

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 16, 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 August 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

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 – Perry Police Department, Major William Phelps – Perry Police Department, Battalion Chief Robbie Rowell and Fire Marshal David Stanton – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works, Kevin Dye - Director of Leisure Services, Annie Warren – City Clerk and Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Lt. Bruce Ham, Ms. Crystal Ham, and other family members of Lt. Bruce Ham, Captain James Buck, Major William Phelps and other members of the Police Department, Mr. Jim Taylor – Middle Georgia Regional Commission, and Ms. Darlene McLendon – Perry Area Chamber of Commerce.

Media: Jake Jacobs and Cheri Adams, Houston Home Journal and Kelly McWilliams – Com South 100

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Council Member Jones rendered the invocation and Council Member Bynum-Grace led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Community Partner(s) Update(s):

Mr. Taylor provided a review of the inaugural program of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission's Leadership program. He noted that five (5) people were chosen from the Perry area, more than most of the other communities and counties which are part of the Commission. He gave examples of the projects participants were assigned including an inventory of their county's or community's assets which will provide a model for growth for the whole region.

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

Chief Lynn introduced the two newest officers. Ms. Maria Arnold, a recent graduate of the Savannah academy, was sworn in earlier in the day. Mr. Brian Smith was hired as a part-time officer and has a background in IT and twenty years of experience.

Chief Lynn, Major Phelps and Captain Buck recognized Lt. Bruce Ham upon his retirement from the Perry Police Department after 30 years of service. He was presented with several citations and gifts from the Police Department as well as good wishes from Mayor and Council.

6. Appointments to Boards, Authorities and Commissions. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

6a. Consider appointment(s) to WRATS Citizens Advisory Committee to replace Joe Hamilton. No names were presented and the Mayor requested the remaining vacancy continue on the agenda until filled.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:23 P.M. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. called to order a public hearing at 6:23 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).

7a. Petition for Re-zoning and Annexation Application No. R-16-02. Applicant, Houston County Development Authority requests to rezone and annex 80 acres from Houston County M-2 to City of Perry M-2 Industrial District. The land is located at 401 Airport Road (Sandler).

Staff Report: Mr. Gilmour advised the annexation was a part of the agreement with Sandler in order for them to expand. An informational hearing was conducted by the Perry Planning Commission and they recommended approval. There have been no objections from the Houston County Commissioners.

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

For: None

Against: None

Public Hearing Closed at 6:26 p.m. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

8. Citizens with Input.

None

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

9a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of August 1, 2016 work session, August 2, 2016 pre council meeting and August 2, 2016 council meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker

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

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

- 10a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr – None
- 10b. Council Members – None
- 10c. City Manager Lee Gilmour – None
- 10d. City Attorney David Walker - None

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

11a. Matters referred from August 15, 2016 work session and August 16, 2016 pre-council meeting.

1. Adopted Resolution 2016-36 authorizing the City to fulfill certain program conditions. Mr. Smith explained that another portion of accepting the CHIP grant was to authorize the Mayor to execute any documents required to clear certain general conditions; to establish procedures to encourage the use of minority and women's business enterprises in the HOME assistance housing projects; and verify it is in compliance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 (E-Verify). Council Member William Jackson moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any documents required to clear certain conditions; to establish procedures to encourage the use of minority and women's business enterprises in the HOME assistance housing project; and verify it is in compliance with the provisions of O.C.G.A 13-10-91 (E-Verify). Council Member King seconded and the motion carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2016-36 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*
2. Adopted Resolution 2016-37 amending the City of Perry Personnel management System FY17 Job (Position) Classification Schedule. Mr. Gilmour explained this will correct several job titles, but does not impact the budget. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to adopt a resolution amending the City of Perry Personnel Management System FY17 Job (Positon) Classification Schedule. Council Member Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2016-37 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*
3. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amendment to correct the first interest payment date for Water and Sewerage Bond refinancing. Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to suspend the normal rule of waiting until the next scheduled meeting to vote on a second reading. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to suspend the waiting period for second reading for the proposed ordinance amendment to correct the first interest payment date for Water and Sewerage Bond refinancing. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Adopted Ordinance 2016-14 to amend ordinance 2016-13 to correct the first interest payment date for Water and Sewerage Bond refinancing. Council

Member Hunt moved to adopt an ordinance to correct the first interest payment date from October 1, 2016 to April 1, 2017 for Water and Sewerage Bond refinancing. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2016-14 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

11b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance re-zoning 80 acres from Houston County M-2 to City of Perry M-2, Industrial District. The land is located at 401 Airport Road. (*No action required by Council.*)
2. **First 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. (*No action required by Council.*)

11c. Perry Music Festival Items

1. Approval to block a portion of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Ms. Warren spoke on behalf of the Perry Music Festival committee noting that the request was the same as presented in the previous years. Chief Lynn and Battalion Chief Rowell had no issues with the request and recommended approval. Council Member Jones moved to approve the blocking of a portion of Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive for the 7th annual Perry Music Festival on September 17th, 2016. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Approval of a special event alcoholic beverage permit. Ms. Warren explained that Harmon Enterprises from Bibb County would be serving alcoholic beverages during the Perry Music Festival. They have submitted the request and it has been reviewed by the police department. The license has been verified by the police department and they recommended approval. Council Member King moved to approve the special event alcoholic beverage permit for Harmon Enterprises. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11d. Approval of the health and dental coverage plans with Administrative Solutions, Inc.

Mr. Gilmour advised Council the premium for the health and dental coverage with Administrative Solutions, Inc. showed a very slight increase amounting to about a penny per employee per month. Administration recommended approval of the premium payment. Council Member Hunt moved to approve the health and dental coverage premium from Administrative Solutions, Inc. Ms. Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

12a. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Adopted Resolution 2016-38 removing the moratorium on historical structures. Mr. Gilmour reminded Council that a moratorium had been adopted several months ago pending a survey of historic properties. The survey is now completed

and the resolution would allow property owners to apply for removal or destruction through a Certificate of Appropriateness. Council Member King moved to adopt a resolution removing the moratorium on historical structures. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2016-38 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

13. Department Head Items:

Ms. King, Fire Marshal Stanton, Mr. Dye, Chief Lynn and Battalion Chief Rowell had no reports.

Chief Lynn thanked Council for allowing the purchase of the armor and helmets. He then announced the department had received a \$2,500 grant from Flint Energies for the animal shelter to assist with spaying and neutering costs.

Mr. Smith announced Perry Housing Week will take place from September 11-17 with several activities planned at Willie Teonate Williams Park, 909 Jeanne Street, including a kick off celebration and a neighborhood cleanup and cookout. Flyers will be available in the front lobby with details.

14. Council Members Items:

Mr. King asked if the special meetings tentatively scheduled for next week could be changed as he had a prior obligation during one of the meetings. After a discussion, it was determined the meetings would be held on August 29th & 30th beginning at 5 pm. Personnel will contact the candidates to re-schedule.

Council Member Jones passed on a message from Westfield administration complimenting Mayor and Council on their good work.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker, Council Members Hunt, Jackson and Bynum-Grace had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour – No report
Attorney Hulbert – No report

15. General Public:

None

16. Mayor Items:

- August 23rd will be the Walk with Mayor and Council in District 2 off Kings Chapel Road.
- August 25th - Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Appreciation dinner will be held at "Go Fish" Educational Center.
- The 7th Annual Perry Music Festival will be September 17th beginning at noon in Rotary Centennial Park.
- The next regular meeting will be September 6th at 6:00 pm.

17. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held August 16, 2016, Council Member King motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.