

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 19, 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 April 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tempore Randal Walker and Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, William Jackson, Willie King, 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 and Major William Phelps – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works and Kevin Dye - Director of Leisure Services.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Mr. Tyler Sluka, Jade Morey - Houston County Development Authority, Tim Lowrimore and Meagan Black – Interfor Corporation, Bishop Milton Wynn, Mr. James Erdmanczyk, Mr. Jack James, and Ms. Toya Harris.

Media: Cheri Adams, Houston Home Journal and Chris Rogers, ComSouth 100

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

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

Chief Lynn introduced the newest police officer, Mr. Tyler Sluka. Mayor and Council welcomed Mr. Sluka to the police force.

Mayor Faircloth presented a proclamation to Jade Morey – Houston County Development Authority, and Tim Lawrimore and Meagan Black - Interfor declaring April 18-22, 2016 as Manufacturers Appreciation Week. Mr. Lowrimore gave a few remarks on behalf of the manufacturers not only in Perry, but throughout Houston County as well as a brief history of Interfor (formally known as Tolleson Lumber).

5. Citizens with Input:

Bishop Wynn of the Greater Word of Deliverance Ministries requested a waiver of fees on their building plans for their church on Highway 41. Mayor Faircloth referred Bishop Wynn to City Manager Gilmour.

Mr. James Erdmanczyk, 123 South 3rd Street, Apt. 9, Warner Robins, relayed an incident that happened in downtown Perry on April 2, 2016.

Mr. Jack James, 210 Windermere Drive, Perry. Mr. James expressed concern about the route used for a 5K race this year and how dangerous it was. Mayor Faircloth explained the old route was used due to a main break. Mr. James also stated that a drainage ditch near his house was repaired and was supposed to be sodded. However, only a cover of rye grass was placed. He was advised Mr. Aaron will be contacting him regarding this concern.

Toya Harris, 104 Turtle Dove Court, Warner Robins, works with the Perry Housing Authority. Ms. Harris stated she has worked with the Warner Robins Housing Authority and is now also working with the Perry Housing Authority and discovered there are differences in policies and procedures in working with the respective Public Works departments. She wanted to know if there was something in particular she should be doing to develop a good rapport with the staff.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:26 P.M. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. called to order a public hearing at 6:26 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).

6a. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance – Addition to Article VII – Use Requirements by District – Section 86 General Courtney Hodges Boulevard Corridor District.

Staff Report – Perry Planning Commission recommended adoption of form based zoning. Alex Fite-Wassilak of TSW provided an overview of form based zoning as it applies to General Courtney Hodges Boulevard.

In Favor – None

Against – None

6b. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance – Appendix B Standards of the Downtown Development District of the City of Perry – Architectural and Signage Control Standards for Certificate of Appropriateness Permits.

Staff Report – Perry Planning Commission recommended adoption to remove the old language in order to conform to the comprehensive sign ordinance previously adopted.

In Favor – None

Against – None

- 6c. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance – Section 83.2.3 District Boundaries to remove General Courtney Hodges Boulevard Corridor from the boundaries of the Downtown Development District.

Staff Report – Administration and Perry Planning Commission recommended the General Courtney Hodges Boulevard Corridor be removed from the Downtown District based on several items: Uses prohibited in the Downtown District are currently in use; sign restrictions in the Downtown District are not practical on Courtney Hodges; form based zoning is more appropriate. Business and property owners are either neutral or do not want to be in the Downtown District. Grant programs would not be affected if the General Courtney Hodges Boulevard Corridor is pulled out of the Downtown District.

In Favor – None

Against - None

Public Hearing Closed at 6:40 p.m. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

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

- 7a. Council’s Consideration – Minutes of March 28, 2016 work session, March 29, 2016 pre council meeting and March 29, 2016 council meeting. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion, Council Member Jones abstained and the motion carried.

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

- 8a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr – None
8b. Council Members – None
8c. City Manager Lee Gilmour – None
8d. City Attorney Matthew Hulbert – None

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

- 9a. Matters referred from April 18, 2016 work session and April 19, 2016 pre council meeting

1. Consider City’s participation in “Heed the Call” by Servants Task Force.

Mayor Faircloth stated it had been determined the City would not participate in this project.

2. Consider approval of a continuity of operations agreement.

Chief Gray reviewed the highlights of a proposed agreement with COOP that would assist the City in continuing operations, particularly City Hall and Public Safety, in the event of a major disaster. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to approve the agreement with COOP for disaster continuity operations subject to review by City Attorney and the initial time period run from May 1, 2006 to December 31, 2016 and thereafter for each calendar year. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry land Development Ordinance – Addition to Article VIII – Use Requirements by District – Section 86 General Courtney Hodges Boulevard. *(No action required by Council.)*
2. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance – Appendix B Standards of the Downtown Development District of the City of Perry – Architectural and Signage Control Standards for Certificate of appropriateness Permits. *(No action required by Council.)*
3. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance – Section 83.2.3 District Boundaries to remove General Courtney Hodges Boulevard from the boundaries of the Downtown Development District. *(No action required by Council.)*

9c. Certificate of Appropriateness appeal – Mr. G. L. Dawson

Mr. Dawson was not present. Based on a recommendation from Administration, Mayor Pro Tempore moved to table the item; Council Member Jackson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 9d. Request from Lane Southern Orchards. Mr. Gilmour advised Council that Mr. David Lane had provided more information regarding Lane Southern Orchards' request to install a well within the corporate limits for irrigation purposes. Administration recommended authorizing the State to issue a permit for a well subject to the installation of a meter to monitor the flow of water and several other conditions. Council Member King moved to approve the authorization of the State to issue a well permit to Lane Southern Orchards within the corporate limits subject to certain conditions and the installation of a meter to monitor water flow. Council Member Jackson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Department Head Items:

Chief Lynn and Major Phelps advised Council they had received the information concerning the street closing request for the Cinco de Mayor First Friday event on May 6, 2016. The street closure request was for Carroll Street between Jernigan and Washington and Ball Street from Commerce and Main. In response to a question about the timeline for notices for street closings, Major Phelps stated he would have enough time to contact DOT. Council Member King motioned to approve the street closings as recommended by the Police Department; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried.

Chief Lynn also advised that rolling traffic/safety checks would be conducted throughout the county on Friday, April 22nd.

Mr. Smith reported:

- Perry Main Street Advisory Board's 2015 annual review has been completed and received an excellent report.
- Main Street Advisory Board will be hosting tram tours in the historic Downtown District on May 5th and May 9th beginning at 5:30 pm. Availability is on a first come, first serve basis.
- Mr. Carmine of the Main Street Design Studio will be touring with the Main Street Advisory Board on April 28th and making guideline recommendations for designs, etc.
- April 30th, the Perry Housing Team will be conducting a spring clean up beginning at 8:30 in the Creekwood area with lunch provided for the volunteers at Noon.

Mr. Aaron reported that April 22-29th will be the annual Perry Clean Up week.

Chief Gray reminded members that a controlled structure burn will be held on April 23, 2016 to assist in training the newest firefighters; the public is invited to view from a designated location.

Mr. Dye noted the family night movie "The Good Dinosaur" will be April 22nd beginning at dusk and the fishing rodeo will be the next day starting at 8:30 am. Both events are at Rozar Park.

11. Council Members Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker, Council Members Bynum-Grace, Jones, Hunt, Jackson and King – No report

Mr. Gilmour and Attorney Walker – no report

12. General Public Items:

None

13. Mayor Items:

- Houston County Development Authority - Industry Appreciation Reception on April 21, 2016 at Go Fish.
- Senator Tolleson - Golden Eagle Award on April 21, 2016.
- Power of Prevention night with celebrity wait staff will be April 25, 2016 at the Swanson.
- There will be real celebrities in town on April 30, 2016 with Deborah Roberts and Al Roker signing their book at the Perry library.

14. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held April 19, 2016, it was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.