

**MINUTES**  
**PRE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**January 3, 2017**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held January 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

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

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, John Schell – Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, and Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, and Chad McMurrian – Lead Engineering Technician.

Guests: Rusty Hough

Media: Kirstin Moriarty – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Review proposed firm natural gas demand. Mr. Gilmour discussed options relative to the firm natural gas commitment and recommended adjusting the City's request for firm natural gas.

3b. Discussion of January 3, 2017 council meeting agenda – Mayor Faircloth.

11b (1). First reading of an ordinance to amend the accommodation excise tax portion of the Perry Code. Ms. King advised DCA reviewed our current ordinance and made recommendations which have been submitted to legal counsel for review.

3c. Discussion of the new animal control facility. Chief Lynn asked for Mayor and Council's input relative to signage over the front door of the facility; a dedication plaque; and thoughts of the grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony date. Council suggested February 3<sup>rd</sup> or February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for the grand

opening. Chief Lynn stated he would coordinate the date will JMA and Parrish Group Construction.

3d. Discussion of Carroll Street improvements. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the memo dated December 22<sup>nd</sup> for Carroll Street improvements. Council Member Jackson agreed with all of the suggestions except for the removal of the plant beds and replace with brick. Council Member Jackson stated that plants soften things; Mayor Pro Tempore Walker agreed with Council Member Jackson.

4. Department Head Items:

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

Mr. Smith provided updates on the Brownfield, CHIP and CDBG grants. Ms. Palmer created a year in review video and placed on Facebook.

Chief Lynn provided the logistics for the MLK Walk on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

5. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker and Council members King, Hunt, Jones, and Bynum-Grace had no reports. Council Member Jackson asked if the fountains could be turned back on, Mr. Gilmour advised yes.

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

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held January 3, 2017 Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.