

PERRY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PERRY CITY OFFICES
June 25, 2026

7:00 PM

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

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Council Member Dave Walker

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Recorder/Finance Director Shanna Johnson, Chief Scott Hancey, Police Secretary Brittney Zieseniss, Sergeant Dave Freeze, Sergeant Mark Jordan, Detective Zach Waddoups, Public Works Director Zach Allen, City Attorney Bill Morris and Deputy Recorder Misty Moesser

OTHERS PRESENT: Teresa Waddoups, Don E. Watson and Belle Waddoups

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: PRESENTATIONS

A. Police Department Award

Police Chief Scott Hancey presented the Medal of Valor to Detective Zachary Waddoups in recognition of his extraordinary courage and selfless actions in the line of duty. Sergeant Mark Jordan read the nomination, recounting an incident on November 7, 2025, when Detective Waddoups entered a residence alone during an active family disturbance after a firearm had already been discharged. Despite the immediate danger to his own safety, Detective Waddoups secured the weapon and prevented further harm, demonstrating exceptional bravery, sound judgment, and unwavering commitment to protecting others. Following the presentation, Detective Waddoups' wife, Belle Waddoups, had the honor of pinning the Medal of Valor on his uniform.

B. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Amendment

Finance Director Shanna Johnson presented the proposed amendment to the current fiscal year budget. Key revenue adjustments included increases in taxes (\$81,689), licenses and permits (\$124,075), intergovernmental revenue (\$273,864), and charges for service (\$86,161), offset by reductions in miscellaneous revenues (\$27,172) and Class C fund transfers due to road projects being deferred to FY2027. Expense adjustments included increases for animal control, community development inspections, and utility-related transfers, as well as a reduction in the streets budget for deferred projects. The net effect was a reduction of \$324,010 in both revenues and expenses, bringing the total amended budget to \$6,480,344, which remains balanced.

C. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Final Budget

Ms. Johnson presented the proposed final budget for FY2026-2027. The general fund budget is \$6,945,817, an 8% increase from the prior year, and includes no property tax increase. The budget utilizes \$209,154 in unrestricted fund balance, leaving an unrestricted fund balance of

approximately 24%. Enterprise fund budgets include water at \$863,159 (up 14.7%), storm drain at \$196,918 (up 5.6%), garbage at \$483,844 (up 8.5%), and sewer at \$1,608,296 (down 2.6%). The budget decreased \$100,693 from the tentative budget presented in May, primarily due to staffing changes. A 15% water rate increase (\$4.13 per month) was included, along with a 2% sewer rate increase and a 2% storm drain rate increase. No garbage rate increase was proposed.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Resolution 2026-12 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget**
- B. Ordinance 26-L Utility Rates**

The Public Hearing for Items 4A and 4B was opened at 7:22PM.

No public comments were made.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:23PM.

ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution 2026-09 Adopting a Final Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget**

Following discussion, Council Member Ostler noted that the sewer fund's debt service coverage ratio drops to 1.03 without impact fees and encouraged the Council to remain mindful of the fund's dependency on continued growth. Discussion also clarified that the primary drivers of the water fund expense increase were a new well coming online and related utility costs, as well as increased depreciation.

MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-09 Adopting a Final Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget. Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No

- B. Resolution 2026-12 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget**

Council Member Ostler verified that core revenues, particularly sales tax, came in stronger than budgeted, and that the apparent overall revenue reduction was largely attributable to the deferral of Class C fund transfers.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-12 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Council Member Tueller seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No

- C. Resolution 2026-13 Public Safety Retirement Pick Up**

Ms. Johnson explained that the Utah Retirement Systems had increased the employee contribution rate for Tier 2 public safety employees from 4.73% to 5.98% of salary, driven by actuarial adjustments resulting from large cost-of-living increases in recent years. The City has historically elected to pick up this employee portion. Once adopted, the pickup rate cannot be reduced. The estimated incremental cost to the city is approximately \$15,000 annually. All new public safety employees are hired as Tier 2 members.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-13 Public Safety Retirement Pick Up. Council Member Tueller seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No

D. Ordinance 26-L Utility Rates

The Council discussed the storm drain fund, which is projected to sustain an operational loss of approximately \$52,288 (or \$19,798 excluding depreciation) at the proposed 2% rate increase. It was noted that a \$1.00 per month rate increase would eliminate the loss. The Council opted to retain the proposed 2% increase for the current year while directing staff to revisit the storm drain rate with updated capital facilities plan analysis. Public Works Director Zach Allen provided context on MS4 compliance obligations, including annual cleaning costs of \$50,000–\$60,000 and state-mandated reporting requirements. City Attorney Bill Morris explained that the MS4 designation is governed federally through the EPA and administered in Utah by the DEQ, based on metropolitan statistical area classifications. The Council also directed that the ordinance effective date be amended to July 1, 2026.

MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-L Utility Rates with the effective date being July 1, 2026. Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No

ITEM 6: DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Perry 4th of July Celebration

Ms. Johnson provided an overview of the upcoming 4th of July celebration schedule. Events span July 1–4 and include an awards dinner and flag-raising ceremony on July 1, featuring former mayors and the presentation of a commemorative challenge coin. Award recipients include Grand Marshals Jana and Reese Nelson, Citizen of the Year Jolene Eddington, Business of the Year Heritage Chrysler Jeep

Dodge, Mayor's Award recipient Pronghorn Bicycles, and Boyd White Service Award recipient Bruce Whiting. Other events include a softball tournament, a movie in the park (showing *Miracle*), a drone show sponsored by Mr. Bender and Box Elder County, a deadlift competition, a donut eating contest, a home run derby, a kickball tournament, a car show, and a parade on July 4.

ITEM 7: MINUTES & COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORTS (INCLUDING COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS)

A. Approval of Consent Items

- June 11, 2026

Council Member Ostler noted two corrections: a reference to "truth and taxation" should be corrected to "truth in taxation" in the work session minutes (line 30), and a missing word should be corrected in the regular meeting minutes (line 143).

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve the June 11, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes with the noted corrections. Council Member Tueller seconded the motion.

All Council Members were in favor.

B. Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on the ribbon-cutting ceremonies held the prior Saturday for the Historic Orchard Pathway near the public works facility and the Kiwanis Gravity Bike Park. Approximately 300 attendees were estimated at the bike park event, which Pronghorn Bicycle also supported with free bike tune-ups and giveaways. The Mayor noted the favorable turnout relative to a comparable Pronghorn event in Cache Valley.

C. Council Reports

Council Member Ostler reported positive resident feedback regarding the City's decision to replace fireworks with a drone show for fire safety reasons. He also inquired about the status of fireworks restrictions following a reported statewide executive order by the Governor. The Mayor confirmed that the fire marshal had communicated restrictions in coordination with the Box Elder News Journal, and that a map correction had been posted on the City's website and social media. He explained that the restriction applies basically to all the City except between Highway 89 and 1200 West (excluding Dale Young Nature Park), pending any further state-level guidance. Chief Hancey confirmed doubled staffing throughout the holiday weekend for enforcement purposes.

Council Member Ostler also presented three financial analysis charts he had prepared, examining the average annual cost of city taxes and utilities per household (approximately \$1,900 in FY2027), the composition of that cost over time, and compound annual growth rates compared to the CPI for the western United States. The analysis indicated that Perry City's tax and utility cost burden to residents has broadly tracked inflation, with utilities showing a steeper upward trend in recent years largely attributable to the new garbage contract and water rate increases.

Council Member Wright expressed appreciation for the turnout at the bike park ribbon cutting and thanked the administration for their work during the budget season.

D. Staff Comments

None.

E. Planning Commission Report

None.

ITEM 8: CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

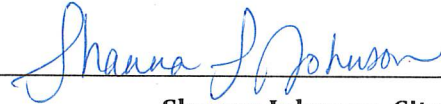
MOTION: Council Member Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Approved. All Council Members were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39PM.

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Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

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Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

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Misty Moesser, Deputy Recorder