

PERRY CITY COUNCIL
MEETING PERRY CITY OFFICES
September 26, 2024

7:02 PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Jeppsen presided and conducted the meeting. Council Member Nathan Tueller, Council Member Blake Ostler (online), Council Member Dave Walker, and Council Member Ashley Young

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Council Member Toby Wright

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Bob Barnhill, City Administrator
Shanna Johnson, City Recorder/Finance Director
Dave Freeze, Sergeant
Bill Morris, City Attorney
Scott Hancey, Police Chief
Zach Allen, Public Works Director
Hyrum Anderson, Patrol Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Norman Nelson, Nicole Lewis, Ashlee Freeze, Koryann Freeze and Tesla Hancey

ON-LINE: Melanie Barnhill, Blake Ostler and Nelson Philips

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeppsen welcomed the attendees and called the City Council meeting to order.

ITEM 2: PROCEDURAL ISSUES

A. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None.

ITEM 3: PRESENTATIONS

A. U.S. Military Award Presentation

Retired Sergeant and FVW member, Norman Nelson, and Army Reserve Sergeant and Perry City Patrol Officer, Hyrum Anderson presented Chief Scott Hancey and Sergeant Dave Freeze with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Award, which is awarded through the Department of Defense. Sergeant Anderson expressed his gratitude for the support that Perry City extended him when he was called back to active duty.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Resolution 2024-15 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

City Recorder/Finance Director, Shanna presented Resolution 2024-15 amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (see attached slides).

She explained that the general fund amendments result in an increase of \$541,480 which comes mostly from unspent grant funds carrying forward from the prior year, with only \$18,659 in new spending. Ms. Johnson shared the added benefits to the changes including, building improvements, keeping public safety performance excellent, increasing community engagement, updating the emergency plan that would keep the city in compliance, and addressing the inflation of costs for the 4th of July. She also presented benefits to the permanent lighting, which included added security and holiday ambience.

Ms. Johnson explained that the total proposed changes to the utility fund equal \$1,203,283. She noted that \$1,000,000 of this is grant funding for the Nielsen well, \$191,075 is made up of capital project funds that were budgeted in the prior year, but not spent and therefore need to move forward to the current fiscal year, and \$12,208 is new spending which will be applied to storm drain cleaning and fleet lease expense.

Ms. Johnson shared that the bid for the 1200 West Central Trail Project came in higher than expected and UDOT approved additional funding of up to \$900,000 as a matching grant. The proposed budget amendment will allocate \$868,449 of the grant. The amendment also reflects new revenue projected to come in from developer reimbursements of \$156,000, which allows the city to reduce the use of Class C funds by \$166,747. She noted the updated projected expense for the project increased to \$3,782,893 which is a total budget change of \$1,382,893. She explained that the benefits to the project include continuing with the historic orchard pathway trail, allowing much needed road improvements, and allowing improvements to the front of the Public Works facility and parking lot.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:21 p.m.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m.

ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS (Roll Call Vote)

A. Resolution 2024-15 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Mayor Jeppsen introduced the resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. Council Member Ostler questioned why several utility projects have been rolled over to the next year, specifically the well project. Ms. Johnson replied that the design, water rights, land acquisition and other red tape items have delayed the well project. Council Member Ostler asked for clarification on the completion date of the well. The council was informed that the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds need to be spent by 2026. Bob Barnhill, City Administrator, added that the well should be drilled the summer of 2025 and the pumphouse chlorination and connection into the system would happen in the middle of 2026. He mentioned that he was told that the schedule is set up to be very conservative due to the uncertainty of what issues can come up during the drilling of the well.

Public Works Director, Zach Allen gave an explanation on the PRVs (pressure reducing valves) and the fixes that were made to keep the pressure in the system below 120 psi and the benefits that come with keeping it that low.

Council Member Ostler inquired as to why the grants were not included in the original budget process. Ms. Johnson replied that she wanted to make sure the balances were up to date, rather than guessing.

The council discussed the permanent lights and what hours the lights would be turned on, distance between the lights, maintenance, the warranty and whether people renting the event center could choose the light pattern.

A discussion was held on the proposed budget for an Emergency Manager and the plans and issues that would be addressed with the position. Mayor Jeppsen added that the city has been out of compliance since 2017 regarding wildland fire and due to personnel changes, the city has never been able to complete a plan. He shared some of the issues and conversations he has had to resolve the issues and that he is optimistic with the current City Emergency Manager and his knowledge in addressing these issues.

Questions were asked about a completion date for the 1200 West Central Trail Project. Bob replied that the completion date is scheduled for Summer or Fall of 2026.

MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-15 Amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Council Member Young seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Young, Yes
Council Member Walker, Yes
Council Member Ostler, Yes
Council Member Wright, Absent
Council Member Tueller, Yes

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No

ITEM 6: MINUTES & COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORTS (INCLUDING COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS)

A. Approval of Consent Items

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MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to approve the consent items. Council Member Young seconded the motion.

Motion Approved. All Council Members were in favor.

B. Mayor's Reports

None.

C. Council Reports

Council member Walker gave an update on the Mountain View Bike Park. Requests for proposals have been sent to professional trail designers to strengthen the grant application and should be returned on October 9th.

Council Member Ostler inquired about the new website and its security. Ms. Johnson explained that the state legislature is requiring that all web addresses that are government related are

now required to end in (.gov) and informed the council of the new email format. She added that the web support company is working to get the site secured.

D. Staff Comments

Bob Barnhill, City Administrator informed the council that he sent out an email with an update on the city's signage and asked that the council review it. He added that adjustments can still be made and encouraged the council to reach out with any additional thoughts.

E. Planning Commission Report

None.

ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Walker

Motion Approved. All Council Members were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

Misty Moesser, Deputy Recorder