

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

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

2. Roll.

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

Council Member Jackson arrived at 5:25 pm

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Riley Hunt

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Battalion Chief Ephraim Wheeler – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Fire Marshal David Stanton – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Brenda King – Director of Administration, and Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services

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

Media: Jake Jacobs – Houston Home Journal and David Crenshaw – Macon Telegraph

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

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

4. Recognition(s)/Presentation(s): Chief Lynn advised he would be introducing two new hires and recognizing Lt. Bruce Ham for 30 years of service.

5b. Consider appointments to WRATS Citizens Advisory Committee to replace Calvin Middlebrooks and Joe Hamilton. Mr. Gilmour advised there was a name for consideration.

7. Public Hearing(s): Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

7a. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance Article VIII- Use Requirements by District, Section 86.1.1 Use Table Key. Mr. Gilmour advised this makes adjustments to the use table for the form based zoning. The Perry Planning Commission recommended adoption.

7b. Amendment to Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 106.10 Exemptions for Sign Permit Requirements. The amendment formalizes the process concerning banners, etc. for new businesses and/or major renovations to a business.

7c. & d. Consider revoking business licenses for Ramada Inn and Days Inn. Mr. Gilmour suggested these two hearings be considered together as they have the same ownership. He provided information that these two were repeatedly late with their accommodation excise tax report and payments.

7e. Consider revoking business license for Howard Johnson. This was the first time the owner/operator of the hotel was late and a letter was sent regarding their delinquency in payment of the accommodation excise tax report. The payment was remitted promptly. It was recommended that only a letter of warning be issued.

11a. Matters referred from July 18 2016 work session and July 19, 2016 pre council meeting.

1. Consider purchase of police officer armor and helmets. Based on current events, Chief Lynn requested authorization to purchase rifle resistant body armor and helmets for the department. The purchase would be paid from the General Fund and Confiscated Fund monies.

11b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

3. An ordinance lowering the speed limit on Airport Road Extension. At the request of Council, letters were sent to twenty (20) property owners regarding the proposed change in the speed limit. Three (3) responses have been received to date with only one (1) in favor of it being lowered.

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

1. Resolution amending the City of Perry Community Facilities Improvements Plan. Council was advised of a phasing for one of the projects listed and Mr. Gilmour requested it be included in the adoption of the resolution.
2. Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse costs of acquiring vehicles and equipment with tax-exempt financing. Ms. King advised this is follow up of the budget and must be done every year.

11d. Award of Bid(s):

1. Upgrading of HVAC unit at public works facility. The current system is undersized due to changes that have been made in the facility. Mr. Aaron advised that two (2) bids were obtained to upgrade the HVAC in the administrative area of Public Works. Staff recommended awarding the bid to Sullivan Heating and Air for \$6,957; this will be paid from the General Capital Projects fund.

12a. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. An ordinance to authorize the refinancing of certain Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds and support documents thereto. Mr. Gilmour advised Council previously authorized refinancing. The sale is now ready pending approval of the ordinance by Council.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda:

- 4a. Discussion of locations for art placement downtown – Mr. B. O’Neal. Mr. O’Neal was not present. Council requested Mr. Dye and Mr. Smith work with the Public Arts Commission to complete their comprehensive plan before moving forward with the purchase of artwork. It was the consensus of Council to table this item until further notice.

5. Department Head Items:

Chief Lynn announced the Police Department has been participating in the 1033 Department of Defense excess property program. They obtained several portable barriers which are water filled, re-useable, can be stretched across two (2) lanes and will stop a 7,500 pound vehicle going 45 mph. The only cost is picking up the items.

Mr. Dye thanked the Fire Department for allowing the camp children to see the new fire station.

Mr. Aaron stated he had met with ESG Operations, Inc. personnel in reference to outdoor watering and notices will be sent out via the web page, Houston Home Journal and Macon Telegraph.

6. Council Member Items:

No reports.

Mayor Faircloth invited Ms. Terre Walker to update Council regarding promotional projects in the downtown area. Ms. Walker showed an example of an “Elf Door” and noted there are already two (2) in the downtown area. The second project is a 4’x2’ postcard that will be attached to Bryan Fountain’s wall in the parking lot where barrel race participants can take a “selfie” and post to Instagram. The third project is another “selfie” stop which is a barrel like those used in the barrel races. The new brand is on the barrel and participants/family members can put their name and date on a sticker on the barrel, take a picture, post it and hopefully be back next year to update.

7. Adjournment: With no other business to come before Council, the pre council meeting held July 19, 2016 Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.