

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January, 16, 2018
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert, and Recording Clerk, Janet Duffin.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, and Haley Myers – Special Events Coordinator.

Guests: Allison Hamsley – Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

Media: Vic Powell – Houston Home Journal and Marigrace Segó -ComSouth 100.

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

3a. Discussion of January 16, 2018 council meeting agenda.

4c.(1) Joint Appointment - Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority: Council concurred to table this item until a future meeting.

4c.(2) Joint Appointment – Perry Main Street Advisory Board : No issues.

8a.(1) Approval of the proposed job classifications. Mr. Gilmour recommended approval for career track additions to the Department of Public Works. Council agreed to move forward with the additions.

8b. 2017 CDBG Language Access Plan. Mr. Smith advised the grant needs to be approved by Mayor and Council.

8c. Approval of City to apply for a grant for the SCBA equipment for the Perry Fire and Emergency Services Department. Chief Parker stated they have applied for a grant for funds appropriated by Congress for the purchase of thirty-two new air packs, to replace existing equipment nearing its lifespan. If this grant is approved, the City's portion would be 5% of the total cost.

8d. Special Events Application(s). Chief Lynn discussed the application for the annual Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale received by the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mayor Faircloth advised the Police Department will increase safety measures into their existing operations plan.

8e. Award of Bid(s). Ms. King advised Allen Vigil Ford is the low bidder for the half-ton pickup for the Landscape Manager. Bid amount is \$21,394.00.

8f. Consider support of House Bill 419 regarding noise from fireworks. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker advised a request has been received from GMA to support House Bill 419 regarding noise from fireworks. Council agreed to move forward.

3c. Approval of request to stack coffins. Mr. Gilmour advised he received a request from Mr. Draper Watson to authorize stacked coffins. Council concurred to move forward to allow no more than two persons remains to be stacked per site.

3d. Review of County's response to proposed intergovernmental agreement. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the request to provide the sale of water adjacent to the Woodlands Subdivision to the County without limiting the number of meters. Council agreed to approve.

3e. Consider use of Special Events Coordinator for Peaches to Beaches event. Mr. Gilmour advised a request has been received from Ms. Hamsley to shift the responsibility of the Peaches to Beaches event to the City's Special Events Coordinator. Mr. Smith advised he was concerned this could be an overwhelming burden, as well as a conflict based on future plans. Ms. Hamsley stated that if the City did not pick up this event that it most likely would not come back to Perry. Council concurred that the City would not take over this event.

3f. Follow-up relative to appointments on Perry Main Street Advisory Board. Mr. Gilmour requested holding off on this until they could discuss further. Council concurred.

4. Council Member Items:

Council Members Bynum-Grace, Jackson, King, Jones and Mayor Pro Tempore Walker had no reports.

Council Member Hunt advised there was a bad water leak at 221 Wingfield Way and requested it be looked at.

Assistant City Attorney Hulbert had no report.

5. Department Head items:

Mr. Smith advised everyone should be prepared to plan a meeting to discuss how to move forward effectively concerning the Downtown Development Authority.

PlanFirst Day has been moved to Tuesday, February 6th.

The annual Middle Georgia Economic Outlook luncheon will be held next week in Macon. He will send out an email with date and time.

Mr. Wood asked that Council consider placing 725 Carroll Street on the agenda relative to the handicap ramp. Council concurred and asked that Mr. Hulbert create a use agreement.

Mr. Dye advised that soccer registration is open this week through Friday.

Chief Parker advised there would be a severe weather briefing tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

Chief Lynn advised the Police Department is working toward electronic ticketing. Officers went live with this program in January and it is working well.

Ms. Palmer reminded everyone of the Town Hall meeting to be held January 30th at 5:30 p.m. at Matt Arthur Elementary School.

Ms. King and Ms. Myers had no reports.

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held January 16, 2018 Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.