

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 2, 2019
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held April 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Officials Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, Assistant City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Cyndi Houser

City Departmental Staffing: Major Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Finance, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Director of Finance, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ashley Hardin – Director of Economic Development, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Haley Myers – Main Street Coordinator and Anya Turpin – Special Events Coordinator

Guest(s): Jack James – Cheshire subdivision, Terry Reynolds and family, Collin Howard, and Jim Marquardt – Perry-Houston County Airport Manager

Media: Jada Dukes - Houston Home Journal

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

Council Member Robert Jones rendered the invocation and Council Willie King led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

4a. Introduction of new employees: Major Phelps

Major Phelps introduced Terry Reynolds and Collin Howard and gave brief biographies for each gentleman. Mayor and Council welcomed them to the Perry Police Department.

4b. Introduction of new Special Events Coordinator. Ms. Hardin introduced Anya Turpin as the new Special Events Coordinator. Mayor and Council welcomed Ms. Turpin.

4c. Perry-Houston County Airport Presentation. Mr. Marquardt provided a PowerPoint presentation about the airport which was done during the Walk with Mayor and Council on March 26th. The report included general aviation at the airport, the current status of the hangers, the runway and the terminal. He also explained the expansion goals and plans for the airport as well as the impact the airport has on the community. He also noted the Airport has re-branded their logo to reflect the new city logo.

4d. Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5 K Run & Walk event re-cap. Mayor Faircloth announced the presentation was postponed to the next meeting as the fire personnel had been called out.

5. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Authorities: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

Council Member Jones announced his appointment of Kelly Gordon to fill the current vacancy with a term expiring December 31, 2021.

6. Community Partners Update(s): None

7. Citizens with Input: Mr. Jack James, Cheshire Subdivision, expressed concerns about the approval of the special exception for the apartment complex on Macon Road particularly the need for a traffic light at the intersection of Inverness and Macon Road.

8. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:25 p.m.: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. called to order a public hearing at 6:25 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-67A-3 (c).

8a. Petition for Rezoning and Annexation Application No. ANNX-0002-2019. Applicant, Kay Jacobs Rowell, requests the rezoning and annexation of property from RAG, Residential-Agricultural District (County) to R-Ag, Residential-Agricultural District (City). The property is located at 1824 Houston Lake Road, Tax Map No. 000560 062000 and 1904 Hwy 127, Tax Map No. 000560 048000 - Mr. B. Wood.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed the request for the petition for rezoning and annexation. The property consists of 2 parcels (3.82 acres and 84.03 acres) that are contiguous. Staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the application as submitted for rezoning and annexation. The Houston County Board of Commissioners also approved the request.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the petition.

For: None

Against: None

Public Hearing Closed at 6:28 p.m. Mayor Faircloth closed the hearing at 6:28 p.m.

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

- 9a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the March 18, 2018 work session and March 19, 2018 pre council meeting and March 19, 2018 council meeting. *(Council Member Bynum-Grace was absent from March 19, 2019 meetings)*

Council Member Hunt motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and carried unanimously with Council Member Bynum-Grace abstaining.

10. 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 Manager Robert Smith - none
8e. City Attorney - none

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

- 11a. Matters referred from April 1, 2019 work session and April 2, 2019 pre council meeting. None

11b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction.

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from RAG (County), Residential-Agricultural District to R-Ag, Residential-Agricultural District (City). The property is located at 1824 Houston Lake Road, Tax Map No. 000560 062000 and 1904 Hwy 127, Tax Map No. 000560 048000. *(No action required by Council.)*
2. **First Reading** of an ordinance for the annexing of property from RAG (County), Residential-Agricultural District to R-Ag, Residential-Agricultural District (City). The property is located at 1824 Houston Lake Road, Tax Map No. 000560 062000 and 1904 Hwy 127, Tax Map No. 000560 048000. *(No action required by Council.)*

11c. Resolutions for Consideration and Adoption. Mr. L. Gilmour

1. Adopted Resolution 2019-19 requesting GDOT to install a traffic control device at the intersection to Macon Road (US41) and Inverness Drive. Mr. Gilmour presented a resolution for consideration requesting a traffic control device be installed by the GDOT at the intersection of Macon Road (US41) and Inverness Drive now that Inverness is considered a collector street. Council Member King moved to approve the resolution requesting GDOT to install a traffic control device at the intersection of

Macon Road (US41) and Inverness Drive. Council Member Jones seconded and it was approved unanimously. (*Resolution 2019-19 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

11d. Approval of contract for engineering plan review services. Mr. B. Wood

Mr. Wood advised Council that the contract with GWES, LLC was up for renewal and in need of updating. Staff recommended approval. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to approve the updated contract with GWES, LLC; Council Member King seconded and it was approved unanimously.

11e. Special Events Application(s):

1. A Special Needs Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, 2019 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Rozar Park. Ms. Turpin requested approval for the event to be held on public property. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to approve the use of Rozar Park for the Special Needs Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, 2019 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Rozar Park. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.
2. Yoga in the Park with Homegrown Yoga series April 27, June 22, July 27, August 24, and September 28 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at various public parks/public spaces. Ms. Turpin requested approval for this series of events to be held at various public parks/public spaces throughout the City. This free event will be announced on the Facebook page and other social media. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to approve the use of various public parks/public spaces for the Yoga in the Park series to be held on April 27, June 22, July 27, August 24 and September 28 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Council Member King seconded and it carried unanimously.

12. Council Member Items. None

13. Department Heads/Staff Items:

Ms. King, Mr. Wood, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Hardin, Mr. Worthington and Major Phelps had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour and Ms. Newby had no reports.

Mr. Smith reminded everyone that the week of April 8-12 is spring clean-up week.

Ms. Palmer announced Georgia Cities Week is April 22-25 and Perry will be hosting "Touch a Truck" on April 25 at Rozar Park from 3-5 pm. Fire, police and public works vehicles will be on display during that time with the public invited to come and see the vehicles that provide some of the many City services.

Ms. Turpin reminded everyone of the Food Truck Rally on Friday, April 5, 2019 from 6-8 pm in the downtown area with approximately 15 vendors, activities for children and a local band providing music.

14. General Public Items: None

15. Mayor Faircloth items:

- Dogwood Festival will be April 12, 13, & 14th with lots of activities.
- Tax day is April 15th
- Work session is April 15th
- Regular council meeting is April 16th

16. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular meeting held April 2, 2019, Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.; Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.