to shop in downtown Perry.

15. Mayor Items:

- November 18, 2015 - GMA District 6 Fall Meeting will be held at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in Macon from 11 am-1 pm.
- November 18, 2015 – Retirement Reception from 2-4 pm for Ms. Diane Sweat of the Houston County Board of Commissioners office.
- November 19, 2015 – Council is invited to a Legislative Dinner at the Houston Lake Country Club.
- December 1, 2015 – Special Election
- December 3, 2015 – Taste of Southern sponsored by the Perry Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building.
- December 5, 2015 – Warner Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring their annual Christmas parade at 10 am. Perry will hold their annual parade the same day at 4 pm. Centerville will hold their evening parade at 6 pm.
- December 10, 2015 – 11 am – 1 pm City of Perry employees Christmas luncheon at the Perry Arts Center.
- January 22-25, 2016 will be the annual Mayors’ Day Conference to be held in Atlanta.

Mayor Faircloth asked everyone to continue to remember the people of Paris, France and to be diligent and vigilant in our own daily activities.

On a sad note, it was announced former Mayor Barbara Calhoun passed away on November 16, 2015. Mayor Faircloth asked people to keep Ms. Calhoun's family in their prayers.

16. Adjournment: On a motion by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member King and carried unanimously, the regular meeting of Council held November 17, 2015 was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.