

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 16, 2018
6:09 P.M.

1. Call to Order: James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held January 16, 2018 at 6:09 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker; Council Members William Jackson, 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, Janet Duffin.

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, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager and Haley Myers – Special Events Coordinator.

Guest(s): Allison Hamsley – Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Media: Vic Powell - Houston Home Journal and Kellie McWilliams – ComSouth 100.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

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

4a. Perry Housing Authority – Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to appoint Ms. Cheri Adams. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4b. Mayor and Council Post 1 – Districts 1,2,3 Appointments.

- Downtown Development Authority – Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to table until further. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Post 1 – District 1 – Council Member Bynum-Grace

- Re-appointed Ms. Patricia Jefferson to the Perry Planning Commission
- Re-appointed Mr. Andrew Presswood to the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Re-appointed Ms. Victoria Brown to the Perry Public Facilities Authority.

Council Post 1 – District 2 – Council Member Robert Jones

- Re-appointed Mr. Eric Edwards to the Perry Planning Commission
- Re-appointed Ms. Megan Brent to the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority
- Re-appointed Mr. Bill O’Neal to the Perry Public Arts Commission
- Re-appointed Mr. Nash Murph to the Perry Public Facilities Authority

Council Post 1 – District 3 – Council Member Randall Walker

- Re-appointed Mr. Jim Mehserle to the Perry Planning Commission
- Re-appointed Ms. Trish Cossart to the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority
- Re-appointed Ms. Peggy Jerles to the Perry Public Arts Commission
- Re-appointed Mr. Jacob Poole to the Perry Public Facilities Authority

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- Re-appointed Ms. Suzanne Burkart to the Perry Planning Commission
- Appointed Mr. J.J. Kirk to the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority
- Re-appointed Ms. Becky Wilson to the Perry Public Arts Commission
- Re-Appointed Mr. Jeff Leonard to the Perry Public Facilities Authority

4c. Mayor/Council Joint Appointments.

1. Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority

Council Member Jones made a motion to table the Mayor and Council joint appointments until further. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Perry Main Street Advisory Board

Council Member King moved to accept re-appointments for Mr. Bill O’Neal, Ms. Trish Cossart, as well as the appointment of Ms. Yetoria Lumpkin DeShazier and Ms. Allison Hamsley to the Perry Main Street Advisory Board. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion.

Council Member Bynum-Grace stated she was concerned about Ms. Hamsley’s appointment to the Perry Main Street Advisory Board due to a possible conflict of interest. Attorney Hulbert advised there was no legal

conflict of interest. Mayor Faircloth suggested they postpone the vote on Ms. Hamsley until the next meeting.

Council Member King withdrew his motion and Council Member Hunt seconded. Council Member King moved to accept re-appointments for Mr. Bill O'Neal and Ms. Trish Cossart, as well as the appointment for Ms. Yetoria Lumpkin DeShazier to the Main Street Advisory Board. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Citizens with Input. None

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

6a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the January 2, 2018 pre council meeting and January 2, 2018 council meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Council Member Jackson abstained due to absence.

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

7a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. – None

7b. Council Members – None

7c. City Manager Lee Gilmour – None

7d. Assistant City Attorney Matt Hulbert – None

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

8a. Matters referred from January 16, 2018 pre council meeting.

1. Approval of the proposed job classifications – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour recommended the authorization of the proposed career track additions to the Department of Public Works career tracks. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-05 to amend the City of Perry Cemeteries Policy to allow stacked coffins/urns. Mr. Gilmour recommended authorizing two gravesites that have indicated they have plans to stack coffins. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker motioned to authorize the stacking of coffins in these two instances; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Administration recommended adopting a resolution to allow no more than two coffins per grave space. Council Member King motioned to adopt a resolution to allow no more than two coffins per grave space; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2018-05 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

8b. 2017 CDBG Language Access Plan – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith recommended

approval of the Language Access Plan. Council Member King motioned to approve; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8c. Approval of City to apply for a grant for the SCBA equipment for the Perry Fire and Emergency Services Department – Chief L. Parker. Chief Parker requested approval to apply for a federal grant. Council Member Hunt motioned to approve; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8d. Special Events Application(s) – Chief S. Lynn.

1. The Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in partnership with the Golden Isles Parkway Association will be hosting their annual Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale on Friday and Saturday, March 9 & 10, 2018.

Approval of street closures:

- Main Street between Jernigan Street and Ball Street
- Jernigan Street between Carroll Street and Main Street
- City Parking Lot between Main Street and Ball Street
- East Gate Shopping Center

Chief Lynn reviewed the Peaches to Beaches Special Event Application and recommended approval of Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau request. Mr. Gilmour recommended removing the East Gate Shopping Center from the list of requested closures. Council Member Jones motioned to approve the street closures as submitted; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8e. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2018-21 Half-Ton Pick-up for Landscape Manager – Ms. B. King

Ms. King recommended awarding Bid No. 2018-21 to low bidder Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$21,394.00. Ms. King stated the local vendor does not qualify for 7% local vendor preference. Council Member Jones motioned to award Bid No. 2018-21 to low bidder Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$21,394.00; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8f. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-06 supporting House Bill 419 regarding noise from Fireworks – Mayor Pro Tempore Walker.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker reviewed GMA's request to support House Bill 419 regarding noise from fireworks. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt a resolution supporting House Bill 419; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mayor Faircloth requested Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert draft an ordinance if House Bill 419 passes. (*Resolution No. 2018-06 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

9. Council Member Items:

Council had no reports.

City Manager Gilmour and Assistant City Attorney Hulbert had no reports.

10. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Ms. King and Mr. Wood had no reports.

Mr. Smith advised Mayor and Council that the City is hosting a Small Business Development Open House to be held Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

Mr. Dye advised that spring soccer registration is being held today through Friday.

Chief Lynn stated he will be attending the severe weather briefing tonight at 8:00 p.m.

Chief Parker gave an update on the severe weather in our area.

Ms. Palmer reminded everyone that the District 2 Town Hall Meeting will be held January 30, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Matt Arthur Elementary School. This meeting will be in lieu of the regularly scheduled Walk with the Mayor.

Ms. Warren advised she has provided Mayor and Council with the Mayor's Day itinerary.

Ms. Myers had no report.

11. General Public Items:

None

12. Mayor Items:

- Advised that Council attends two GMA sessions per year. One being Mayor's Day which will be held this weekend, and the other is the annual meeting held the last weekend in June. Mayor Faircloth encouraged each council member to attend the annual meeting.
- February 5th, Work Session
- February 6th, Pre Council and Council
- February 20th, Pre Council and Council (February 19th, President's Day holiday)

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of litigation.

13. Executive Session entered at 6:48 p.m.: Council Member King moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of litigation. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
14. Executive Session adjourned 6:59 p.m.; Council regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held January 16, 2018 and reconvened into the council regular meeting.
15. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-07 stating purpose of executive session held January 16, 2018 was to discuss litigation. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on January 16, 2018 was to discuss litigation. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution 2018-07 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened meeting held January 16, 2018 Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

