

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
September 19, 2017
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Willie King

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Brenda King – Director of Administration, and Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Darlene McLendon – Chamber of Commerce.

Media: Vic Powell - Houston Home Journal, Wayne Crenshaw – Macon Telegraph and Saragrace Seago – ComSouth 100.

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

Council Member Jones rendered the invocation and Council Member Randall Walker led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Citizens with Input: None

5. Public Hearing:

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:03 p.m. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. called to order a public hearing at 6:03 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)

a. Petition for Rezoning Application No. R-17-07. Applicant Robert Russell requested rezoning of property from City of Perry R-3, Multi-Family Residential to C-3, Central Business District. The property is located at 905 Ball Street.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood provided background information on the application noting that both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval as this is appropriate for the Central Business District.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or against the petition.

For: None
Against: None

- b. Consider Establishing 2017 Ad Valorem Millage Rate. Mr. Gilmour explained the City must set a millage rate each year which requires Council to hold three (3) hearings. The rate will stay at the same level as the last three (3) years and administration recommended approval.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or against the request.

For: None
Against: None

Public Hearing closed at 6:06 pm. Mayor Faircloth closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm.

6. Review of Minutes: Mr. James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - a. Council's consideration – Minutes of the September 5, 2017 pre council meeting and September 5, 2017 council meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to accept the minutes as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson seconded and it carried unanimously.
7. Old Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. – None
 - b. Council Members – None
 - c. City Manager Lee Gilmour – None
 - d. Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert – None
8. New Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - a. Matters referred from September 18, 2017 work session and September 19, 2107 pre council meeting.
 1. Adopted Resolution 2017 -34 accepting the City of Perry Master Arts Plan. Mr. Dye presented for Council's consideration a Master Arts Plan developed by the Perry Public Arts Commission. The Perry Public Arts Commission and staff recommended approval. Council Member Jones

moved to adopt a resolution accepting the City of Perry Master Arts Plan. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2017-34 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

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

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from City of Perry R-3, Multi-Family Residential to C-3, Central business District. The property is located at 905 Ball Street. *(No action required by Council.)*

c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Adopted Resolution 2017-35 ratifying the Declaration of Local Emergency. Mayor Faircloth explained that even though the State and the federal government had declared Georgia a disaster area, the City must also declare as a local emergency in order to receive reimbursement for any extra costs associated with clean-up from the weather related event. Council Member Walker moved to ratify the Declaration of Local Emergency. Council Member Hunt seconded and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2017-35 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

2. Adopted Resolution 2017-36 amending the Fee Schedule by reducing the preliminary plan review fees. Mr. Gilmour advised that the fee schedule is reviewed regularly and it was felt an adjustment was needed for preliminary plan review fees. Council Member Walker moved to amend the Fee Schedule by reducing the preliminary plan review fees. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2017-36 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

- d. Façade grant funding request. Mr. Gilmour explained the program administered by Main Street Design Committee has almost exhausted their funding for this project and they believe it would be beneficial to the downtown area if several applications could be awarded some monies to improve their buildings. Administration recommended the supplemental funding. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to increase the façade grant funding. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

e. Special Events Application(s): Chief Lynn

1. The City of Perry and the Perry CVB are co-hosting a private dinner to film a promotional video on the 900 block of Carroll Street on Sunday, October 22nd beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chief Lynn reviewed the street closure request stating that no businesses will be impacted with the street closure and staff recommends approval. They also recommended approval of the special event alcohol permit license application. Council Member Walker moved to approve the street closure and special event alcohol permit. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

9. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda:

a. Appointment(s) to Boards/Commissions/Authorities:

Council Member Jones appointed Mr. Eric Edwards to the Perry Planning Commission.

b. Parade Application:

1. Kiwanis Annual Fair Parade on October 7 beginning at 10:00 am.

Chief Lynn advised the annual parade will be using the same route as in previous years starting at Washington Street and Commerce Street, proceeding to Main Street, then south on Courtney Hodges Boulevard and ending at the North Gate of the Fairgrounds. Staff recommended approval. Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson moved to approve the street closures as submitted for the Kiwanis Annual Fair Parade on October 7, 2017. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

10. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson and Council Member Walker had no reports.

Council Member Bynum-Grace stated this year's Music Festival was very successful.

Council Member Jones expressed appreciation for the paving and striping on Park Avenue.

Council Member Hunt gave kudos to Mr. Carl Lumpkin on a job well done for this year's Music Festival.

11. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Ms. King, Mr. Wood, Mr. Dye and Ms. Palmer had no reports.

Chief Parker thanked Mayor and Council for the new rescue truck which arrived earlier in the day and for supporting the Fire Department in obtaining good equipment.

Chief Lynn announced the two newest hires, Brenna Byrd and Davontay Burks, would be graduating from the Academy on Friday; they will be sworn in on Monday morning and begin their field training after receiving their assignments. He also stated one of their officers has been hired by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

12. General Public Items:

Darlene McLendon reminded everyone that Business After Hours will be held at the Canine Clubhouse's new location at the corner of Ball Street and Duncan Avenue this Thursday from 5:30-7 pm.

November 1st is the State of the Community luncheon at the Board of Education Annex

on Macon Road.

November 30th – Taste of Southern at GFNA

13. Mayor Items:

Commended:

- Public Safety, Fire Department and Public Works for the quick clean up after the extreme weather on September 11th.
- Carl Lumpkin, Public Safety, Public Works and the vendors following the Music Festival on September 16th.

Announced:

- Constitution Week is September 17-24
- The 9-11 commemoration was postponed due to the weather, but was held in Centerville on September 18th.
- September 25th there will be a special called meeting at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers.
- October 2nd – Work Session
- October 3rd – Pre Council & Council meetings
- October 5th - the opening day for the Georgia National Fair

14. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular meeting held September 19, 2017 Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.