

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
February 21, 2017
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held February 21, 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, Robert Jones* and Willie King.

Council Member Jones arrived at 5:33 pm.

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney David Walker, and Recording Clerk, Cyndi Houser.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn and Corporal Craig Fowler– 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, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator and Susan Miles – Customer Service Manager.

Guests: Ms. Sharon Kelly and Mr. Ryan Bode, ESG Operations, Inc.

Media: Cheri Adams – Houston Home Journal

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

Mayor Faircloth deviated from the agenda to allow Chief Lynn and Corporal Fowler to present the plaque that will be placed in the new animal housing facility.

Mayor Faircloth returned to the agenda.

3a. Discussion of February 21, 2017 council meeting agenda – Mayor Faircloth.

7a(1) Second reading of an ordinance amending the Perry Code by adding a new Sec. 18.15. Regulation and control of the weight and size of motor vehicles operated on city streets. Administration reviewed the ordinance with Mayor and Council.

9b(1) Engineering Services for sewer line rehab project. Mr. Gilmour advised staff had received proposals for the rehab project and recommended the lower proposal from Carter and Sloope.

9b(2) Bid No. 2017-08 Purchase one (1) utility vehicle for Criminal Investigation Division. Chief Lynn advised this was included in the budget and recommended awarding to the low bidder Wade Ford, Smyrna, GA with the caveat that Perry Ford be contacted as they qualified for local vendor preference.

9b(3) Bid N. 2017-09 Purchase of nine (9) utility vehicles for Patrol Division. Chief Lynn noted that five (5) vehicles were replacement vehicles and the remaining were for new hires. All were authorized in the budget. Administration recommended awarding to the low bidder, Wade Ford, Smyrna, GA, but noted that Perry Ford qualifies for the local vendor preference.

9b(4) Bid No. 2017-10 Purchase of one (1) ½ T pickup for Criminal Investigation Division. Chief Lynn advised that this item was not in the budget and all the bids should be rejected.

9b(5) Bid No. 2017-11 Purchase one (1) utility vehicle for Fire Marshal. Chief Parker advised this will be a replacement for the current 2002 Crown Victoria vehicle. Administration recommended the low bid from Wade Ford, Smyrna, GA although Perry Ford qualifies for the local vendor preference.

9b(6) Bid No. 2017-13 Banners for downtown and General Courtney Hodges Boulevard. Ms. Edgemon described the various products received from the bid process. Administration recommended awarding the bid to Downtown Graphics as they were the low bidder meeting all the specifications. It will be funded from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

3b. Consider closing of water treatment plant #1.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed the letter from ESG Operations, Inc. staff regarding the need to move forward with the proposed Water Treatment Plant #3 due to the equipment failures that have been experienced at Water Treatment Plant #1. After a lengthy discussion, Council requested Ms. Kelly and Mr. Bode provide information at the next meeting regarding the estimated costs of repairs and a list of what will be required to set up the new plant.

3c. Discuss status of citizen appointment to WRATS committee.

Mr. Gilmour advised the appointment had been vacant for several months and several different approaches to fill the slot had been unsuccessful. As a way to interest the public in participating in local government, Mr. Gilmour presented information about a Citizens Academy program done in Athens-Clark County. Council expressed interest in the idea and requested a possible itinerary for a Perry program.

3d. Consider a request from Mr. Steve Collins for use of city stage.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed Mr. Collins' request to borrow a stage for use during a private music event. Based on the current policy of only loaning City assets to approved partners, the consensus was to deny the request.

3e. Presentation of City's customer service welcome packet.

Ms. Miles reviewed the information for the proposed packet which will be given to new customers. Council also made several suggestions and complimented Ms. Miles on the project.

4. Department Head Items:

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

Mr. Dye reminded everyone of the current sports registrations and the joint clean up with Rotary Club and Troop 96 at Rotary Centennial Park on Saturday, February 25th.

Mr. Smith announced there will be a housing fair and a neighborhood clean-up day in April.

5. Council Member Items:

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

Council Member Hunt requested a copy of the response letter sent to Mr. Postell.

Attorney Walker had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour 1) stated the Planning Commission had requested a joint meeting with Mayor and Council. It was agreed there will be a dinner meeting on March 6th at 6 pm. Details will be sent out later. 2) There has been no response from Wilcox County Sheriff's Department regarding the transfer of the modular building at the Animal Control facility. It was the consensus to revert to the bidding list and award it to Martin Myers for \$2,000. He will be responsible for moving the unit. 3) An inquiry was received from Coast to Coast Transportation about the possibility of purchasing the old Jaycee building. After a discussion it was the consensus of Council to continue to hold the building for future plans.

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held February 21, 2017 Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.