

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
October 18, 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 October 18, 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 Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney David Walker and Recording Clerk Cyndi Houser

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Battalion Chief Robbie Rowell – 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): Ms. Jean Berry, Mr. Mike Vinson, Mr. Paul B. Casilli, Ms. Diane Stephens, Ms. Mary Zigrino, Mr. Angelo Zigrino, Mr. Penrose Wolf, Ms. Tian Foss – Houston County Family Connection

Media: Kristin Moriarty and Cheri Adams, Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Council Member Jones rendered the invocation and Council Member King led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Presentation(s)/Recognition(s): Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

Mayor Faircloth presented a proclamation to Habitat for Humanity volunteers Ms. Stephens, Mr. Zigrino and Mr. Casilli, declaring October as Affordable Housing Month. Board president, Mr. Casilli gave a brief report on Habitat for Humanity and noted they would welcome a representative from the Perry community.

5. Appearance(s):

5a. Ms. Tian Foss of Houston County Family Connections providing information relative to the DECAL Grant.

Ms. Foss explained the services offered by Family Connections which are available because of the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) Grant including partnering with the public libraries for story time in both English and Spanish and

partnering with Perry Volunteer Outreach for transportation to these activities. Ms. Foss also asked Council to consider creating a public transit system in Perry.

6. Citizens with Input.

No comments

7. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

7a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the September 26, 2016 work session, October 3, 2016 work session, October 4, 2016 pre council meeting, October 4, 2016 council meeting and October 11, 2016 called meeting. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- 8a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr – None
- 8b. Council Members – None
- 8c. City Manager Lee Gilmour – None
- 8d. City Attorney David Walker - None

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

9a. Matters referred from October 18, 2016 pre-council meeting.

- 1. Adopted Resolution 2016-50 establishing minimum qualifications for city drivers. Mr. Gilmour explained our risk management insurance carrier requires a minimum standard for employees driving city owned vehicles. The Administration and Employee Safety Committee recommended approval of the qualifications. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to approve the minimum qualifications for city drivers as submitted; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2016-50 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)
- 2. Approval of amending the General Fund and Hotel/Motel Tax a) by shifting various cost centers between funds and b) authorizing the hiring of a downtown district maintenance position. Administration recommended shifting cost centers to focus on the branding initiative. The shift would be revenue neutral. Council Member Jackson moved to approve shifting cost centers between funds; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Gilmour further explained that the shifting of funds would allow the hiring of a full-time person to maintain public property in the downtown district. This is a new position and would come with benefits. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to authorize the hiring of a full-time person to maintain public property in the downtown district. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

3. Approval of concept points for the City of Perry Comprehensive Plan except for item 3. Mayor Faircloth explained that Council periodically reviews the Comprehensive Plan to make adjustments based on various factors. The most recent review recommended several changes including eventually shifting the responsibility of the Airport Authority to the Board of Commissioners. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to approve proceeding with the concept points as submitted except for item 3. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Adopted Resolution 2016-51 appointing members to the Perry Public Facilities Authority. Mayor Faircloth explained the function of the newly created Perry Public Facilities Authority. Mr. Gilmour explained citizen members are recommended for appointment to this authority by each council member and the mayor and the terms are concurrent with the terms of the mayor/council member appointing them. Each council member agreed to appoint as moved by Council Member Jones.

Mayor J. Faircloth	Mr. Jeff Leonard
Council Member Bynum-Grace	Ms. Victoria Brown
Council Member R. Jones	Mr. Nash Murph
Council Member R. Walker	Mr. Jacob Poole
Council Member R. Hunt	Mr. Felix Smith
Council Member W. Jackson	Ms. Suzanne Burkart
Council Member W. King	Mr. Carl Lumpkin

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2016-51 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

9b. Award of Bid(s):

1. Award of Bid No. 2017-01 Main Street water main and sidewalk improvements. Mr. Gilmour advised this is a major project which will be paid from SPLOST12 construction funds. Administration recommended awarding the bid to Griffin-Folsom Construction, LLC, Cordele, GA for \$441,172.00. Council Member Hunt moved to award the low bid to Griffin-Folsom Construction, LLC for \$441,172.00 for Main Street water main and sidewalk improvements. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Award of Bid No. 2017-02 Airport Road Extension culvert replacement and water main improvements. Mr. Gilmour advised this project would be paid from SPLOST 12 Water and Roads/Streets category. The department and engineer recommended awarding the low bid to LeKay Enterprises, Ft. Valley, for \$240,576.60. Council Member King moved to award the low bid to LeKay Enterprises, Ft. Valley, for \$240,576.60 for construction of Airport Road Extension culvert replacement and water main improvements. Council Member Jackson seconded and it carried unanimously.

3. Award of Bid No. 2017-04 South Perry Parkway restriping. Mr. Aaron related that three bids were received and that Peek Pavement Markings, LLC, was the low bidder for \$79,681.80 and the department recommended the low bidder. The project will be paid for by supplemental LMIG funds from GDOT, the City of Perry and the Houston County Board of Commissioners. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to award the low bid of \$79,681.80 to Peek Pavement Markings, LLC, Columbus, GA, to restripe the South Perry Parkway. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously.

9c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Adopted Resolution 2017-52 approving the amended and restated gas supply contract between the City of Perry and Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia. Mr. Gilmour explained the contract was previously reviewed by Council and approved. Municipal Gas Authority has asked all their members to adopt a resolution approving the amended and restated gas supply contract. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to approve the amended and restated gas supply contract between the City of Perry and Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia as submitted. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2016-52 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

- 9d. Request from A Couple of Jerks Soda Fountain Shop for street closures for their Cruise-In event on October 22, 2016 from 2-6 pm. Chief Lynn explained he had received a request for street closures 11 days before the scheduled event rather than the required 60 days. In reviewing the request, Chief Lynn felt the street closures would adversely affect businesses in the downtown area and recommended denial of the request. Council Member Jones moved to deny the streets closure request. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 9e. Approval of a consent agreement with Georgia Public Service Commission relative to inspection issues. Mr. Gilmour advised this was the last part of negotiations with the Public Service Commission regarding gas inspections from several years ago. Administration recommended approval of the consent agreement; the fine will be paid from the Gas Fund. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to approve the consent agreement with the Georgia Public Service Commission relative to inspection issues. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously.

- 9f. Approval declaring four (4) marked vehicles as surplus. Chief Lynn stated the Police Department has four (4) 2008 model vehicles and that each has over 100,000 miles. These vehicles have been replaced and he recommended they be declared surplus. Council Member Hunt moved to declare four (4) 2008 model marked police cars as surplus. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Department Head/Staff Items:

Ms. King, Battalion Chief Rowell and Ms. Palmer had no reports.

Chief Lynn announced the animal housing building is proceeding on schedule with the plumbing and electrical stubs in place, the slab already poured and the block laying will begin on Monday.

Mr. Dye announced the first movie night of the season will be November 18th at Rozar Park and the Perry PeeWee Football Bowl will be November 17th, 18th, & 19th.

Mr. Aaron announced a Fall Clean Up will be held from October 24th-28th for items not normally picked up. This includes a maximum of 4 tires per household.

11. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker extended congratulations to the Habitat for Humanity organization on their 25th anniversary in Houston County and also going above and beyond by assisting with the Sandhill clean-up day.

Council Member Jones asked that the Samuel Poss family be remembered as they search for him.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker announced that Perry Rotary is hosting a luncheon on November 7th at Noon at the Perry Arts Center for all current and past military. The speaker will be Brigadier General (retired) James Sehorn.

12. General Public Items:

Ms. Jean Beery, Gatwick Village, Perry, expressed her appreciation for the police department and urged the Council to consider raises for each one.

13. Mayor Items:

October 25, 2016 – Walk with Mayor/Council at 5:30; meet in the Board of Education parking lot.

October 31, 2016 – Sweets and Treats in Downtown Perry from 4-6 pm
- Council work session starts at 5 pm
- Trick or Treat from 6-8 pm

November 2, 2016 – State of the Community luncheon at the Board of Education annex on Macon Road

Mayor Faircloth urged everyone to vote no matter which side of the aisle they claimed.

14. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held October 18, 2016, Council Member King motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.