

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
August 1, 2017  
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting held August 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Attorney Mathew Hulbert, and Recording Clerk Gail Price.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Brenda King – Director of Administration.

Guests: Ms. Estella Howard, Ms. Dorothy Releford, Ms. Mary Lou Simon, Ms. Wilma Newberry, Mr. Johnathan Jones.

Media: Ms. Kristin Moriarty – Houston Home Journal and Ms. Marigrace Segó – Com South 100.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr.

Council Member Jones rendered the invocation and Council Member Bynum-Grace led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Recognition(s)/Proclamation(s)/Presentations(s) – Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

Introduction of Laura King, Public Works Executive Secretary – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour requested to reschedule for next council meeting.

5. Citizens with Input.

Estella Howard, 1322 Davis Avenue, Perry, Georgia 31069. Ms. Howard stated at Rozar Park the seesaws needs bolts and screws; at Creekwood the nails and bolts are coming out of the benches. Mayor Faircloth will look into this request.

6. Review of Minutes: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- 6a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the July 17, 2017 work session, July 18, 2017 pre council meeting and July 18, 2017 council meeting.

Council Member Bynum Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted and Council Member Walker seconded the motion, and it carried with Council Members Jones and Member Hunt abstaining. Council Member Jones was absent from the July 17, 2017 meeting and Council Member Hunt was absent from July 17 and July 18, 2017 meetings.

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

7a. Ordinance(s) for Seconding Reading(s) and Adoption

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for rezoning of property from City of Perry R-2, Two Family Residential District to City of Perry NMU, Neighborhood Mixed Use District. The property is located at 503 Bradley Street - Mr. B. Wood.

Adopted Ordinance 2017 – 14 rezoning property from City of Perry R-2, Two Family Residential District to City of Perry NMU, Neighborhood Mixed Use District. Mr. Wood stated the request is to change the zoning from R-2 to the NMU Neighborhood Mixed Use District. The Staff recommendation is for approval of the zoning change with a condition that no access be provided from Bradley Street. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the modification without the condition on Bradley Street. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to approve the zoning change, but with the condition that there be no access from Bradley Street. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2017-14 has been entered in the City's official book of record.*)

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

- 8a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. None  
8b. Council Members.

Council Member Bynum-Grace discussed citizens concerned about the street being opened from Courtney Hodges. Council Member Bynum-Grace requested an explanation be made to the general public that this is on the wish list. Mr. Gilmour explained proposal for Creekwood Park.

Council Member King inquired about the Westwood property for sale. Mayor explained that the land is up for sale. Mr. Gilmour advised the conditions and requirements that existed with the previous owner are still in effect and the new property owners will have the same conditions and requirements.

- 8c. City Manager Mr. Gilmour – None  
8d. Assistant City Attorney – Mathew Hulbert – None

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

9a. Matters referred from July 31, 2017, work session and August 1, 2017 pre council meeting. None

10. Supplemental Agenda

10a. Special Events Application(s) – Chief Lynn

1. Perry Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Leadership Georgia is requesting approval of street closures and waiver of fees for an event to be held in the Downtown District on September 14, 2017. Street closures will be from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Chief Lynn recommended approval of the following street closures; Carroll Street between Jernigan Street and Washington Street; Ball Street between Commerce Street and Main Street. Council Member Jones made the motion and Council Member Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Perry Chamber of Commerce is requesting permission to use Heritage Park on September 14, 2017 from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm for a new event called Business Battlefield and a waiver of fees. This will take the place of the Member Market.

Chief Lynn recommended the approval for the Perry Chamber of Commerce to use Heritage Park on September 14, 2017 from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Council Member Jones made the motion and Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded and it carried unanimously.

11. Council Member Items: No reports

12. Department Heads/Staff Items: No reports

13. General Public Items:

Mary Lou Simon, 1103 Creekwood Drive, Perry, Georgia. 31069. Ms. Simon inquired on who was coming to the next Town Hall Meeting. She also wanted to know if the issues pertaining to the park will be discussed at the meeting; where the road was going into Creekwood Park and also the taking of citizens' property. Mayor Faircloth explained the process for the Town Hall meeting. Ms. Simon stated they are thankful for the improvements that are coming to the park and look forward to working with City to keep the park up.

14. Mayor Items:

August 2, 2017 – Veterans Center open house at 10:00.

August 7, 2017 at 5:30 - Town Hall Meeting – Faith Fellowship

August 14, 2017 at 5:00 - Work Session

August 15, 2017 at 5:00 - Pre-Council Meeting

August 15, 2017 at 6:00 - City Council Meeting

Qualification for Mayor and 3 City Council will be August 21 – 25, 2017.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council in the regular meeting held August 1, 2017, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn at 6:33 pm. Council Member Walker seconded and it carried unanimously.