

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
December 1, 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 December 1, 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, City Attorney David Walker, and Recording Clerk, Cyndi Houser

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

Guest(s)/Speakers: Ms. Jennifer Lea Spell – Department of Administration, Sgt. Brian Emmons – Perry Police Department, family members of Sgt. Emmons; members of the Perry Police Department, Ms. Willie Blige, Mr. Ja’Von Patrick Walker, BSA Troop 96, Ms. Kimberly Lowe – MGRC, Mr. Joseph Burress – A Step Above Dance Company and Mr. Penrose Wolf.

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

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Reverend Willie King, Senior Pastor Faith Fellowship Church, gave the invocation and Mr. Patrick Walker, BSA Troop 96, led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Ms. King introduced Ms. Jennifer Lea Spell who began working in the Department of Administration on Monday, November 30, 2015 as an accountant.

Chief Lynn presented a 20-year service pin to Sgt. Brian Emmons noting that he had worked in many of the departments. Sgt. Emmons introduced his family and thanked them and the department members for their support through the years. Mayor Faircloth then presented a token of appreciation from Mayor and Council to Sgt. Emmons.

Mayor Faircloth read a proclamation declaring December 1, 2015 as Betty Vandiver Day. Georgia Municipal Association will collect proclamations from all the participating

communities in Georgia and present them to Ms. Vandiver at the end of the Mayors' Motorcade in December 2015.

5. Community Partners Update(s): None

6. Citizens with input:

Ms. Willie Blige introduced her son Ja'Von Patrick Walker who has completed the requirements for his Eagle Scout merit badge on September 10, 2015 and will be honored at a Court of Honor at Faith Bible Fellowship on December 12, 2015. Ms. Blige and Mr. Walker invited Mayor and Council to the upcoming ceremony. Mayor Faircloth noted this is one of the major milestones for a Boy Scout and congratulated Mr. Walker on his achievement.

7. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Adopted Resolution 2015-69 establishing six (6) months moratorium for sign variances. Mayor Faircloth explained that the resolution would become effective immediately, if adopted, but would not affect any applications already on file. He then entertained a motion to adopt a resolution establishing six (6) month moratorium for sign variances. Council Member Walker moved to adopt a resolution establishing a six (6) month moratorium for sign variances. Council Member Jones seconded and the motion carried 5-1 with Council Member Hunt opposed. (*Resolution 2015-69 has been entered into the City's Official Book of Record.*)

2. Adopted Resolution 2015-70 establishing six (6) months moratorium for removal of historic buildings. Mayor Faircloth explained that the resolution would become effective immediately, if adopted, but would not affect any applications already on file. He then entertained a motion to adopt a resolution establishing six (6) month moratorium for removal of historic buildings. Council Member Walker moved to adopt a resolution establishing a six (6) month moratorium for removal of historic buildings. Council Member Jones seconded and the motion carried 5-1 with Council Member Hunt opposed. (*Resolution 2015-70 has been entered into the City's Official Book of Record.*)

8. 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).

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 Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- 9a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the November 16, 2015 work session, November 17, 2015 pre council meeting, and November 17, 2015 council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace moved to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2015 work session, November 17, 2015 pre council meeting, and November 17, 2015 council meeting. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. 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. City Attorney David Walker – Thank everyone for their cards, calls and prayers and stated he was glad to be back at work.

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

11a. Matters referred from November 30, 2015 work session and December 1, 2015 pre council meeting.

1. Approval of a service agreement with Middle Georgia Regional Commission to provide a database of all city housing.

Mr. Smith represented the Perry Housing Team which recommended a housing assessment study on all housing properties in the City. This database can be used by potential businesses and industries looking to locate in Perry, planning for residential development and grant applications and will be easily updateable. The cost will be \$12,500 of which \$10,000 will be paid from the economic development portion of the Hotel/Motel tax and the balance will be paid from a grant through the state Department of Community Affairs. Council Member King moved to approve the service agreement between Middle Georgia Regional Commission and the City of Perry to provide a database of housing in the City of Perry. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11b. 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 next meeting. Council Member King moved to table the reading of an ordinance to amend the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 106-Signs until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Code by deleting in its entirety the catchline or heading for Sec. 25-2 and adding a new catchline or heading for Sec. 25-2 Bills; penalties; accessibility of meters; discontinuance or disallowance for unpaid bills. *(No action required by Council.)*

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

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-71 authorizing the City of Perry Council to submit an application for funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreation Trails Program. Mr. Dye explained this was the same request submitted last year, was prepared by grant writer, Kimberly Lowe of MGRC and staff recommended it be approved. Council Member Jones moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Perry Council to submit an application for funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Trails program. Council Member King seconded and the motion carried unanimously. *(Resolution No. 2015-71 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

- 11d. Approval of a professional service agreement for Washington Street sidewalk improvements. Mr. Gilmour explained the proposed agreement is with Georgia Water & Environmental Services, LLC to provide engineering services for the Washington Street sidewalk and lighting project between Commerce and Main Streets. The funding will come from the SPLOST 12 Construction Fund. Council Member King moved to approve the professional services agreement between Georgia Water and Environmental Services, LLC and the City of Perry for an amount not to exceed \$23,723.00. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Department Head Items.

Mr. Aaron, Ms. King, and Mr. Dye had no reports.

Mr. Smith announced his department is hosting a public hearing on December 3 on the Brownfield areas beginning at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers. A 2-day charrette will also be held in the council chambers on December 7th & 8th for form based codes input from the public.

Chief Lynn introduced Sgt. Jimmy Jones who explained the police department is sponsoring a non-perishable food drive called "Stuff the Cruiser". The cruiser will be parked in the WalMart parking lot on December 8, 2015 from 10am – 6pm. Mr. Joseph Burress offered the use of some pop-up tents if they were needed for the project. Food and monetary donations will be accepted with the items collected going to Loaves and Fishes.

Chief Wheeler notified Mayor and Council about the email Chief Gray sent to them giving a further explanation of the false alarm calls mentioned in his report at the work session.

13. Council Member Items: None

14. General Public Items: None

15. Mayor Items:

- 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 4, 2015 - Downtown Merchants Association will be holding their First Friday event from 6- 9 pm
- 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 6, 2015 – Perry Ministerial Association will hold their Christmas at the Square event beginning at 6 pm.
- December 10, 2015 – 11 am–2 pm City of Perry employees Christmas luncheon at the Perry Arts Center
- December 31, 2015 – Third Annual Buzzard Drop in downtown Perry from 8:30 pm-12:30 am
- January 22-25, 2016 will be the annual Mayors’ Day Conference to be held in Atlanta.

16. Adjournment: On a motion by Council Member Hunt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace and carried unanimously, the meeting of Council held December 1, 2015 was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.