

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
December 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 December 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

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, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Catherine Edgemon, Val Sanders – Customer Service Manager and Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Mr. Robbin Jackson, Ms. Chris Sewell, Mr. Bill O’Neal, Ms. Nellwin Moore, and Ms. Marilyn Royal

Media: Vic Powell - Houston Home Journal, Wayne Crenshaw – Macon Telegraph and Marigrace Segó – ComSouth100.

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

Council Member Jones rendered the invocation and Council Member Bynum-Grace led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Recognition(s) / Presentation(s): Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

* Presentation to Mayor Pro Tempore William Jackson.

Mayor Faircloth presented a plaque to Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson in appreciation of his willingness to serve as mayor pro tempore in 2017.

* Presentation to Mayor and Council from Perry Buzzard Drop Committee

Mr. O’Neal and Ms. Sewell presented SWAG bags to Mayor, Council, City Manager and Assistant City Attorney in appreciation for all the support received for the 5th Annual Buzzard Drop to be held December 31st in Downtown Perry.

* **Introduction of Ms. Marilyn Royal – Ms. Val Sanders**

Ms. Sanders introduced Ms. Royal as the newest customer service technician and provided a brief biography. Mayor and Council welcomed Ms. Royal to the City of Perry.

* **Recognition of Ms. Nellwin Moore, Chairperson of City's Decorations Committee.**

Mayor Faircloth introduced Ms. Moore and recognized her concerted efforts to raise funds for new Christmas lights and the many compliments that he had received about the lights. Ms. Moore noted that the newest lights had been hung on Swift Street and urged everyone to see all the lights.

5. **Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Authorities:** Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

5a. **Appointment to the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority**

Council Member Walker moved to appoint Geoff Burkhart to the City's vacancy on the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority. Council Member King seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5b. **Appointment to the Perry Housing Authority**
(Until filled)

No appointment was made to the Perry Housing Authority. Mayor Faircloth asked that this item remain on the agenda until an appointment is made.

6. **Citizens with Input.** Mr. Robbin Jackson thanked Mayor Faircloth and Council for their leadership. He asked if the City would consider not tearing down the old primary school on Sunshine Street, but was informed the City does not own the property. He was further advised he would need to contact the Board of Education to express his concerns.

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

7a. **Council's Consideration – Minutes of the December 4, 2017 work session, December 5, 2017 pre council meeting, and December 5, 2017 council meeting.**
(Council Member Bynum-Grace was absent from the December 5, 2017 pre council and council meetings.)

Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Council Member Bynum-Grace abstaining for the December 5, 2017 pre council and December 5, 2017 council meetings.

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

8a. **Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:**

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance, Articles 1-10. – Mr. B. Wood

Adopted Ordinance No. 2017 -25 amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance, Articles 1-10. Mr. Wood presented for Council's consideration an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance, Articles 1-10. Council Member King motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2017-25 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending FY 17 Operating Budget-Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2017 -26 amending the FY 17 Operating Budget. Administration presented for Council's consideration an ordinance amending the FY 17 Operating Budget. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2017-26 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

3. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending FY18 Operating Budget – Mr. L. Gilmour

Adopted Ordinance No. 2017-27 amending the FY 18 Operating Budget. Administration presented for Council's consideration an ordinance amending the FY 18 Operating Budget. Council Member Walker motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Council member King seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2017-27 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

9. Any Other Old Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- 9a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. - None
- 9b. Council Members - None
- 9c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None
- 9d. Assistant City Attorney - None

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

- 10a. Matters referred from December 18, 2017 work session and December 19, 2017 pre council meeting.

1. Consider authorization of improvements to old City Hall – Mr. L. Gilmour

Administration recommended the requested improvements to the old City Hall not be approved. Council Member Walker moved to disapprove authorization for improvements to the old City Hall; Council Member Jones seconded the

motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Resolution adopting bad debt policy. – Mr. L. Gilmour

Adopted Resolution 2017-60 adopting a bad debt policy. Mr. Gilmour explained this would formalize the current procedure. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2017-60 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

3. Resolution authorizing Mayor to execute necessary documents to authorize JONG's facility improvements.

Adopted Resolution 2017-61 authorizing the Mayor to execute any necessary documents to authorize JONG's facility improvements. Administration presented for Council's consideration a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute documents for improvements at the JONG facility. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to adopt the resolution as presented; Council Member Hunt seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2017-61 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

4. Resolution declaring the official intent to finance fire apparatus through GMA Lease Program. – Ms. King

Adopted Resolution 2017-62 declaring the intent to finance fire apparatus through GMA Lease Program. Ms. King presented for Council's consideration a resolution declaring the City's intention to finance certain fire apparatus through the GMA lease program. A supplemental resolution will be presented when the final amount is established. Council Member King moved to adopt the resolution as submitted. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2017-62 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

10b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Perry by deleting Section 2-252(c)(6) in its entirety and adding a new Section 2-252(c)(6) – Ms. Edgemon (*No action required for first reading.*)

10c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Resolution adopting the wayfinding signage program – Mr. R. Smith

Adopted Resolution 2017-63 adopting the wayfinding signage program. Mr. Smith presented a resolution for Council's consideration to adopt the wayfinding system including construction schedule and the recommended phases. Council Member Jones moved to adopt the resolution as presented; Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2017-63 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

10d. 1. **First Reading:** Application for Alcohol License (Calendar Year 2018) – Beer and Wine – Off Premises – Retail Only for Striplings Sausage & Meats, Inc. d/b/a Striplings General Store located at 201 Ag Village Boulevard. Manager’s name is Jackie R. Hardin. – Mr. L. Gilmour (*No action required at first reading.*)

10e. Award of Bid(s):

1. Resolution awarding firefighters cancer benefits coverage insurance. – Mr. L. Gilmour

Adopted Resolution 2017-64 awarding firefighters cancer benefits coverage insurance to GMA. Mr. Gilmour explained this coverage is mandated by the General Assembly and must be in place by January 1, 2018. Council Member Jones moved to accept the resolution of the GMA proposal and authorize certain personnel to execute any documents needed. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2017-64 has been entered into the City’s official book of record.*)

11. Council Member Items.

Council had no items.

Mr. Gilmour and Attorney Hulbert had no items.

12. Department Heads/Staff items:

Ms. King, Mr. Wood, Mr. Smith, Chief Lynn, Chief Parker and Ms. Palmer had no items.

Ms. Edgemon announced that two (2) BOOST awards had been given out:

- Mossy Creek Soaps received \$800 to purchase a specialty machine
- Computer Central received \$400 for assistance with local advertising.

13. General Public Items: None

14. Mayor Items:

- Thanked Council for their stellar leadership and also to staff for all their hard work
- Asked that the less fortunate be remembered during this season
- Reminder that the Perry Buzzard Drop is December 31st in Downtown Perry
- January 2, 2018 is Pre Council and Council meetings

15. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular meeting held December 19, 2017 Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.