

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
September 6, 2016
6:21 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 September 6, 2016 at 6:21 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tempore Randall 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, Annie Warren

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Fire Marshal David Stanton – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Battalion Chief Robby Rowell – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Kevin Dye - Director of Leisure Services and Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Ronnie Shivers, Nicole Fogle, and Ellen Palmer

Media: Kristian Moriarty - Houston Home Journal, and Kelly McWilliams - ComSouth 100

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

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. Community Partner(s) Update(s):

Mr. Ronnie Shiver and Ms. Nicole Fogle of Family Promise of Greater Houston County, Inc. provided Mayor and Council an update of the events going on within the organization and invited Mayor and Council to their “Car City” event on September 16, 2016 at Central Georgia Technical College.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:34 P.M. Mayor Faircloth called to order a public hearing at 6:34 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).

- 5a. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 80.1.12 and 80.6.2 – Article VIII – Use Requirements by District.

Staff Report: Administration stated the purpose of this ordinance is the removal of language no longer needed.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the petition.

In Favor: None

Opposed: None

- 5b. Consider maintaining 2016 Maintenance and Operations property tax millage rate at 14.050 mills.

Staff Report: Administration recommended keeping the 2016 Maintenance and Operations property tax millage rate at 14.050 mills.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the millage rate.

In Favor: None

Opposed: None

Public Hearing Closed at 6:39 p.m. Mayor Faircloth closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

6. Citizens with Input. None

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

- 7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the August 15, 2016 work session, August 16, 2016 special meeting, August 16, 2016 pre council meeting, August 16, 2016 council meeting, August 29, 2016 special meeting and August 30, 2016 special meeting.

Council Member Jones motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

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

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

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance rezoning 80 acres from Houston County M-2 to City of Perry M-2, Industrial District. The land is located at 401 Airport Road.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2016-15 rezoning 80 acres from Houston County M-2 to City of Perry M-2, Industrial District. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt said ordinance as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2016-15 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance annexing 80 acres from Houston County M-2 to City of Perry M-2, Industrial District. The land is located at 401 Airport Road.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2016-16 annexing 80 acres from Houston County M-2 to City of Perry M-2, Industrial District. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker motioned to adopt said ordinance as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2016-16 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

9. Any Other 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 - None

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

10a. Matters referred from September 6, 2016 pre council meeting.

1. Proposed three way stop at Park Avenue and Davis Drive. Chief Lynn stated he had received several complaints relative to vehicles speeding on Park Avenue and Davis Drive. Chief Lynn recommended a three way stop at Park Avenue and Davis Drive, installing street line markers and speed limit signs. Council Member Jones motioned to install a three way stop at Park Avenue and Davis Drive, install street line markers and speed limit signs; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 80.1.2 and 80.6.2 – Article VIII – Use Requirements by District. (*No action required by Council*).
2. **First Reading** of an ordinance Authorizing and Adopting Post Issuance Compliance Policies and Procedures for Governmental Tax-Exempt Bonds and Tax Credit Bonds. (*No action required by Council*).

- 10c. Consider forgiving past due property taxes for Lot 9, Block "A", Yorktown of Perry Subdivision.

Mayor Faircloth recommended Council authorize refunding of taxes in the amount of \$4,891.65 to the current mortgage company and forgive the property that would be due for the purpose as described by Attorney Walker in his letter dated August 23, 2016. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker motioned to refund the taxes to the current mortgage company and forgive the property tax that would be due for the purpose as described by Attorney Walker; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 10d. Award of Bid(s):

1. Consider award for court room HVAC System.

Mr. Aaron advised the City has been experiencing problems with the court room HVAC system and recommended awarding the bid for the court room HVAC System to low bidder Hoke's Heating and Air in the amount of \$6,236.00. Council Member King motioned to award the bid for the court room HVAC system to low bidder, Hoke's Heating and Air in the amount of \$6,236.00; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 10e. Request from the Perry Downtown Merchants Association for the 4th Annual Sweets and Treats on Downtown Streets on October 31st.
- Closure of Jernigan Street between Commerce Street and Main Street;
 - Closure of Carroll Street between Jernigan Street and Washington Street
 - Three (3) on duty police officers to assist with the event

Council Member Jones motioned to approved the request from the Perry Merchants Association for the 4th Annual Sweets and Treats on Downtown Street on October 31st with the exception, Jernigan Street between Carroll Street and Main Street will remain open for handicap voter parking; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Department Head Items.

Ms. King and Fire Marshal Stanton had no reports.

Chief Lynn reported on the proposed 911 events and provide an update on the animal shelter.

Mr. Smith

- Reported on Main Street
- Perry Housing Week - September 11th – 17th
- September 17th Clean Up in Sandhill Neighborhood
- City of Perry received \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant

Ms. Palmer reported on the City's Facebook page.

Mr. Dye stated registration for football, soccer and cheerleading started on September 10th

Mr. Aaron reported graduation for PLI is September 15th.

Battalion Chief Rowell reported on the local 911 memorial events.

12. Council Members Items:

Council had no reports

Mr. Gilmour had no report

Attorney Walker had no report

13. General Public Items:

Ms. Angie Gheesling thanked Mayor and Council for the Opportunity Zone.

14. Mayor Items:

- September 19th, Council's work session
- September 20th, Pre Council and Council
- September 17th, Perry Music Festival

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel.

15. Executive Session entered at 7:20 p.m.: On a motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Hunt and carried unanimously, Council went into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel.

16. Executive Session adjourned; Council's special meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held September 6, 2016 and reconvened into Council's council meeting.

17. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-41 stating purpose of the executive session held on August 30, 2016 was for the purpose of personnel. On a motion by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2016-41 stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on August 30, 2016 was for personnel. (*Resolution No. 2016-41 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

18. Adjournment: On a motion by Council Member Bynum-Grace, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker and carried unanimously, the reconvened special meeting of Council held September 6, 2016 was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.