

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
September 20, 2016
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

Staff: City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk Cyndi Houser

Staff Absent: City Manager Lee Gilmour

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Battalion Chief Ephraim Wheeler and Fire Marshal David Stanton – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works, Kevin Dye - Director of Leisure Services, and Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Lt. Jack Johnson, Ms. Sherry Johnson, Captain James Buck, Major William Phelps and other members of the Police Department, Mr. Leighton Kersey – Stonebridge Subdivision, Mr. Alton Ellis, Mr. Bob Blackwell – Walkers Farm Subdivision, Dara Alemazkoo, Donald Young, Alonzo Lane, and Patricia Davis and Phillip Bryant – Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Georgia.

Media: Kristin Moriarty and Cheri Adams, Houston Home Journal and Nadia Ponder – 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. Presentation(s)/Recognition(s): Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

Mr. Dye presented Mr. Alton Ellis with a plaque recognizing his 25 years of service to the City and specifically with the Department of Leisure Services. Mr. Dye noted it is rare to have a native son in a position of dedication for as many years as Mr. Ellis has had. Mr. Ellis thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the department throughout the years.

Chief Lynn gave a brief overview of Lt. Jack Johnson's time with the police department. Mrs. Johnson placed the 20-year service pin on his uniform and then Mayor Faircloth presented Mrs. Johnson with a gift certificate. Lt. Johnson thanked Mayor, Council and his fellow officers for their support through the years.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 P.M. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. called to order a public hearing at 6:10 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-67A-3 (c).

- 5a. Petition for Re-zoning Application No. R-16-03. Applicant TL-Higdon's Mulligan LLC requests to alter the standards for the existing Planned Unit Development #10. The property is located in Walker Farms Subdivision: Lots 1,2,3,4,38,39,40,163,164,165,166,193 and 194.

Staff Report: Mr. Smith provided a Power Point presentation showing the current state of the development and the requested re-zoning for driveways from back entry to front entry for thirteen lots. The Planning Commission recommended denial of the re-zoning request because it is inconsistent with the planned unit development standards.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the amendment.

For:

Mr. Bob Blackwell, 4122 Riverside, Brunswick, representing the applicant, explained that it has been difficult to sell the remaining lots due to the amount of space used for the driveways that would be located on the backside of a house and that no builder is willing to build due to this restriction.

Mr. Dara Alemazkoo, 217 Steeple Court, stated this design is a safety hazard as well as creating drainage issues.

Mr. Donald Young, 104 Steeple Court, highlighted more of the design and safety hazards with this phase of the development.

Mr. Alonzo Lane, 204 Steeple Court, explained he has water problems due to the design and was also concerned about safety for the children in the subdivision because of the design.

Opposed: None

- 5b. Amendment to the Perry Land Development Ordinance Article XV Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control.

Staff Report: Mr. Smith stated the federal guidelines have changed and local governments must hold a hearing and approve the changes no later than December 31st.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the amendment.

For: None

Opposed: None

- 5c. Amendment to the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section Downtown Development District of the City of Perry Architectural and Sign Control Standards for Certificate of Appropriateness Permit; Section 46 Downtown Development District Certificate of Appropriateness.

Staff Report: Mr. Smith explained this amendment was a procedural transfer of responsibility from the Economic Development Department to the Community Development Department.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the amendment.

For: None

Opposed: None

- 5d. Consider maintaining 2016 Maintenance and Operations property tax millage rate at 14.050 mills.

Mayor Faircloth explained Council must vote on the millage rate each year and it is required that three (3) public hearings be held prior to voting. The third and final hearing will be held on Monday, September 26, 2016.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the amendment.

For: None

Opposed: None

Public Hearings Closed at 6:41 p.m. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. closed the public hearings at 6:41 p.m.

6. Citizens with Input.

Mr. Leighton Kersey, developer for Stonebridge Subdivision, expressed his concern about the requirements he has been asked to put in place for the third phase of this development. He felt he was being unjustly treated and would be spending monies for items that did not make sense.

Patricia Davis and Phillip Bryant of the Boys and Girls clubs of Central Georgia explained there are currently several independent locations and they are trying to place all of them under one umbrella to consolidate resources for the counties served in Middle Georgia. Most of their programs are geared toward after-school and summer. They felt there is a need in Perry and the surrounding area and would like to open a facility in Perry and asked Council to consider supporting this effort by underwriting overhead costs for a building.

7. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - 7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of September 6, 2016 pre-council meeting, September 6, 2016 council meeting and September 14, 2016 special meeting. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
8. Old Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - 8a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:
 1. Adopted Ordinance 2016-17 amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 80.1.2 and 80.6.2 – Article VIII – Use Requirements by District. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to adopt an ordinance to amend the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 80.1.2 and 80.6.2 – Article VIII – Use Requirements by District. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2016-17 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)
 2. Adopted Ordinance 2016-18 Authorizing and Adopting Post Issuance Compliance Policies and Procedures for Governmental Tax-Exempt Bonds and Tax Credit Bonds. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to adopt an ordinance authorizing and adopting post issuance compliance policies and procedures for governmental tax-exempt bonds and tax credit bonds. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2016-18 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)
9. Any Other Old Business: Mayor Faircloth
 - 9a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr – None
 - 9b. Council Members – None
 - 9c. City Attorney Matthew Hulbert – None
10. New Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.
 - 10a. Matters referred from September 20, 2016 pre-council meeting.
 1. Approval of a monetary donation to the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker explained the need to assist in the funding of the free air show held every three (3) years at Robins Air Force Base. The air show is open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend this air power and agility display, but it does require monies beyond what is budgeted by the Base. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to donate \$1,000 to the air show from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund-Promotion; Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded and it carried unanimously.
 2. Approval of the Farm Days Parade street closure request and application fee waiver. Chief Lynn explained the Kiwanis Club sponsors this annual parade and they requested street closures from Washington to Main Street, Main Street

through Courtney Hodges and on to the Fairgrounds. They also requested a waiver of the parade application fee. Council Member Jackson moved to approve the street closures for Saturday, October 8, 2016 and also waive the application fee. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously.

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

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance altering the standards for the existing Planned Unit Development #10. The property is located in Walker Farms Subdivision: Lots 1,2,3,4,38,39,40,163,164,165,166,193 and 194. *(No action required by Council.)*
2. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance Article XV Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control. *(No action required by Council.)*
3. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section Downtown Development District of the City of Perry Architectural and Sign Control Standards for Certificate of Appropriateness Permit; Section 46 Downtown Development District Certificate of Appropriateness. *(No action required by Council.)*

10c. Perry Housing Week Report – Mr. R. Smith

Mr. Smith provided a Power Point presentation showing the many activities that took place during the first Housing Week celebration in Perry. It kicked off with an overview of the projects planned for the Sand Hill neighborhood. The Outreach Event included going door-to-door handing out 150 resource bags. The week capped off with a cleanup in the neighborhood which brought out forty-five volunteers from Habitat for Humanity, new enlistees from the Navy, a sorority from Warner Robins as well as City departments, council members and interested individuals. He also provided a listing of the grants that have been received and noted these funds will be used to replace roofs and do general repairs in this neighborhood which consists mostly of elderly people on fixed incomes. Mr. Smith announced the GICH team would be attending a retreat later in the week.

10d. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption: James E. Faircloth, Jr.

1. Adopted Resolution 2016-44 appointing Mr. Z. Lee Parker, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Services. Mayor Faircloth announced that thirty three applications were received for the Fire Chief's position and it was narrowed down to six (6). After much consideration, Mr. Lee Parker was selected. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker motioned to appoint Mr. Z. Lee Parker as Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Services effective October 31, 2016. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. It carried with five members for the appointment and Council Member Hunt opposed.

11. Department Head Items.

Ms. King, Mr. Dye, Mr. Smith, Fire Marshal Stanton, and Battalion Chief Wheeler had no reports.

Chief Lynn announced that 2 recruits will graduate from the Georgia Public Safety Training Center on Friday and start on Monday in the department. The animal control facility has begun site preparation, positioned rebar and will pour cement on Monday.

Mr. Aaron noted that the Public Works Department is transitioning to the new logos for all the vehicles.

Ms. Palmer stated that there have been 1,300 “hits” to the new Facebook page since it went live.

12. Council Members Items:

No reports

Attorney Hulbert – No report

13. General Public:

None

14. Mayor Items:

- Friday, September 23rd will be the Triple Ribbon Day proclamation signing at Central Georgia Technical College.
- Monday, September 26, 2016 will be a work session meeting
- Tuesday, September 27, 2016 is Walk with Mayor and Council in District 1 starting at 5:30 pm at the intersection of Kings Chapel Road and Houston Lake Road.
- The next regular meeting will be October 4th at 6:00 pm.

15. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held September 20, 2016, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.