

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
October 17, 2017
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held October 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

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

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn and Major Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Chad McMurrian – Lead Engineering Technician, and Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Ms. Candace Passmore and family members, Officer Joshua Brown and family members, Ms. Toya Harris – Perry Housing Authority and Mr. Steven Stefano , Ms. Patti Gibson

Media: Vic Powell - Houston Home Journal, Mr. Wayne Crenshaw - Macon Telegraph and Marigrace Segó – ComSouth100.

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

Council Member Jones rendered the invocation and Council Member Hunt led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Recognition of Ms. Candace Passmore and Officer Joshua Brown. Mayor Faircloth presented 15-year old Ms. Passmore and Officer Brown with Perry coins and Chief Lynn presented each with a Perry Police Department challenge coin for their efforts in saving the life of a baby left in a hot car.

Ms. King introduced Mr. Steven Stefano and Ms. Patti Gibson, the two newest employees in the Finance and Administration Department.

5. Citizens with Input.

Ms. Toya Harris thanked Mayor and Council for the Perry pins which will be given to the Housing Authority members at their upcoming meeting. She also thanked the Public Works Department for changing to individual totters for the residents. Ms. Harris reviewed some of the activities that are occurring at the Housing complex.

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

6a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the October 2, 2017 work session, October 3, 2017 pre council meeting, and October 3, 2017 council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Council Member Bynum-Grace abstaining from the October 3, 2017 meetings.

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

7a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance to amend Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code to create a new Article VI, Section 23.70-23.78, entitled "Utility Accommodation Policy".

Adopted Ordinance No. 2017-17 to amend Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code to create a new Article VI, Section 23.70-23.78, entitled "Utility Accommodation Policy". Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Ordinance No. 2017-17 has been entered into 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 - None
- 8c. City Manager Lee Gilmour - None
- 8d. Assistant City Attorney – None

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

9a. Matters referred from October 16, 2017 work session and October 17, 2017 pre council meeting.

1. Approval of special events coordinator – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Approved the special events coordinator part-time position. Council Member Jones moved to approve the establishment of a part time position of a special events coordinator as recommended by

Administration. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. **First Reading of an ordinance to establish a franchise fee for natural gas providers in the corporate limits of the City.**

This was a follow up to a discussion during the October 16 work session to phase in the franchise fee. *(No action required by Council.)*

3. **First Reading of an ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Perry by deleting Section 19-12 in its entirety, and adding a new Section 19-12, titled "Derelict Vehicles; Removal by City.**

Mr. Wood advised this is a revision of the current code which will bring it in line with the State code and assure its legality. *(No action required by Council.)*

9b. **Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:**

1. Approve a resolution establishing a franchise fee rate.

Approved Resolution 2017-44 establishing a franchise fee rate for any new franchises coming into the City. This was the recommendation of the telecommunications consultant. Council Member Hunt moved to establish a franchise fee rate. Council Member Walker seconded and it carried unanimously.

9c. **Award of Bid(s)**

1. Bid No. 2018-04 Perry Arts Center Phase I & II – Brenda King

Ms. King presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for Phase I and Phase II renovations of the Perry Arts Center. Administration recommended awarding Phase I only to Renfro Construction, Macon, GA, in the amount of \$201,420 for restroom renovations. Council Member Walker moved to award Phase I of the Perry Arts Center renovations to Renfro Construction, Macon, GA for \$201,420. Council Member Jones seconded and the motion carried with five (5) in favor and Council Member Hunt opposing.

2. Bid No. 2018-09 Custodial Services – Brenda King

Ms. King presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for four (4) City locations from two (2) qualified bidders. Administration recommended American Facility Services, Alpharetta, GA for \$4,350/month based on references from other communities. Council Member Jones moved to award the bid to the low bidder, American Facility Services, Alpharetta, GA. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously.

3. Bid No. 2018-10

Pump Station Improvements – C. McMurrian

Mr. McMurrian presented for Council's consideration an award of bid for repairs on the pump at Langston Place Pump Station. Staff and the Engineering Department recommended awarding the bid to Pyles Plumbing in the amount of \$52,899.00. Council Member Walker moved to award Pyles Plumbing the bid for the Langston Place Pump Station Improvements in the amount of \$52,899.00. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously.

9d. Adopted Resolution No. 2017-45 Declaring a pull truck surplus and transfer to q Houston County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Gilmour received a request from the Board of Commissioners regarding a pull truck previously used for transporting solid waste to the landfill. Staff recommended declaring the pull truck as surplus and authorizing the transfer of the vehicle to the Houston County Board of Commissioners. Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson moved to adopt a resolution declaring the pull truck as surplus and authorize transferring to the Houston County Board of Commissioners. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2017-45 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

Adopted Resolution No. 2017-46 Declaring a list of vehicles surplus due to age/mileage/condition and be disposed of according to policy and law.

Mr. Gilmour also presented a list of vehicles that were eligible for surplus due to age/mileage/condition and would be disposed of according to policy and law. Council Member King motioned to adopt a resolution approving the list of vehicles for surplus; Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

9e. Parade Application:

1. Perry Christmas Parade on December 2nd beginning at 4:00 pm.

Chief Lynn reviewed the application for the annual Christmas Parade and streets closure request: Washington Street to Main Street to General Courtney Hodges Boulevard ending at Kellwood Drive. Staff recommended approval of the street closures. Council Member Jones moved to approve staff's recommendation; Council Member Hunt seconded and it carried unanimously.

10. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

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

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend the Perry Code by adding a new section 18-16, entitled: "Golf Carts Prohibited", which shall read as

follows: The Operation and/or driving of golf carts, utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and other similar off-road vehicles is prohibited on all portions of City streets and state routes located within the city limits on which the speed limit is 35 mph or greater.

11. Council Members Items:

Council had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour and Assistant City Attorney Hulbert had no reports.

12. Department Heads Items:

Chief Parker, Chief Lynn, Mr. Wood and Ms. Palmer had no reports.

Ms. King reported the tax bills had been mailed.

Mr. Smith

- reminded everyone of the Perry Housing Team Fall Neighborhood Cleanup Day on October 21st meeting at Johnny Noble Dixon Park at 612 Plum Street for assignments.
- free community tailgate event on October 28th from 11 am – 9 pm at Heritage Park with no glass containers allowed.
- Treats and Sweets on Downtown Streets will be on October 31st.

Mr. Dye advised everyone that basketball registration is in progress and will continue until all team slots are filled. An outdoor movie is planned for November 17th.

13. General Public Items: None

14. Mayor Items:

- October 24th – Walk with Mayor and Council in District 3, beginning at Nunn Park at 5:30 pm
- October 26th – Business after Hours co-hosted by Perry and Robins Regional Chambers of Commerce at Houston Lake County Club
- November 6th - Work session
- November 7th - Pre council and council meetings

15. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular meeting held October 17, 2017 Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.