

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
December 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 December 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace

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

Departmental Staffing: Major Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Finance, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Director of Finance, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ashley Hardin – Director of Economic Development, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Mr. Tracy Hester – Chief Building Official, and Ellen Palmer – Digital Communication Mgr.

Guests: Mrs. Terre Walker

Media: Christine Hawley – Houston Home Journal

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

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

9b (1) Ordinance amending alcohol beverage license distances in downtown Perry. Mr. Gilmour advised there had been ongoing concerns from residential areas in the downtown about alcoholic beverage licenses issued too close to residences, churches and schools. The distance can now be 100 feet.

9c. Consider award of construction management services proposal. Based on the presentations from the last work session and the evaluation of the two vendors, Administration recommended awarding to Parrish Construction for the parks projects.

9d. Declaring certain equipment surplus. Major Phelps stated the Police Department was requesting that a 2013 Police Interceptor be declared as

surplus in order to transfer the vehicle to South Georgia Technical College. The vehicle will be used for training purposes.

9e. Special Events Application(s): - Ms. Hardin presented the application from the Perry Lions Club and Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for hosting the annual Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale on Friday and Saturday, March 8 & 9, 2019. The request included several street closures which will start at 3:00 pm on March 7th in order for vendors to begin setting up.

10a. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption:

1. Ms. King stated resolution(s) are required for the purchase of lease equipment through GMA and the Mayor, City Manager and/or City Clerk should be authorized to execute the 2019 documents.

10b. Award of bid(s): - Mr. M. Worthington

1. Mr. Worthington presented the results of the bid for the cleanup and remodeling of the building at 741 Main Street. Community Development and Finance recommended awarding the bid to JWS Construction, LLC in the amount of \$21,351.

3b. Consideration of archery program at Calhoun Park – Mr. K. Dye

Mr. Dye advised the archery program at Calhoun Park will need to be moved or suspended soon when construction begins on the new well and requested suggestions from Council. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to offer the use of Heritage Park and waive the annual fee. In the event they require porta-jons, it will be up to the archery program to provide this item.

3c. Consider assistance of local group for schedule adjustment. – Mr. L. Gilmour

Mr. Gilmour stated a group had expressed interest in holding a dinner on Carroll Street, but asked if the events scheduled for the second weekend in September could be moved. Council felt this could not be done as the events are already scheduled and planning is well underway.

4. Council Member items:

No items from Council Members Jackson, Hunt or Jones.

Mayor Pro Tempore inquired about the buzzard problem and was advised it is being worked on.

Council Member King asked that a hole on Kellwood Road at Courtney Hodges be checked.

5. Department Head Items:

- Mr. Gilmour

1. The hearing officer authorized by Council for an employee hearing declined due to scheduling conflicts. Administration recommended Chambless, Higdon, Richardson, et al law firm which would be an arm's length opinion. Council concurred with the recommendation.
2. The Perry Area Historical Society provided their match for the Sinclair station stabilization. The firm that was originally accepted for the project is still willing to proceed with the old price. Council concurred with moving forward and staff will present a bid for consideration at the next Council meeting.

- Mr. Smith

1. The public is already using the newly purchased Cherokee Pines for walking; clean-up is in progress, delineation of the boundaries is being scheduled, new signage will be erected and parking will be reviewed.
2. The engineers for the Brownfield project will be in town next week at the following locations: Old Stanley Furniture building, Eastgate Plaza and the gas station on Hwy 341.
3. The remediation is complete at the fire station headquarters and the Police Department building is next.

- Ms. Hardin

1. The Main Street Board recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Bill Loudermilk (UPP) and Ms. Terre Walker (Perry Historical Society).
2. Perry Main Street will be presenting their report to the Department of Community Affairs and the Main Street program on January 22, 2019 at the Terminal Station in Macon.
3. Buzzard Drop has added an ice skating rink and an early Buzzard drop for kids along with adult music from 9 pm to Midnight for the New Year's Eve event.

- Mr. Wood

1. The HALO group has applied for a sign permit which is approved as submitted subject to location and landscaping.
2. Mr. Davis Cosey expressed concern about stormwater issues upstream which are affecting Kersey Lake on his property. The situation is being monitored.
3. Community Development has been notified that the current NRCS has his certification and the department will be looking for an alternative representative when submitting erosion permits.

- Ms. Palmer

1. The Your Perry application will be a soft launch in early January with a hard launch in February.
2. Requested approval to place a Christmas greeting ad in the Houston Home Journal for \$65.00. It was the consensus of Council to place the ad in the local paper.

- Ms. Myers

1. The ice skating rink being set up for the Buzzard Drop will be open on January 1st from 11 am – 5 pm.

Mr. Dye, Major Phelps, Ms. King and Chief Parker had no items.

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