

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 17, 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 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Robert Jones

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk, Cyndi Houser.

Departmental Staffing: Major William Phelps – 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: None

Media: Kirstin Moriarty – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of January 17, 2017 council meeting agenda – Mayor Faircloth.

6a (1). Second 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 were submitted to the City attorney for preparation. This more clearly defines the collection of hotel/motel tax.

6a(2). Second reading of an ordinance amending the FY 17 Operating Budget. Mr. Gilmour explained this is done mid-way through the fiscal year to make adjustments in revenue and expenditures.

8b(1). Resolution authorizing the renewal of the loan with CB&T Bank for Kumho Tire. Mr. Gilmour advised the resolution had been reviewed by the City Attorney's office and JONG requires all participants to sign off on the renewal.

Mayor Faircloth noted that all payments have been on time and the balance has been significantly reduced.

8b(2). Resolution approving the updated 2017 Service Delivery Strategy. Mr. Gilmour noted the update is required by the state periodically. There are no significant changes.

8c(1). Special Events Application. The Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in partnership with the Golden Isles Parkway Association will be hosting the Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale on Friday and Saturday, March 10 & 11, 2017. Major Phelps advised that the request for street closures had been modified to accommodate early voting at the old courthouse and that a police officer will be assigned to the downtown area on Friday to assure that open parking is available for early voters.

8d. Designate the former Jaycees Building as the Police Services Building. Mr. Gilmour explained that the Perry Police Department would like to use this as workout area and departmental meeting place. The HVAC needs upgrading, but will be funded by confiscated assets. He further advised the Police Department will control the scheduling and be responsible for maintenance. If the building becomes unsafe, Council requested that all activities cease until a decision is reached on the next step.

9a(1). Award of Bid 2017-06 Main Street Lighting Improvements. Mr. McMurrian reviewed the bids received from three (3) contractors. It was the recommendation of staff to award the bid to Starr Electric, Macon, GA for the base amount for \$114,500.00.

4. Department Head Items:

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

Mr. Smith announced the Housing team will be holding a Housing Fair on April 27, 2017 from 4-6 pm. A neighborhood cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 in the Ochlahatchee neighborhood. Details will be provided at a later date.

Ms. King advised that hard copies of the audit were in the Mayor/Council boxes and there was only one (1) finding.

Major Phelps requested Council review the proposed plaque wording for the animal shelter dedication.

5. Council Member Items:

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

Council Member King related that a constituent had not heard back from the City regarding a vehicle damage claim. Mr. Gilmour advised the constituent had been

advised the claim was denied by the City's insurance carrier. Due to the circumstances of this claim, the street repair process is being modified.

City Manager Gilmour and Attorney Hulbert had no reports.

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held January 17, 2017 Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.