

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 21, 2018
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held August 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

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

Departmental Staffing: Major William Phelps – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, and *Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services (arrived at 5:08 pm), Haley Myers – Special Events Coordinator.

Guests: Mrs. Terre Moody Walker

Media: None

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

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4a. Presentation to Mayor and Council by Mr. Avery Chenoweth. Mr. Gilmour stated that he believed Mr. Chenoweth would present Council one of his paintings. Mayor Faircloth stated that it would be discussed with Council before proceeding. All agreed.

4b. Introduction of new Battalion Chief Charles Mundy. Chief Parker stated that he would read a declaration and have Battalion Chief Mundy's wife and his children pin his brass on.

6a. Public Hearing: Consider retaining of the operation at 14.050 mills. Mr. Gilmour stated that this is the second of the three public hearings required to set the millage rate.

- 8a. (1). **Second Reading** of an ordinance for rezoning of property from R-3, Multi-family Residential District to OC, Office Commercial District. The property is located at 1401 Swift Street. Mr. Wood reviewed with Mayor and Council the petition to rezone property from Multi-family Residential District to Office Commercial District. The recommendation is to deny the request.
- 8a. (2) **Second Reading** of a text amendment relating to Multi-family Uses and Neighborhood Meetings. Mr. Wood review with Mayor and Council the petition of a text amendment relating to multi-family uses and neighborhood meetings. Mr. Wood presented a modified version that established the process for neighborhood meetings and special exception meetings also. The modification to multi-family is to allow if they have six (6) units or less but more than six (6) units would be a special exception.
- 8b. Special Events Application(s) – Major W. Phelps. Major Phelps stated that the Perry Music Festival has been approved to be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds at the West Gate parking lot. Mayor Faircloth stated due to the anticipated crowd, none of the City’s parks could accommodate the event.
1. Request from the Perry Public Arts Commission for its 9th Annual Perry Music Festival on September 15, 2018 from 2pm until midnight.
- Major Phelps stated that is has been approved by the Georgia National Fairgrounds to hold the Perry Music Festival on September 15, 2018 at the West Gate.
- 10b. Resolution(s) for Introduction and Adoption:
1. Resolution for Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Cost of Acquiring Vehicles and Equipment with Tax Exempt Financing– Ms. B. King. Ms. King stated this is a standard resolution for the GMA lease/purchase program.
- 11a. Perry Area Chamber’s request for tram service. – Mr. L. Gilmour.
- Administration stated the Chamber, in partnership with the Perry Area Historical Society and the Perry Arts Commission, has requested a driver and vehicle and or tractor that can pull a tram for a tour. The proposed tram tour would start at the Chamber with a narrated ride through Perry with stops at the Perry Arts Center and downtown businesses. There will be no charge for this service.
- 11b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:
1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to revise the City Code by modifying Chapter 17, Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses; Chapter 19, Nuisances; and Chapter 22, Solid Waste, by reorganizing items related to

litter, handbills, and advertising in the appropriate chapter, and modifying enforcement procedures.

11c. Approval of Health/Dental Insurance Renewal – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Administration recommended approving the renewal for the City health/dental insurance coverage. There will be an 11.5% increase; based on the claims history, this increase is acceptable and the administration recommends approval of the renewal.

4. Council Member Items:

Council had no reports.

City Manager Gilmour no report.

City Attorney Waters had no report.

Assistant City Manager Smith

- The Hotel LaQuinta is asking about incentives since they are remodeling. Mr. Smith stated that the hotel falls short of the threshold set by Council. All Council members concurred to deny the request.
- Mr. Smith stated that Council received a flyer by the DDA for the final Food Truck Friday on September 14, 2018, inviting Mayor and Council to host the event to hopefully bring in more business to the downtown area.
- Attended the GRPA District 6 event where other communities were impressed with the City's incentives for employees.
- Attended the Houston County Development Authority charette where 75-80 people attended to talk about communities in central Georgia and how they are growing and shrinking. One of the attendees mentioned how nice Perry looked and the number of people attending events.

5. Department Head Items:

Ms. King, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wood, Mr. Dye and Chief Parker had no reports.

Major Phelps shared that with help from Warner Robins PD and Houston County DA office, the Circle 9 store on General Courtney Hodges Boulevard was closed for illegal gambling. The investigation will be handled by Internal Revenue along with assistance from the Warner Robins PD, the Houston County DA office and the Perry PD.

Ms. Myers reminded Council of the Saturday cinema at Creekwood Park Splash Pad on August 25, 2018 at 6:30 pm to watch the movie "Moana". The Leisure Services Department is providing hamburgers and hotdogs for the first 200 people. Ms. Myers stated that the "Big Band" will perform between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Perry Arts Center prior to the "Temptations" performance. The Big Band will be selling tables at \$50.00 per table, there will only be eight (8) tables that will be reserved. The cost of the event is free.

Council Member Hunt asked about Crossroads Motel. Mr. Gilmour stated he has met with the owner and has given an additional 30 days to bring in the proper paperwork. Mr. Gilmour stated that the owner is aware if he does not meet the deadline the business will be closed.

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held August 21, 2018 Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.