

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
July 18, 2017
6:01 P.M.

1. Call to Order: James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held July 18, 2017 at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Riley Hunt

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Battalion Chief Robby Rowell – 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 McMurrian – Lead Engineering Technician, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Ms. Jackie Beeland, Mr. and Mrs. James Beeland, Sr., Mr. James Beeland, Jr., Mr. Jacob Poole, Mr. Lawrence Clarington, Mr. Brince Coody, Mr. Jim Mehserle, Ms. Stella Howard, Ms. Amy Dixon, Mr. Jonathan Johnson, Ms. Mary Lou Simon, and Mr. Tracy Hester

Media: Ms. Kristin Moriarty and Ms. Cheri Adams - Houston Home Journal, Mr. Wayne Crenshaw – Macon Telegraph and Ms. Marigrace Segó – ComSouth 100

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

Council Member King rendered the invocation and Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Recognition(s)/Proclamation(s)/Presentation(s) – Mayor James E. Faircloth

- Battalion Chief Robby Rowell accepted a commendation for the Perry Fire Department for their assistance in the West Mims Fire. Mayor Faircloth presented the commendation on behalf of the Charlton County Board of Commissioners.

- Mayor Faircloth read a proclamation honoring the late Martin Beeland for all the contributions he had made to the community. The plaque was accepted by the Beeland family.
- Mr. Wood introduced Mr. Tracy Hester, Chief Building Official, to Mayor, Council and the public. Council welcomed Mr. Hester to the City of Perry.

5. Citizens with Input.

None

6. Public Hearing: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:18 p.m. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. called to order a public hearing at 6:18 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-67A-3(c)

- 6a. Petition for Rezoning Application No. R-17-06. Applicant, Hoke's Heating and Air, Inc., requested rezoning of the property from City of Perry R-2, Two Family Residential District to City of Perry NMU, Neighborhood Mixed Use District. The property is located at 503 Bradley Street.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed the staff report recommending approval with the condition of no entrance on Bradley Street. The Planning Commission recommended approval as submitted.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the amendment.

For: Mr. Bob Lawson, attorney for Hoke's Heating and Air, spoke in favor of the application as submitted.

Against: None.

Public Hearing closed at 6:23 p.m. Mayor James E. Faircloth closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

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

- 7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the June 19, 2017 work session, June 20, 2017 pre council meeting and June 20, 2017 council meeting.

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

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

- 8a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. - None
- 8b. Council Members - None
- 8c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None
- 8d. City Attorney - None

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

9a. Matters referred from July 17, 2017 work session and July 18, 2017 pre council meeting. None

9b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance for rezoning of property from City of Perry R-2, Two Family Residential District to City of Perry NMU, Neighborhood Mixed Use District. The property is located at 503 Bradley Street – Mr. B. Wood *(No action required by Council)*

9c. Playground Revitalization Program. Mr. Dye, in consultation with Council Members Bynum-Grace and Jones, presented a Power Point on improvements in playground equipment that could be made at Rozar, Calhoun and Creekwood parks along with ideas for making the pocket parks within the City more attractive. Council Members advised the public this would be further discussed at the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for July 25, 2017 at the Creekwood Park Pavilion.

9d. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Adopted Resolution 2017-23 Amending the City of Perry Personnel Management System. Mr. Gilmour presented for Council's consideration, a resolution to extend the probation period to 365 days for all departments, allow employees to carry over any unused annual leave with no cap until employment is severed and the removal of abandonment subject to legal review. Council Member Randall Walker motioned to adopt the Resolution to Amend the City of Perry Personnel Management System subject to legal review. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2017-23 has been entered in the City's official book of record.)*
2. Adopted Resolution 2017-24 Adopting the FY 2018 Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour presented for Council's consideration, a resolution adjusting the various fees collected by the City. He noted the fire and sanitation fees remained the same, and the solicitor's badge and plan review fees were reduced. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to adopt the FY 2018 Fee Schedule. Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson seconded and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2017-24 has been entered in the City's official book of record.)*

9e. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2017-26

Tucker Road/Ball Street Emergency Sewer Rehab

Chad McMurrian presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for the Tucker Road/Ball Street Emergency Sewer Rehab. Staff recommended awarding to the low bidder, Renee Group, Atlanta in the amount of \$86,400. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept Staff's recommendation to award Bid No. 2017-26 to the Renee Group in the amount of \$86,400. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9f. Special Events Application request from the Perry Main Street Promotion Committee.

1. The Perry Main Street Promotion Committee, in coordination with the Georgia National Fairgrounds Barrel Horse Racing event requested closure of streets around the old Courthouse for a movie night on Sunday, July 23, 2017. Police Chief Lynn recommended approval of the following street closures: Carroll Street between Jernigan and Ball; Ball Street between Main and Carroll; and Jernigan Street between Main and Carroll. Council Member Walker moved to approve the street closures for the Movie Night Event on Sunday, July 23, 2017; Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Council Members Items. No reports

11. Department Heads Items:

Mr. Smith announced that the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th at 5:30 at Creekwood Park Pavilion is open to all residents of Perry.

Mr. Dye encouraged everyone to check out the Leisure Services' Facebook page which included a short video. Participants registering this week for football, soccer and cheerleading will pay a late fee.

12. General Public Items:

Amy Dixon, Perry, GA – was glad to hear more playground equipment is being considered for the parks; would like to see the rules for players, coaches and parents posted on Facebook and have them enforced across the board.

Jonathan Johnson, Perry, GA – was looking forward to the splashpad for Creekwood.

Mary Lou Simon, Perry, GA – was thankful for the new splashpad, would like to see the pool stay open and felt the restrooms needed a facelift.

13. Mayor Items:

- Movie night on the old Courthouse lawn, Sunday, July 23, 2017
- Town Hall Meeting, July 25, 2017 at Creekwood Pavilion

- Ribbon cutting for Tractor Supply, July 26, 2017 at 10:30 am
- SE Little League hosting softball and baseball competitions July 27th – August 4th
- Work Session, July 31st and Regular Meeting August 1st

14. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular meeting held July 18, 2017 Council Member King motioned to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.; Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.