

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 3, 2017
6:03 P.M.

1. Call to Order: James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held January 3, 2017 at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorneys David Walker and Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk, Annie Warren

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, John Schell – Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Chad McMurrin – Lead Engineering Technician, and Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Darlene McLendon

Media: Kristin Moriarty - Houston Home Journal, and Kelly McWilliams – ComSouth 100.

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

Reverend Willie King of Faith Bible Fellowship rendered the invocation and Council Member Walker led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Community Partner(s) Update(s): Ms. McLendon of the Perry Chamber of Commerce provided a calendar of events for the month of January.

5. Selection of 2017 Mayor Pro-Tempore:

Council Member Jones motioned to select Council Member Jackson to serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0; Council Member Jackson abstained.

Mayor Faircloth thanked Council Member Walker for his service as the 2016 Mayor Pro-Tempore.

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

* Perry Main Street Advisory Board (Council Appointments)

Council Member Hunt motioned to re-appoint Kelly Hillis and appoint John Hulbert to the Perry Main Street Advisory Board. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

7. Citizens with Input. None

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the December 12, 2016 called meeting, December 19, 2016 work session, December 20, 2016 pre council meeting and December 20, 2016 council meeting.

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

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

9a. Confirm firm natural gas demand – Mr. L. Gilmour. Council Member King motioned to set our net firm natural gas demand at 1200Dth; Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Any Other Old Business:

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 January 3, 2017 pre council meeting. None

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

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend the accommodation excise tax portion of the Perry Code – Ms. B. King. *(No action required by Council)*

11c. Special Events Applications requests from the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce:

1. 2017 Dogwood Festival “Perry Proud” Kick-Off on Saturday, March 11, 2017 (Rain Date Saturday, March 25, 2017) from 10 a.m. until 1p.m. – Ms. A. Warren.

Approval of street closures – Chief S. Lynn

- Closure of Carroll Street between Washington Street and Macon Road or Closure of Jernigan Street between Carroll Street and Commerce Street

Ms. Warren advised Mayor and Council that the request for 2017 Dogwood Festival “Perry Proud” Kick-Off is an annual event the Perry Chamber hosts and recommended approval. Chief Lynn advised he had reviewed the request for street closures and recommended approval. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the event and street closures as submitted for the 2017 Dogwood Festival “Perry Proud” Kick-Off on March 11, 2017; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. 29th Annual Dogwood Festival on Saturday & Sunday, April 8 & 9, 2017 – Ms. A. Warren.

Approval of street closures – Chief S. Lynn

- Closure of Main Street between Jernigan Street and Ball Street
- Closure of Carroll Street between Jernigan Street and Washington Street
- Closure of Ball Street between Main Street and Commerce Street
- Closure of Jernigan Street between Main Street and Carroll Street

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12. Department Head Items:

Department heads had no reports.

13. Council Members Items:

Council had no reports.

City Manager Gilmour and Attorneys Walker and Newby had no reports.

14. General Public Items:

None

15. Mayor Items:

- January 9th, Work Session

- January 17th, Pre Council and Council meetings
- January 12th, Appreciation dinner for City boards, authorities and commissions
- January 20th – 23rd, Annual Mayors Day Conference
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year

16. Executive Session entered at 6:35 p.m.: Council Member Jones moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into an executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
17. Executive Session adjourned; Council's regular meeting reconvened: Council adjourned the Executive Session held January 3, 2017 and reconvened into the Council's regular meeting.
18. Adopted Resolution No. 2017 – 01 stating purpose of Executive Session held January 3, 2017 was for real estate acquisition. Council Member Walker moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on January 3, 2017 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution 2017-01 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
19. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened regular meeting held January 3, 2017, Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded and it carried unanimously.