

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 19, 2016
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., called to order the pre council meeting of the Perry City Council held January 19, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member William Jackson

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

City Departmental Staffing: Major William Phelps – Perry Police Department, Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Brenda King – Director of Administration and Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works Department.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Ms. Terre Walker

Media: Jake Jacobs and Cheri Adams – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of January 19, 2016 council meeting agenda

8. Public Hearing: Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance – Section 106 - Signs.

Mr. Gilmour advised the revisions requested by Council had been made and the ordinance was ready. He further advised that business/property owners expressing concerns about the changes had been notified the hearing would be tonight.

11c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Approval to amend the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour stated this is a follow up on charging business/property owners a fee in the event they do not obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness prior to beginning alterations, repairs, etc. There is no charge for the application, but the fee would be applied if the application is not done prior to the start of the project.

- 11d. Approval to amend the current Memorandum of Agreement between the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and the City of Perry relative to the Perry Public Arts Commission website. Administration recommended approving the amendment to contract with MGRC to create a website for the Public Arts Commission. There is an initial charge of \$3,000 and an annual maintenance fee. This will be funded from the Hotel/Motel Tax.
- 11e. Request from Perry Downtown Merchants Association and Perry Arts Center Committee for closing the 700, 800 and 900 blocks of Carroll Street and the 900 and 1000 blocks of Jernigan Street and Ball Street relative to First Friday, February 5, 2016, from 6-11pm. Major Phelps stated the police and fire departments recommended approval.
- 11f. Request to proceed with the CDBG administration procurement. Mr. Smith stated the Perry Housing Team will be applying for a grant due April 1, 2016 and one of the requirements is approval of a grant administrator. They are recommending Grant Specialists of Georgia who will prepare and administer the grant, if awarded. There will be no charge to the City for the grant writing if it is not awarded and administration costs will be paid out of the awarded funds. The City will be asked to match \$10,000 which will be paid from the Hotel/Motel tax surplus. A public hearing will be held February 4, 2016 in Council Chambers and it was hoped for a good turnout for citizen input.
- 11g. Authorize the renewal of the loan with CB&T Bank for the multi-year Kumho Tire project. Mayor Faircloth advised that the City is a partner in the Jointly Owned Natural Gas and had agreed to a loan to install a natural gas pipe in the Sofkee Industrial Park for the new Kumho Tire plant. The loan must be renewed because current city council cannot obligate future councils.
- 3b. 1. Presentation of the priority issues for five-year planning. Ms. Warren gave a brief review of the summary of Council's priorities for the next 5-years. Mr. Gilmour suggested Council may want to review the summary in more depth and discuss it at the next work session scheduled for February 1, 2016.
2. Ms. Warren advised GMA has changed some of its processes for events. Registrants for the upcoming Mayors' Day conference received information for their classes via e-mail and most will need to download and print it out.
3. Campaign disclosure information is due January 29, 2016.

4. Council Member Items:

Mr. King has received several calls regarding standing water in Westwood Trailer Park and asked if the City could do anything. He was advised this is private property and the City cannot do anything on private property.

Mr. Walker received a request to trim the trees in front of the Coffee Cup as they are rubbing against newly installed awnings. He also noted two trees in front of the Swanson are dead or dying.

Mr. Hunt received a request to remove and not replace 2 trees in front of a property on Jernigan Street owned by Brian Burnham.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

Chief Gray, Major Phelps, Mr. Hulbert, Mr. Smith, Mr. Aaron and Ms. King had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour advised Mayor and Council the Middle Georgia Regional Commission is seeking appointments to the Comprehensive Plan steering committee for county-wide long range planning. He provided the current committee make up and noted the two (2) citizen appointments have moved. Possible appointees were contacted from the Planning Commission, Main Street Advisory Board and the 2014 and 2015 Perry Leadership Classes. Because the appointments are needed quickly, it was suggested Council review the list, send their choices via e-mail to the Mayor by January 22nd and the two top vote getters will be appointed. It was also suggested the Mayor Pro Tempore be appointed and it was a consensus to appoint Mr. Walker.

6. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the January 19, 2016 pre council meeting at 5:39 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.