

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 16, 2017
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held May 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

City Staff: Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert, and Recording Clerk, Cyndi Houser

City Staff Absent: City Manager Lee Gilmour

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, Kevin Dye –Director of Leisure Services, John Schell – Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Chad McMurrin – Lead Engineering Technician, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Gail Price – Secretary, Janet Duffin- Executive Secretary, and Joni Ary – Accounting Technician.

Chief Parker arrived at 5:15 pm.

Guests: Dr. Edward Urbansky and Roland Berry

Media: Kirstin Moriarty – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of May 16, 2017 council meeting agenda – Mayor Faircloth.

7a (1). Second Reading of an ordinance for the rezoning of property consisting of 107.11 acres from Houston County R-1, to City of Perry R-2, with the conditions 1) residential uses shall be limited to single family detached dwellings only, and 2) not less than 30 percent of the total number of residential lots on the property shall be at least 14,000 square feet in area and at least 90 feet in width. The property is located at the corner of Sandefur Road and Danny Carpenter Drive. Mr. Wood reviewed the request for rezoning of property consisting of 107.11 acres from Houston County R-1, to City of Perry R-2, Two

Family Residential District and C-2, General Commercial District. Mr. Wood advised Mayor and Council the applicant modified their application by removing the commercial zoning request and limiting residential uses in the R-2, Two-Family Residential District to single-family detached dwellings only. The City requests GU, Government Use for the use of its 0.21 acre parcel. Staff recommended approval of the modified application. Mayor and Council held a lengthy discussion regarding the most current modifications submitted and the ramifications if the rezoning request is approved. It was the consensus of Council to return the application to the Planning Commission due to the significant changes made since the original submission to the Planning Commission.

7a (2). Second Reading of an ordinance for the annexation of property consisting of 107.11 acres from Houston County R-1, to City of Perry R-2, with the condition residential uses shall be limited to single family detached dwellings only, and 0.21 acres owned by the City to GU, Government. The property is located at the corner of Sandefur Road and Danny Carpenter Drive. It was the consensus of Council to also remand this related ordinance back the Planning Commission.

10a. Right of Way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Perry and Georgia Department of Transportation. Mr. McMurrian advised that the City had been approved for the gateway project at Exit 136, but the City is required to sign a maintenance agreement. The agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office and found to be okay except for the scope of work. It was noted that the scope will cover only Phase 1 which has been designed by Ocmulgee Engineering for the inside of the ramps, which includes mowing the grass; and Phase 2 will be on the outside of the ramps closest to the rights of ways but easements will need to be obtained from contiguous land owners for irrigation purposes.

4. Council Members Items:

Council Members Walker, Jones, King and Jackson had no items.

Council Member Hunt stated a concern about the back side of the speed limit signs blinding drivers checking for traffic on Hwy. 341 South from Keith Drive. Public Works will check on this situation. He also advised that there are several stop signs which need to be replaced.

Council Member Bynum-Grace put in a request from James Street residents asking for a yellow dividing line on the street.

Attorney Hulbert had no report.

5. Department Head Items:

Mr. Wood and Mr. Schell had no reports.

Chief Parker noted he would be introducing a new employee.

Mr. Smith

- The City has submitted comprehensive plan to Plan 1st
- Housing Fair has been rescheduled to June 29th at Faith Bible Fellowship church and flyers have been distributed.

Chief Lynn

- 5K run will be held on Saturday, May 20th as a fund raiser for the Aiden McAfee Foundation.
- Downtown Merchants will be hosting their annual wine-tasting fundraiser on June 2, 2017.

Ms. King

Advised that the new phone system had been in service for about a month and seems to be running smoothly.

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held May 16, 2017 Council Member Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.