

PERRY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PERRY CITY OFFICES
JUNE 12, 2025

7:01 PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Jeppsen, Council Member Toby Wright, Council Member Dave Walker, Council Member Ashley Young, and Council Member Blake Ostler (online)

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Council Member Nathan Tueller

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Bob Barnhill, Public Works Director Zach Allen, Chief of Police Scott Hancey, Deputy Recorder Anita Nicholas and Deputy Recorder Misty Moesser

OTHERS PRESENT: None

ON-LINE: Box Elder News Journal (BENJ)

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEM 2: PROCEDURAL ISSUES

A. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None

B. Appointment: Planning Commission

Mayor Jeppsen proposed that the Council reappoint Stephen Moss as a planning commissioner. City Administrator Bob Barnhill briefly explained that Stephen Moss had served 4 years and was willing to serve again. Mr. Barnhill noted that Mr. Moss had done a great job.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to reappoint Stephen Moss to the Planning Commission. Council Member Young seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No

ITEM 3: ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2025-11 Adopting a Final Tax Rate for Tax Year 2025

Mr. Barnhill presented the tax rate report prepared by Finance Director Shanna Johnson. He informed the Council that a tax rate needed to be formally adopted and outlined two potential options:

1. Certified Tax Rate – Adoption of this rate would not require a Truth in Taxation hearing. It closely aligns with the projections outlined in the tentative budget, reflecting a modest decrease of approximately \$8,000 in total revenue.
2. Maintain Current Tax Rate – This option would require initiating the Truth in Taxation process and would result in an estimated revenue increase of \$65,000.

Mr. Barnhill emphasized that the Council retained the flexibility to consider alternative rates if desired. He also noted that Ms. Johnson would be responsible for completing and submitting the resolution in accordance with the Council's final decision.

Mayor Jeppsen then provided an update regarding the revised budget. He explained that approximately \$500,000 would be reallocated to capital projects in order to maintain compliance with the allowable maximum general fund balance. He indicated that additional funding would be directed to the landscaping project and the 1200 West North Side project. Remaining funds would be distributed equally among the parks department, the gun range, and the public works facility.

Council Member Walker inquired about the projected general fund balance percentage, which is anticipated to decrease from approximately 35% to 24%. He expressed concern about the implications for the following fiscal year, including the potential need for budget reductions or a future tax increase. In response, Mayor Jeppsen and Mr. Barnhill clarified that several expenditures—such as the landscaping project—were one-time costs and would not recur in subsequent years.

Following deliberation, the Council reached a consensus to adopt the certified tax rate.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11 and adopt the certified tax rate. Council Member Walker seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No

ITEM 4: Discussion Items

A. 2025 Municipal Wastewater Survey

Public Works Director Zach Allen presented the state-mandated Municipal Wastewater Planning Program (MWPP) survey, which evaluates Perry City's sewer system operations, treatment capacity, and financial health. He explained that the city maintains sewer revenues in a dedicated enterprise district account, collecting 95% or more of expected revenue and meeting all debt obligations. The collection system

includes 37 miles of sewer pipe, 2 lift stations, and 2,223 connections, with some infrastructure requiring repair. He stated that the wastewater treatment plant is functioning at 40% of its 2 million-gallon daily capacity, handling an average of 799,000 gallons per day. While one certified operator is currently employed, the City is actively hiring additional personnel. Although preventative maintenance plans are in place, they have not been updated in the last five years.

Mr. Allen concluded that the sewer system and treatment plant are operating well, with plenty of capacity to grow. He noted that the aging system might require more attention in the future and suggested considering a capital facilities or impact fee study to ensure they are charging enough for future needs.

Council Member Walker asked about the maintenance of the collection system, specifically about using liners to fix pipes. Mr. Allen explained that they haven't lined any pipes recently but plan to use this technology for small repairs in the future. He described the benefits of this method, including extending the life of the pipes without excavation.

ITEM 5: MINUTES & COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORTS (INCLUDING COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS)

A. Approval of Consent Items

- May 22, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Council Member Walker made a motion to approve the consent items. Council Member Wright seconded.

All Council Members were in favor.

Motion Approved.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jeppsen reported that the city had finalized its Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Mr. Barnhill explained that this plan is part of a state program that would help cover costs if a fire spreads from Perry City onto the mountainside. The state has accepted and signed the plan, and the city has a financial contribution annually to fulfill its end of the agreement.

C. Council Reports

Council Member Walker reported that the deadline for submissions for phase 1 of the bike park project was Thursday, June 19. He invited other council members to participate in the evaluation process if interested.

D. Staff Comments

None

D. Planning Commission Report

None

ITEM 6: CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to close the public session and open the closed session to discuss strategy regarding pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Council Member Walker seconded the motion.

Closed Session opened at 7:40PM.

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

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion at 8:11PM to close the closed session and move back into the public meeting. Council Member Walker seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Approved. All Council Members were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14PM.

Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

Misty Moesser, Deputy Recorder