

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
March 19, 2019
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 March 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, Assistant City Attorney Josh Waters, and Recording Clerk Regan Scott.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Kevin Dye – Leisure Services Director, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Director of Finance, Ashley Hardin – Director of Economic Development, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communication Manager, Ansley Fitzner – Landscape Manager, Lt. Christopher Sutcliff – Perry Police Department, and Haley Myers – Main Street Coordinator.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Darlene McLendon, Speedy Boutwell, Jack James, Audrey Davis, Lauren Fox, Steve Howard, Gordon Graham, Tara McInvale, Cynthia Garner, Phillip Garner, Andy Gentry, Denise Anderson, Warren Robertson, Mark McInvale, and Steve Brooks.

Media: Jada Dukes – Houston Home Journal, Brianna Giles – Fox24 WGXA

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

Council Member Willie King rendered the invocation and Council Member William Jackson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

4a. Recognition of Lt. Dave Minter, Firefighter/Paramedic Hunter Flournoy, Firefighter Brock Snyder, and Firefighter Caleb Woods – Chief L. Parker

Chief Parker requested this item be postponed to the next regular session.

4b. Recognition of Lt. Darryl Kitchen's 10 years of service – Chief L. Parker

Chief Parker congratulated Lt. Kitchens on 10 years of service and presented him with a commemorative pin. Mrs. Kitchens pinned him and Mayor Faircloth thanked him for his selfless service to the City of Perry.

5. Citizens with Input:

Darlene McLendon of Perry Chamber of Commerce invited all to Business After Hours on Thursday, March 28th at the Perry Chamber of Commerce from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ms. McLendon also reminded all that there would be a Military Salute during Dogwood Festival and that Mayor Faircloth and Mayor Pro Tempore Walker would be launched in hot air balloons, weather permitting.

Speedy Boutwell, Wilburn Traffic Engineering, stated that a traffic study had been conducted. Engineers examined traffic patterns on Macon Road near Winslow Place, an 88-unit property. It was determined that trip rates were approximately 591 daily trips at that location. Mr. Boutwell later stated that this traffic study was conducted on a Tuesday.

Jack James, 210 Windermere Drive, stated that Department of Transportation does not recognize studies conducted on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, or Fridays and because Wilburn Traffic Engineering conducted their traffic study on a Monday, it was not relevant.

Denise Anderson, 102 Oxford Court, voiced opposition of the establishment of a multi-family dwelling at 1820 Macon Road.

Audrey Davis, of Cheshire, voiced opposition to the proposed multi-family dwelling project on Macon Road.

Steve Howard, 106 Clifton Road, also voiced opposition to the proposed multi-family dwelling project on Macon Road.

Gordon Graham, 112 Windermere Drive, stated that he had concerns regarding traffic and safety with respect to the proposed project at 1820 Macon Road.

Tara McInvale, 119 Windermere Circle, reiterated opposition to the proposed multi-family dwelling project on Macon Road.

Cynthia and Philip Garner, of Cheshire, stated they were both opposed to a multi-family dwelling being constructed in such close proximity to the Cheshire housing development.

Andy Gentry, 203 Inverness Drive, voiced concerns about the proposed multi-family dwelling project on Macon Road.

Warren Robertson, 104 Cheshire Place, also voiced opposition to the proposed project.

Marc McInvale, 119 Windermere Circle, reiterated concerns about the proposed multi-family dwelling at 1820 Macon Road.

Steve Brooks, Integrity Building Partners, stated that it is the aim of his firm to establish housing for families to enjoy all of the same benefits citizens of Cheshire value.

** Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. entertained a motion to move item 7b. Special Exception Application – 0001-2019 to the next item on the agenda. Council Member Jones motioned to move the item and Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

7b. Special Exception Application – 0001-2019 – Mr. B. Wood

Mr. Wood reviewed the criteria required for approval of a Special Exception application. He stated that it is staff's recommendation to approve the application with three conditions:

1. Development of a multi-family residential development on the subject property shall substantially comply with the information provided by the applicant in this application for special exception, including the revised site plan presented at the public hearing held on March 5, 2019 and dated March 2019;
2. Stormwater management on the site shall comply with the applicant's "Preliminary Hydrology Analysis/Pond Design" prepared by Don E. Carter, P.E., dated March 5, 2019; and
3. In place of the proposed 6' wood privacy fence, the applicant shall install a 8' masonry privacy wall. Acceptable masonry finish is split-faced concrete block, brick, stone, hard-coat stucco.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker motioned to approve the application subject to the conditions as outlined by Mr. Wood, Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried 3 to 2 with Council Members Hunt and Jones opposing.

** Due to a prior engagement, Mayor Faircloth excused himself from the regular council meeting and Mayor Pro Tempore Walker presided over the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

6. Review of Minutes: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

- 6a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of March 4, 2019 work session, March 5, 2019 pre council meeting, March 5, 2019 council meeting, and March 11, 2019 special meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Old Business: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

- 7a. Alcohol License Application Second Reading and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading:** Application for Alcohol License (Beer/Wine consumption On-Premise) for Oliver Hazards, LLC located at 901 Carroll Street, Manager Robert Chadwick Evans IV– Chief S. Lynn

Chief Lynn stated that he did not see any problems with approving the application. Council Member Johnson motioned to approve the application as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Any Other Old Business: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

- 8a. Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker – None
- 8b. Council Members – None
- 8c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None
- 8d. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith – None
- 8e. City Attorney Josh Waters – None

9. New Business: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

9a. Matters referred from March 18, 2019 work session and March 19, 2019 pre council meeting.

1. Authorized proceeding with improvements to Barbara Calhoun Park tennis courts as submitted by Parrish Construction. Ms. Fitzner reported Parrish Construction has submitted a quote of \$444,485 for the completion of the tennis court upgrades at Barbara Calhoun Park. Council Member Hunt motioned to authorize the work, Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-14 amending the City's travel expenses policy. Administration recommends amending the City's travel expenses policy to more accurately reflect current practice. Council Member Jackson motioned to amend the policy, Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2019-14 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)
3. Authorized the establishment of an Assistant Director of Leisure Services – Mr. L. Gilmour. Establishing an Assistant Director of Leisure Services will be in line with the City's goal of providing succession in supervision roles. Council Member King motioned to move ahead with establishing the position; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9b. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2019-13 Creekwood and Rozar Parks Playgrounds – Mr. M. Worthington

3. Adopted Resolution 2019-17 appointing Mayor Faircloth a voting delegate for the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's Annual Election – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour stated that currently, Mayor Faircloth and Council Member King are the delegates and stated that this arrangement could continue without changes. Council Member Jones motioned to retain the current voting delegates, Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2019-17 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

9d. Approval of traffic control proposal relative to the intersection of Kings Chapel Road and Keith Drive – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour requested Council's approval for a four-way stop at the intersection of Kings Chapel Road and Keith Drive. Council Member Jones motioned to approve the traffic proposal relative to the intersection of Kings Chapel Road and Keith Drive; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9e. Approval of engineering consultant for 2019 CDBG program – Mr. B. Wood

Mr. Wood advised that of the three bidders, staff recommends Georgia Water and Environmental Services. Council Member King motioned to approve Georgia Water and Environmental Services as the engineering consultant for 2019 CDBG program; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9f. Consider approving Jointly Owned Natural Gas partnership becoming a commission – Mr. L. Gilmour

Mr. Gilmour requested Council's approval for the partnership becoming a commission. Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the establishment of a commission and Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

10a. Special Events Application(s): Ms. H. Myers

1. Ms. Myers informed Council that this year, the request for street closures and the special events application for Food Truck Fridays would be submitted with all dates included.

Dates: April 5th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, and September 13th

Street closure(s) requested:

- Ball Street between Commerce and Main Street

- Carroll Street between Jernigan and Washington Street

Approval of special event alcohol permit license application.

Bodega Brew & Just Tap'd will be serving alcohol at this event. Both businesses have updated COI, alcohol, and alcohol catering licenses on file with the city for 2019.

Council Member King motioned to approve the Special Events and Special Event Alcohol Permit License applications for Food Truck Fridays; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10b. Resolutions for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-18 authorizing submission of an application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Revitalization Area Strategies Program – Mr. B. Wood.

Mr. Wood requested Council's approval to submit an application for the Revitalization Area Strategies Program. He advised that the resolution is based on the same language as the resolution written in 2016. Council Member King motioned to approve submission of the application, Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2019-18 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

11. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker, Council Members Hunt, Jackson, Jones, and King had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Smith, and City Attorney Waters had no reports.

12. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Ms. King, Ms. Fitzner, Mr. Worthington, Ms. Hardin, Chief Lynn, Chief Parker, Ms. Myers, Mr. Dye, and Ellen Palmer had no reports.

Mr. Wood stated that Community Development would host Spring Cleanup on May 4, 2019. Streets will be cleaned up and volunteers will be needed for the event.

Mr. Wood also recognized Ms. Christine Sewell for 10 years as Administrative Assistant in the department and Mr. Daniel Bass for 20 years as Building Inspector with City of Perry.

Mr. Smith informed Council that Public Works would be having their Spring Cleanup April 8th through April 12th and that residents were permitted to leave items out for waste pickup.

13. General Public Items:

None

14. Mayor Items:

- Walk with Mayor and Council is March 26, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. This event will be held at the Perry – Houston County Airport.

15. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in regular meeting held March 19, 2019, Mayor Pro Tempore Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.