

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 7, 2017
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held November 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Randall Walker

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hulbert, and Recording Clerk, Annie Warren.

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

Guests: William and Ellie Loudermilk, Wayne Chapman, Brandon McWhorter, Jordan Scott, and James Lanier Ryland

Media: Vic Powell – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Discussion of October 7, 2017 council meeting agenda.

8a. Petition for Rezoning and Annexation Application No. R-17-08. Mr. Wood reviewed the petition and advised the Planning Commission recommended approval.

10a. (1) Second Reading of an ordinance establishing a franchise fee for natural gas providers in the corporate limits of the City. Administration proposed adopting a franchise fee for natural gas providers in the city limits.

10a. (3) Second 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.” Administration stated this ordinance formalizes the process to keep ATV’s off streets that have a speed limit of 35 mph or greater.

12a. (1) Resolution to amend the City’s animal retention policy to reduce city time to seven (7) calendar days. Administration stated the police department recommended seven (7) days and Administration has no objection and recommended approval.

12c. (1) Resolution amending the fee schedule. Administration stated if Council adopted the franchise fee ordinance then the fee will be phased in.

12c. (2) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a supplemental lease to provide financing for purchase of street sweeper as outlined in 2018 Budget. Ms. King advised the City received \$36,000 from the insurance company and the remaining balance is \$226,226.00; the cost of the sweeper was \$250,000.00 plus. The interest rate is 2.61% for six (6) years.

12c. (3) Resolution in Support of Georgia Municipal Association Legislative Policy Regarding Municipal Incorporations. Mayor Faircloth reviewed the request from the City of Stockbridge.

12d. (1) Bid No. 2018-16 Big Indian Creek Restoration. Mr. McMurrin reviewed the recommendation of award from Ocmulgee, Inc. Staff recommended council approve the low bid of LaKay Enterprises, Inc. Administration stated the source of funding would be the Water and Sewer Fund.

12d. (2) Bid No. 2018-12 Street mowing. Administration recommended awarding Main Street, Swift Street, Houston Lake Road, Macon Road and Sam Nunn Boulevard to Real Turf Solutions and General Courtney Hodges Boulevard to Urban Environment.

12d. (3) Solid waste collection bid. Administration stated solid waste is broken down into three parts. Administration recommended awarding residential toter service to low bidder Advanced Disposal, commercial cubic yard pick up to low bidder Advance Disposal which incorporates the recycling and do not award the temporary roll on/off instead turn it over to the private sector.

12e. Closure of Elko Road from Larry Walker Parkway to South Perry Parkway November 20th and 21st for an event. Chief Lynn stated this is the field behind the East gate parking of the Georgia Natural Fairgrounds and it will be staffed by the police department; Chief Lynn requested Council’s latitude if there is rain it may have to go into the next day.

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

4a. Consider proceeding with design build for 704 Carroll Street – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Administration received a request to postpone demolition of 704 Carroll Street to allow community groups any opportunity to raise funds to stabilize the building. Council concurred to postpone demolition of the building to allow derelict the groups ninety (90) days to raise funds.

5. Council Member Items:

Council member Bynum-Grace asked if she and Council Member King could be placed on the December 4 work session agenda to discuss what they learned in the class Public Problems, Democratic Decisions. Council concurred with her request.

Council Member Jones advised he almost hit a bear on Elko Road on Saturday night.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson, Council Members King, and Hunt had no reports.

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

6. Department Head Items:

Mr. Smith shared information relative to the I-75 Corridor.

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

Mayor Faircloth reminded Council of the Jointly Owned Natural Gas meeting on November 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Byron Municipal Complex.

7. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held November 7, 2017 Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.