

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 15, 2017
5:00 PM

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held August 15, 2017 at 5:00 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, City Attorney Mathew Hulbert, and Recording Clerk Cyndi Houser.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ellen Palmer - Digital Communications Manager, John Schell – Supervisor Public Works and Brenda King – Director of Administration.

Guests: None

Media: Kristin Moriarty – Houston Home Journal and Wayne Crenshaw – Macon Telegraph

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

3a. Discussion of August 15, 2017 council meeting agenda. Mayor James E Faircloth Jr.

7a. Public Hearing(s)

1. Petition for Special Exception Application #S-17-04. Mr. Wood provided background information on the carwash application and the recommendation from the Planning Commission.
2. Consider revoking the business license for Howard Johnson motel. Mr. Gilmour advised the business had a previous hearing, but it has been continually delinquent with tax and utility payments since last year. Administration recommended revocation.

Mayor reminded Council they could vote on each item following their respective hearing.

10c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption

2. Resolution for Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Cost of Acquiring Vehicles and Equipment with Tax Exempt Financing. Ms. King stated this is a GMA requirement and is done annually.

10e. Authorize renewal of City of Perry Health and Dental Plans. Mr. Gilmour explained the data provided showing the difference between the renewal premium and Option. Administration recommended Option which would be a 3.7% increase.

10f. Special Events Application(s)

1. The 8th Annual Perry Music Festival requested permission to use Rotary Centennial Park and a partial street closure. Chief Lynn noted the Police Department had no problem with the street closure and recommended approval.
2. Perry Downtown Merchants Association and Perry Main Street Promotion Committee requested street closures for Tuesday, October 31st for their 5th Annual Sweets and Treats on Downtown Streets. Chief Lynn advised the Police Department recommended approval.

10g. Approve Second Amendment to the Subscribed Regulatory Compliance Service Program Agreement. Mr. Gilmour explained this is part of the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's (MGAG) agreement allowing the Authority to deal with Georgia Public Service Commission and federal regulatory agencies on behalf of the City.

4. Council Member/Mayor Items:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Jackson, Council Members Bynum-Grace, King, Jones, and Walker had no reports.

Council Member Hunt requested confirmation of the interview schedule for the Public Works Director position.

Assistant City Attorney Hulbert - no report.

Mr. Gilmour requested authorization to post information to the City web page and other social media concerning how tax monies were spent by the City. It was a consensus that this was an excellent idea.

A request was also received from Georgia Home Place which is interested in digitizing the City's records located at the courthouse up through the 1940's by

giving up the City's copyright for the material in order for it to be digitized. It was a consensus that to approve the material could be digitized, but the City will retain the copyright.

Mayor Faircloth stated he had received a phone call asking if the City had received any requests to have the Confederate statue removed from the downtown area. Council members stated they had not, but Mr. Gilmour advised that Ms. Houser had received a call about the subject.

5. Department Head Items:

Chief Lynn reported the Police Department would be providing special glasses to employees, Council and Mayor for the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21st. He also advised there would small arms training at the Guardian Center this weekend.

Chief Parker, Mr. Schell, Ms. King and Mr. Wood had no reports.

Ms. Palmer requested Mayor and Council join her on the front steps of the City Hall following the meeting for a "selfie" in honor of City Hall Day.

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held on August 15, 2017, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn at 5:39 pm, Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.