

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
February 2, 2016
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 February 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer. Mayor Pro – Tempore Randall Walker. Council Members Robert Jones, Willie King, Riley Hunt, William Jackson and Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

Elected Official Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk, Annie Warren.

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

Guests/Speakers: Sgt. Jimmy Jones, Officer Allen Gylfe, Mark Hamby, Faye Harper, Debbie Pearce, Hazel Kersey, Jerry Whitney, Doug Brown, Larry Bailey, Paul Millender, Walton Wood, Angie Cline, Terre Walker, Trey Moody and Chad Gray.

Press/Media: Cheri Adams and Jake Jacobs – Houston Home Journal, Wayne Crenshaw – Macon Telegraph, Karli Barnett – 13WMAZ News and Kelly McWilliams – ComSouth.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Reverend Willie King of Faith Bible Fellowship Church rendered the invocation and Council Member Jones led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Faircloth deviated from the agenda –

Recognition(s): Chief Lynn recognized Sgt. Jimmy Jones and Officer Allen Gylfe for their recent act of kindness to a single mother and her son. Mayor Faircloth and Council thanked both officers for all they do for the citizens of Perry.

4. Community Partners Update(s): None

5. Appointments to Boards, Authorities and Commissions. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

5a. Council Post 2 – District 3 Appointment.

- Council Member Hunt appointed Gail Albrecht to the Perry Public Arts Commission

6. Citizens with Input.

Mark Hamby, 2000 Hwy 41S addressed Mayor and Council relative to the sign ordinance.

Faye Harper, 1420 Duncan Avenue spoke in opposition of the sign ordinance.

Debbie Pearce, Duncan Avenue spoke against the sign ordinance.

Hazel Kersey, 310 General Courtney Hodges spoke in opposition of the sign ordinance.

Jerry Whitney, Perry Pawn Shop asked for clarification of the sign ordinance.

Doug Brown, 1110 Pineneedle spoke about his experience with City staff relative to the sign ordinance.

Larry Bailey, 821 Woodsdale Drive spoke against the sign ordinance.

Paul Millender, 1410 Cambridge Road expressed his concerns relative to the sign ordinance.

Walton Wood, 426 Sandefur Road spoke about his experiences with the businesses in Perry.

Angie Cline, 1023 Commerce Street spoke against the sign ordinance.

Terre Walker, 800 Evergreen Street spoke in favor of the sign ordinance.

Attorney Trey Moody, 921 Carroll Street asked Council to table the sign ordinance.

Chad Gay, 1349 W.F. Ragin spoke in opposition of the sign ordinance.

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

7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the January 19, 2016 pre council meeting and January 19, 2016 council meeting. Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Jackson abstaining.

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

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

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

Adopted Ordinance 2016-01 amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 106-Signs. Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to adopt said

ordinance as submitted. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker motioned to adopt said ordinance as submitted. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried 5-1, Council Member Hunt opposed. (*Ordinance 2016-01 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

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. City Attorney Matthew Hulbert - None

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

10a. Matters referred from February 1, 2016 work session and February 2, 2016 pre council meeting.

1. Authorize abandoning a portion of walkway between plots N17/N18 and N25 Evergreen Cemetery.

Council Member Hunt asked Council to postpone this agenda item until the called work session on February 8th, 5 p.m. Council concurred to postpone this agenda item until the called work session on February 8th, 5 p.m.

2. Authorize up to six (6) residential structures starts prior to acceptance of City utility system per subdivision plat.

Administration recommended authorizing up to six (6) residential structures starts in a platted subdivision prior to final utilities approval. Council motioned to authorize to six (6) residential structures starts in a platted subdivision prior to final utilities approval; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Establish February 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. as a work session.

Council Member Jackson motioned to establish February 8, 2016, 5 p.m. as a work session; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Consider motion relative to 2016 ESPLOST election. Mayor Faircloth presented for Council's consideration a motion endorsing the 2016 ESPLOST. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to approve a motion endorsing the 2016 ESPLOST; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Shift the Perry Music Festival and the New Year's Eve Buzzard Drop to be facilitated by the Department of Leisure Services/Perry Public Arts Commission. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to shift the Perry Music Festival and the New Year's Buzzard Drop to be facilitated by the Department

of Leisure Services/Perry Public Arts Commission; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending FY 16 Operating Budget.
(No action required by Council)

10c. Consider providing advance for sick leave for Mr. Christopher West. Administration recommended entering into an agreement with long time employee Christopher West to advance up to three weeks of sick leave. Council Member Hunt motioned to enter into said agreement; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Department Head Items.

No reports from Chief Lynn, Ms. King and Battalion Chief Wheeler.

Mr. Smith reminded Mayor and Council of the Perry Housing team CDBG Public Hearing on Thursday, February 4th, 5 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Mr. Dye advised baseball registration has started.

Mr. Aaron announced Mr. Todd Ennis and Ms. Sarah Nottingham completed the Carl Vinson Institute Public Works Management Program.

12. Council Members Items:

Council, Mr. Gilmour and Attorney Hulbert had no reports.

13. General Public Items:

None

14. Mayor Items:

- Regional Transportation Sales Tax Informational meeting, February 4th, 5:30pm at Middle Georgia Regional Commission
- First Friday, 6pm -11pm downtown Perry
- Called work session, February 8th, 5pm in Council Chambers
- Pre council meeting, February 16th, 5pm, second floor conference room of city hall
- Council meeting, February 16th, 6pm, in Council Chambers
- Joint meeting of Council and Perry Planning Commission with TSW relative to form based code, March 17th, 6pm in Council Chambers

15. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the council meeting held February 2, 2016, Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.