

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
September 18, 2018
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held September 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Josh Walker and Recording Clerk Cyndi Houser.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Finance, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chad McMurrian – Lead Engineering Technician, and Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator.

Guests: Brad Hardy

Media: None

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of September 18, 2018 council meeting agenda.

7a (1). **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the Food Truck Ordinance. Mr. Wood advised this will clarify the time of operation outside of downtown and the number of days/month outside of downtown as well as define an ice cream truck.

7a (2). **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending Sec. 5-34-Penalties. Mr. Wood advised this revision will make the penalties consistent with the balance of the City codes.

9a (2). **Resolution restricting access to health/dental insurance coverage for its elected officials.** Mr. Gilmour advised that any currently elected official can continue the coverage even if re-elected, but new officials would not eligible.

9a (3). **Resolution authorizing certain incentives for hotel project “A”.** Mr. Gilmour reminded Council of the original incentive package for a hotel

developer/builder project, but noted that two items had been added for their consideration on this resolution: Within one year of approval, the project must be 80% complete and if the business ceases to exist within five (5) years, a repayment schedule will go into effect.

9b (1). Resolution to amend the Perry Fee Schedule. Administration recommended some of the fees be lowered if a licensee pays on-line; the special downtown billing district would be eliminated because the City is now doing the billing; adjust the natural gas service application fee to match the water/sewer application fee, mosquito spraying has been eliminated, and the Professional business license will be adjusted to the state allowed amount.

9c. Award of Bid(s):

1. Bid No. 2018-47 Division 1 Water Treatment Plant. Mr. McMurrian reviewed the bid for the “parent” contract to construct a new water treatment plant. Staff and engineering firm recommended awarding to the low bidder, Reeves Young, LLC, for \$8, 219,000.
2. Bid No. 2018-48 Division 2 Groundwater Supply Wells. Mr. McMurrian explained this bid was changed by deleting one well and therefore staff recommended awarding the low bid to Rowe Drilling Co., Inc. in the amount of \$869,385.00. This will be funded with a GEFA Loan.
3. Bid No. 2018-49 Division 3 Clearwell. Staff recommended awarding this portion of the project to Precon Corporation in the amount of \$725,000.
4. Bid No. 2018-50 Division 4 Offsite Water Line – Staff recommended awarding this portion of the project to the low bidder, LaKay Enterprises, in the amount of \$218,674.00.
5. Bid No. 2019-01 Pump Station Upgrades and Improvements. This bid will rebuild the pump station on Highway 41 and put generators in four (4) other pump stations which cannot hold water for more than 24 hours. Staff recommended awarding the low bid to Pyles Plumbing and Utility Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$281,922.00.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda.

- 4a. Representative from Hardy Farms relative to transient merchant restrictions. Mr. Wood explained that the Hardy Farms peanut stand does not meet the definition of a fruit/vegetable stand according to City code because the food offered for sale is considered processed and he is not a transient merchant because of the temporary building used. Mr. Hardy stated they have had a location in Perry for more than twenty (20) years although not always in the same place. He stated he has obtained permission from the owner of the current stand location. Mr. Hardy asked to be allowed to finish out the season. Mr. Wood and Mr. Gilmour offered several options for this situation. Council

concluded to allow the business to continue to the end of their season which would allow staff time to review current ordinances and definitions.

5. Council Member Items

- Mayor Pro Tempore Walker, Council Members Jackson, Jones, Hunt, and Bynum-Grace had no items.
- Council Member King inquired about the status James Street being considered for paving this round and was advised it is being reviewed by staff.

6. Department Head Items

- Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Waters, Mr. Smith, Ms. King, Mr. Wood, Ms. Warren and Mr. McMurrian had no items.
- Ms. Edgemon reminded everyone of the Harvest Dinner to be held downtown on November 3, 2018.
- Chief Lynn announced that an advanced team from a TV series based in New York would be in town about 5-6 days to film a program on the Sam Poss homicide.
- Chief Parker announced that a smoke detector blitz would be conducted by the Fire Department on September 22nd. Volunteers are needed and appreciated and should be at Fire Headquarters at 8 am for a brief training session.

7. Mayor Items

- Walk with Mayor and Council will be held on September 25th in District 2 – Wind River Subdivision

8. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held September 18, 2018 Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.