

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 19, 2016
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 April 19, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Robert Jones

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney David Walker, and Recording Clerk, Cyndi Houser

City Departmental Staffing: Major Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, and Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): None

Media: Jake Jacobs – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of April 19, 2016 council meeting agenda.

6a. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance – Article VII – Use Requirements by District – Section 86 General Courtney Hodges Boulevard Corridor District. Mr. Gilmour explained this would be the form based zoning.

6b. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance appendix B Standards of the Downtown Development District of the City of Perry. Mr. Gilmour stated this is a housekeeping amendment because the new sign ordinance replaces this section.

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. Administration is recommending this corridor be removed from the Downtown Development District, but they will still be eligible for grants and loans.

Mayor Faircloth was advised by Attorney Walker that one these three items could be covered in one public hearing, but one at a time.

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

1. Consider City's endorsement of "Heed the Call" by Servants' Task Force. Attorney Walker noted the Servants' Task Force had provided information this group was a non-profit, but not a 501(c)(3); City Manager recommended not endorsing the group; Mayor Faircloth noted the mayors of Centerville and Warner Robins have done public service announcements, but was unaware if they had endorsed the group. It was the consensus to not endorse, but if employees want to participate on their own time they would be free to do so.

2. Consider approval of continuity of operations plan. Chief Gray explained what the agreement entailed and recommended approval. Council asked if there were other vendors and could the agreement be in line with the calendar year. Chief Gray stated there are two other vendors, but they use the company being recommended for portions of the agreement, there is a disaster response team, but there are currently no provisions for continuity of operations.

9c.(1) Certificate of Appropriateness appeal – Mr. G. L. Dawson. Administration recommended denying the refund of charges.

9d. Well request from Lane Southern Orchards. Lane Southern Orchards revised their request for placement of a well. Mr. Deal reviewed the revised request and suggested approval subject to certain conditions which also included installation of a meter to monitor the water flow. The meter would be installed at Lane Southern Orchards' expense. If approved, the conditions would be a part of the permit issued by the State.

3. Department Head Items

Mr. Smith announced that Classic Main Street Board had submitted their annual assessment and passed with flying colors; Main Street Advisory Board will be hosting downtown tours on May 5 and May 9th at 5:30 pm both days and the tour will begin at First Baptist parking lot; Mr. Carmine of Main Street's Design Studio will be touring with the advisory board on April 28th; Perry Housing team will be doing a cleanup on Saturday April 30th from 8am-Noon.

Chief Gray stated the paperwork with EPD had been completed and approved for a controlled structural burn on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8 am- about 2 pm. The building is on the First Baptist property on First Street which should give the newest firefighters hands on experience.

Major Phelps noted that an application had been received for street closings for a First Friday event on May 6th, but he did not have all the details. Concern was expressed because of the short notice and the State requiring 2 weeks or more to close a state route. Council was advised they could approve it if they so desired at the May 3rd meeting. Major Phelps stated he would contact Mr. Marty Myers and have the information for the regular meeting.

4. Council Member Items:

No reports from Mayor Pro Tempore Walker, Council Members Jackson, King, Hunt and Bynum-Grace.

No reports from Mr. Gilmour and Attorney Walker.

5. Mayor Items:

There will be no Walk with Mayor/Council in April due to scheduling conflicts.

6. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the April 19, 2016 pre council meeting at 5:42 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.