

PERRY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PERRY CITY OFFICES  
March 26, 2026

7:03 PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Jeppsen, Council Member Toby Wright, Council Member Blake Ostler, and Council Member Ashley Young

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Council Member Dave Walker and Council Member Nathan Tueller

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Recorder/Finance Director Shanna Johnson, City Administrator Bob Barnhill, Chief Scott Hancey (online), City Attorney Bill Morris, Public Works Director Zach Allen and Deputy Recorder Misty Moesser

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Kaminska, Myron Workman, Richard Hendrix and Jason Roberts

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

**B. Appointment: C.E.R.T. Chairman**

Mayor Jeppsen requested to table the C.E.R.T. Chairman appointment. No objections were heard, and the item was tabled.

**ITEM 3: PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Utopia Update**

Jason Roberts from Utopia presented the annual update on Utopia operations. He reviewed the founding member cities, with Perry being one of the original members, and noted that Utopia has expanded to include additional cities that have signed up since the originals. These newer cities have no ownership in the system but have been built out through various financing arrangements.

Mr. Roberts reported strong growth, with total subscribers increasing from just over 70,000 last year to just over 80,000 currently. Perry's subscriber count has grown by 30-40 customers since last year. The system maintains an open access model with 24 different service providers, and Mr. Roberts highlighted their unique fiber-to-home architecture where each customer gets a dedicated line from the router to their house.

He added that Utopia introduced a new 2.5 gigabyte per second product that has been more successful than anticipated, particularly with new customers. The company continues to make annual distribution payments to cities, with Perry receiving \$38,000-\$39,000 last year and expecting approximately \$41,000 this year.

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

##### **A. Resolution 2026-07 Donation Agreement with Kawanis for Mt. View Bike Park**

City Administrator Bob Barnhill explained that this resolution formalizes the agreement discussed at the previous meeting regarding Kiwanis' donation for the Mt. View Bike Park project. The resolution covers phase 1 construction, while the letter provides Kiwanis first option for phases 2 and 3. City Attorney Bill Morris confirmed he had reviewed the agreement with Council Member Walker and addressed his concerns, though not all were incorporated. He expressed no objection to approval and noted that Council Member Walker had invested considerable work in the project. Council Member Ostler asked about legal review, and Mr. Morris confirmed the document was acceptable, encouraging approval given the community benefit and the club members' excitement about the project.

**MOTION:** Council Member Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 Donation Agreement with Kawanis for Mt. View Bike Park. Council Member Ostler seconded the motion.

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

**Motion Approved. 3 Yes, 0 No**

#### **ITEM 5: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **A. Arbor Day Proclamation**

Mr. Barnhill explained that Perry City is pursuing membership in Tree City USA as part of increased attention to tree management. The program requires cities to demonstrate financial commitment to tree maintenance and planting, and to annually proclaim Arbor Day.

Mr. Barnhill noted that Tree City USA membership opens up better grant opportunities for tree-related projects, building on Perry's past success with tree grants and inventory projects. He noted that the Public Works department will spearhead this initiative.

Council Member Ostler asked about the benefits, which Barnhill described as grant opportunities and community recognition. He confirmed there are no direct fees to Tree City USA, only the requirement to demonstrate appropriate budget allocation for tree care.

Mr. Morris, having experience with the program in his previous city for 21 years, provided additional context about the program's benefits, including recognition events, flags, and stickers. He noted the requirement of approximately \$2 per resident for tree programs, which Perry already meets through its tree inventory and maintenance work.

The council approved the mayor signing the proclamation annually, with City Recorder/Finance Director Shanna Johnson noting she would remove language about "renewing" the program since this is Perry's first application.

## B. Budget Update

Ms. Johnson presented a comprehensive budget update for fiscal year 2026 as of February, covering all major funds.

**General Fund:** Revenues are performing well at 71% collected through 67% of the fiscal year. Property taxes reached 68% collection, with most revenue categories exceeding the 67% benchmark. Ms. Johnson noted strong performance across revenue streams, including RDA transfers and anticipated fund balance usage.

**Sewer Fund:** Collections reached 64% in operations, with user rates at 69%. Connection fees exceeded expectations due to new developments, and nonoperating revenues (primarily impact fees) reached 77%.

**Water Fund:** Operations reached 73% collection, with nonoperating revenues at 525% due to West Meadows impact fees from Phase 1 development. Overall fund performance was 189% of expected at this point in the fiscal year.

**Storm Drain Fund:** Operations at 62% with user rates at 68%, though miscellaneous fees came in lower than anticipated. Nonoperating revenues at 47% resulted in 57% total fund performance.

**Garbage Fund:** Reached 68% collection, performing well despite increased costs for broken garbage can replacements.

**Sales Tax:** Collections exceeded budget by 6.28%, trending toward \$76,000 more than the prior year and \$86,000 above budget.

**Expenses:** General fund expenses are at 56% of budget, well below the 67% benchmark. Some areas like community development showed overages due to subdivision fees, which generate offsetting revenues. Animal control approached 90% of its small \$950 budget due to payments to Ellie's Pet Hotel.

Ms. Johnson noted that all funds are performing well within budget parameters, with most revenue streams exceeding expectations and expenses remaining controlled.

## C. April Meetings

Ms. Johnson explained scheduling conflicts with April meetings due to the Republican convention on April 9th and the League of Cities and Towns Conference April 22nd-24th. She proposed meeting April 16th to present the tentative budget, as state code doesn't require budget presentation until the first May meeting.

Discussion ensued about alternatives, including April 15th, 21st, or waiting until May 14th.

Ms. Johnson offered to survey council members via email for available dates between the current meeting and May 14th, noting they could always add work sessions if needed once they see the budget. The council agreed to this approach, with Ms. Johnson planning to provide timeline comparisons for both April and May budget presentation scenarios.

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

**A. Approval of Consent Items**

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**MOTION:** Council Member Wright made a motion to approve the consent item. Council Member Young seconded.

**All Council Members were in favor.**

**Motion Approved.**

**B. Mayor's Report**

None

**C. Council Reports**

Council Member Wright noted that two city council members (himself, and Ostler) are now county and state delegates, explaining their absence for April meetings. It was noted that Mr. Barnhill is a delegate as well. He expressed excitement about participating in this new role and the opportunity to cast votes in the primary process.

**D. Staff Comments**

Ms. Johnson announced that Perry City will receive an additional \$1,200 from America 250 Utah on top of the previously awarded \$1,500, due to surplus funding being distributed to participating cities. She reported good turnout for committee meetings and shared that they had received the storyline for the planned drone show, with monthly meetings planned going forward.

**E. Planning Commission Report**

None

**ITEM 6: CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council Member Wright made a motion at 8:05PM to close the public meeting and open a closed session to discuss strategy regarding pending, or reasonably imminent litigation. Council Member Young seconded the motion.

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

**Motion Approved. 3 Yes, 0 No.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Wright made a motion at 8:44PM to close the closed session and move back into the public meeting. Council Member Young seconded the motion.

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

**Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.**

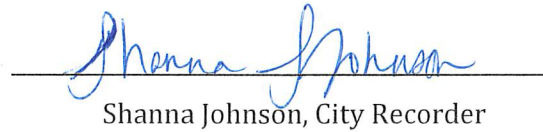
**ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

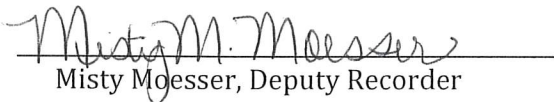
**MOTION:** Council Member Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

  
Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

  
Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

  
Misty Moesser, Deputy Recorder