

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 17, 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 November 17, 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, 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, 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): Ms. Terre Walker

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

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

3a. Discussion of November 17, 2015 council meeting agenda

7a. Public Hearing Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance – Section 106 – Signs

Mayor Faircloth advised there were still some items that needed work in the ordinance. It was the consensus to again table the hearing until the next meeting so that the recommended changes could be discussed at the next work session.

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

The applicant wants to obtain a home occupation license in order to obtain a state license for a child daycare in her home. Mr. Gilmour advised that the Planning Commission denied the application in a close vote, but did not give a reason.

Planning Commission members expressed concerns about parking and traffic. Mr. Gilmour further advised that Council may take action once the hearing is completed.

10a. Matters referred from November 16, 2015 work session and November 17, 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 advised Council that Mr. Hunt had requested that these two items be postponed until the next regular meeting. Mayor Faircloth granted the request and the items will be placed on the December 1, 2015 agenda.

3. Resolution improving and supporting safety and loss prevention manual.
4. Approval of TSW's Heritage Park concept design.

10b. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 106-Signs.

Mayor Faircloth reminded Council this item will need a vote to be tabled.

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

1. Resolution accepting the maintenance of certain infrastructure at Blackhawk Reserve, Phase No. 1, Section No. 1 at Grand Reserve.
2. Resolution accepting the maintenance of certain infrastructure at Wooden Eagle Phase 4, Section 1.

Mr. Gilmour advised both of these subdivisions had passed the warranty period and were good to go. Staff recommended acceptance of maintenance for both subdivisions.

10d. Request from the 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, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm.

Major Phelps advised the Police Department had no problems with the request and recommended approval.

11. Other Business/Supplemental/Agenda:

11a. Christmas on Carroll Event. Request from Moulliet Productions for closing of Ball Street and Carrol Street, Ball Street and Commerce Street for the 3rd Annual Christmas on Carroll to be held on Friday, November 27th from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm.

Major Phelps and Chief Gray advised the street closing had been reviewed and recommended approval.

11b. First Friday Event. Request from the Perry Downtown Merchants Association for the closing of Carroll Street and Ball Street relative to Paintings, Pitchers and Pints event scheduled for December 4th from 6-9 pm and sponsored by the Perry Arts Center Committee.

Major Phelps and Chief Gray advised the street closings had been reviewed and recommended approval.

4. Council Member Items:

Mr. King asked for a status report regarding Mr. Mullins.

Mr. Walker expressed concern about voting on items 10a,1 and 10a,2.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Chief Lynn and Mr. Dye had no reports.

Ms. King stated the audit is still in progress, but so far everything looks good.

Major Phelps reminded Mayor and Council of the City's Christmas parade on December 5th; entrants will begin lining up at 2 pm on Washington.

Mr. Aaron reported the fall clean up week was going well.

Mr. Smith announced the branding initiative creative committee is moving forward and they are looking at a January completion date.

Ms. Edgemon reminded everyone about Small Business Saturday, November 28th.

7. Mayor Items:

- GMA District 6 luncheon meeting at 11 am on 11/18/15 at the Regional Commission
- Houston County Board of Commissioners is hosting a retirement open house for Diane Sweat from 2-4 pm on 11/18/15
- Legislative Dinner on 11/19/15 at Houston Lake Country Club

Mayor Faircloth also addressed the event in Paris, France and how grateful he is for our police department and their quick responses.

6. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Walker motioned to adjourn the November 17, 2015 pre council meeting at 5:29 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.