

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

City Departmental Staffing: Major William Phelps – Perry Police Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Battalion Chief Ephraim Wheeler – 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: Jake Jacobs – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of December 1, 2015 council meeting agenda

7. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution establishing six (6) months moratorium for sign variances.

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

Mr. Gilmour advised that if Council passed the resolution for the sign variance it would be based on the current ordinance. However, any applications in process would not be affected. A short discussion ensued. Council Member Hunt noted his church was working diligently with the Planning Commission to resolve the current issues.

8a. Public Hearing: Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance – Section 106 - Signs.

Mayor Faircloth advised the ordinance has been reviewed by Council and the final version will be ready for the hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting December 15, 2015.

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 for all city housing.

Mr. Smith noted the GICH team was recommending approval of the agreement in order to provide the City with a detailed database for use by Economic and Community Development, prospective businesses and industries and grant applications. The cost would be \$10,000 and paid from the Hotel/Motel tax.

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

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

Mayor Faircloth reminded Council this item will be tabled, but will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting, December 15, 2015.

2. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending 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 is required by Council.*)

Mr. Gilmour stated this amendment is a follow up to clarify the City's right to discontinue services for unpaid balances.

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

1. Resolution authorizing the City of Perry City Council to submit an application for funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreation Trails Program

Mr. Dye explained this was needed in order to apply for funding and was similar to the application submitted last year. Staff recommended approval.

- 11d. Approval of a professional service agreement for Washington Street sidewalk improvements.

4. Council Member Items:

Ms. Bynum-Grace asked about the hydrant at Washington Street and Main Street.

Mr. Hunt noted he had received several inquiries about the parade route this year. Chief Lynn explained it had been changed for safety reasons and this would be a permanent route.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Chief Wheeler, Major Phelps, Mr. David Walker, and Ms. King had no reports.

Chief Lynn noted there had been several complaints about a particular house and they were cited as having a disorderly house through the courts. The concern about illegal dumping on Wild Azalea was investigated; it did not appear there was any new trash.

Mr. Smith reminded everyone of the charrette being conducted in the City Council Chambers on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the form based codes.

Mr. Gilmour reported in response to a Council inquiry, there are 47 approximately of the 73 lots in Westwood Trailer Park occupied.

6. Mayor Items:

Mayor Faircloth passed out a flyer regarding all the programs offered by Central Georgia Technical College; he also reminded everyone about the Taste of Southern on December 3, 2015.

7. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the December 1, 2015 pre council meeting at 5:25 p.m.; Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.