

PERRY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PERRY CITY OFFICES  
JULY 10, 2025

7:03 PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Jeppsen, Council Member Dave Walker, Council Member Ashley Young, Council Member Nathan Tueller and Council Member Blake Ostler

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Council Member Toby Wright

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None

ON-LINE: None

#### **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

#### **ITEM 3: PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **A. Resolution 2025-14 Water Conservation Plan**

City Administrator Bob Barnhill recommended that Resolution 2025-14 be tabled, as the state was still reviewing the plan and wanted to provide feedback. The resolution was tabled.

##### **B. Resolution 2025-15 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget**

The public hearing opened at 7:11PM.

No public comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 7:11PM.

#### **ITEM 4: ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Resolution 2025-14 Water Conservation Plan**

Resolution 2025-14 was tabled.

##### **B. Resolution 2025-15 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget**

Mr. Barnhill provided background on the budget amendment, explaining it involved using water revenue to add to the budget for the Mountain View Bike Park Project. He stated the project was

split into two parts - trails work planned for spring, and a preparatory project this fall/summer to correct erosion issues and connect water pipes. Mr. Barnhill noted the funds were already available as restricted water funds, and the project was impact fee eligible.

Council Member Walker asked how much would remain in the impact fee fund after this expenditure, but Mr. Barnhill did not have that specific figure available. Mayor Jeppsen estimated it would be around 23% of the fund.

Council Member Ostler pointed out some typographical errors in the resolution document that needed correction.

**MOTION:** Council Member Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget with the typographical corrections. Council Member Tueller seconded the motion.

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

**Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No**

### **C. Resolution 2025-16 Animal Shelter Agreement**

Mr. Barnhill explained that Brigham City was no longer providing animal shelter services to non-Brigham residents. He outlined the proposed agreement with a local pet boarding establishment in Willard to house animals when needed by the police department, at a cost of \$22 per day. Mr. Barnhill clarified this would not be for public use, only for Perry City Police Department needs.

Chief Scott Hancey provided additional details, noting it was only for dogs and could potentially get costly, especially for situations like 10-day quarantines after dog bites. He explained they planned to pass costs onto dog owners, when possible, but there was risk of owners abandoning animals. Chief Hancey said they would treat it like other lost property, with a holding period before considering adoption or euthanasia as a last resort.

City Attorney Bill Morris noted there were some gaps in the agreement regarding abandoned animals and adoption procedures. He suggested looking into creating an animal service district with other nearby cities as a longer-term solution, calling this a one-year stopgap measure.

In the discussion, council members asked about comparison to previous arrangements with Brigham City, frequency of police animal pickups, and procedures for returning animals to owners. Chief Hancey estimated they handled 1-2 animals every 1-2 months on average. Concerns were raised about potential costs, especially for longer holds or euthanasia.

Council members discussed possible alternatives like privatization or working with Box Elder County. Mr. Morris offered to help connect the city with a veterinarian who might be interested in running a private shelter if multiple cities committed to it.

Council Member Ostler asked about reinstating a pet registration program to help offset costs, but there were concerns about enforcement challenges and low compliance. Chief Hancey noted previous registration revenue didn't fully cover administrative costs.

**MOTION:** Council Member Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16 Animal Shelter Agreement. Council Member Tueller seconded the motion.

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

**Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No**

## **ITEM 5: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Fourth of July**

Mayor Jeppsen led a discussion on the recent Fourth of July events. He noted he attended the morning run and fireworks, and felt the events went well overall. The mayor mentioned there was some miscommunication regarding his role in the car show awards.

Council Member Young praised the car show, stating it was impressive and well-received. She mentioned positive feedback from Maddox restaurant staff about increased business from the event.

Council Member Walker shared positive feedback from a resident who appreciated the free children's craft activities at the park.

Council Member Tueller suggested improving the timing and prominence of the flag ceremony, potentially holding it earlier before the race or during the parade to maximize attendance and visibility.

Mr. Barnhill noted the national anthem was intended to be performed earlier during the parade but was delayed due to miscommunication. He also mentioned the tentative plan to do a drone show instead of fireworks next year, citing potential issues with continuing fireworks if development occurs on nearby property.

Mayor Jeppsen thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their efforts during the busy week. He also acknowledged the volunteers who organized various events, including Andrew Singleton for the race, Deb Clawson for the dinner, and others.

Chief Hancey briefly discussed the donut eating contest held by the police department, with the winner consuming 14 donuts.

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

### **A. Approval of Consent Items**

- June 26, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes
- June 26, 2025 RDA Meeting Minutes

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

**All Council Members were in favor.**

**Motion Approved.**

### **B. Mayor's Report**

The Mayor's Report was considered covered by the Fourth of July discussion.

### **C. Council Reports**

Council Member Walker provided an update on the bike park project. He reported they had finished evaluating proposals and were in the process of negotiating contract details with one of the proposers. He noted that none of the bidders were local companies, but all had experience with similar projects in the state.

Council Member Ostler inquired about discussions with the engineer regarding restricted water funds. Mr. Barnhill summarized the engineer's feedback, stating that at the current water rates, it was not yet appropriate to set aside restricted funds beyond covering operations and maintenance costs.

Council Member Tueller briefly mentioned positive developments at the sewer treatment plant, particularly praising the work of new hire, Tanner, as an operator. He also commended Zach Allen for his dedication in helping at the plant.

### **D. Staff Comments**

Mr. Barnhill announced an upcoming public open house for the parks master planning effort, scheduled for July 31st at the event center. He noted they had already received substantial online feedback and would have concept plans available for public input at the open house.

Public Works Director Zach Allen thanked the staff and council for their work on the Fourth of July events, particularly acknowledging the behind-the-scenes efforts of staff members.

### **E. Planning Commission Report**

None

**ITEM 8: CLOSED SESSION**

None needed.

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Motion Approved. All Council Members were in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

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Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

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Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

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Misty Moesser, Deputy Recorder