PERRY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PERRY CITY OFFICES
October 8, 2026 7:02 PM

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| OFFICIALS PRESENT: | Mayor Kevin Jeppsen, Council Member Nathan Tueller, Council Member Blake Ostler and Council Member Dave Walker |
| OFFICIALS ABSENT: | Council Member Toby Wright and Council Member Ashley Young |
| CITY STAFF PRESENT: | City Administrator Bob Barnhill, Chief Scott Hancey, Public Works Director Tyler Pugsley and Deputy Recorder Anita Nicholas |
| OTHERS PRESENT: | None |
| ON-LINE: | None |

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeppsen welcomed everyone and called the City Council meeting to order. He introduced Tyler Pugsley as the City's new Public Works Director. Mr. Pugsley gave a brief introduction and mentioned that he is excited to be a part of Perry City.

**ITEM 2: PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

**A. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

None

**ITEM 3: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Resolution 2026-15 Animal Shelter Agreement**

City Administrator Bob Barnhill presented the proposed updated animal shelter agreement with Ellie's Pet Hotel, which included a rate increase from $22 to $28 per day. He noted that minor corrections to the effective date and a typographical error in the resolution would need to be addressed upon approval.

Police Chief Scott Hancey provided operational context, noting that animal control costs average approximately $2,000 per month and that the City currently has three dogs in the shelter—one since as early as February. He reported that outreach to animal rights groups and Weber County Animal Services had not yet yielded alternative solutions.

The Council discussed using City social media and the City newsletter to promote adoption.

The Council reviewed legal concerns with the agreement, including adoption procedures, authorized personnel, animal intake requirements, fee collection, automatic renewal terms, and inconsistent dates.

Council members also discussed the feasibility of a regional animal control facility with Willard City and Box Elder County, referencing Weber County's service district model. Reinstating animal licensing fees was also considered, though the program had previously operated at a loss.

Given the volume of suggested edits, the Council agreed to table the item and directed staff to return with a red-lined version of the agreement and resolution for review at the next meeting.

**The Item was tabled.**

### B. Ordinance 26-R Storm Water Amendments

Mr. Barnhill presented the proposed stormwater ordinance amendments, explaining that all changes were driven by state-mandated updates to Perry City's stormwater permit, as prepared by the City's stormwater consultant, Jones and Associates. The amendments included new required definitions, terminology updates and reorganization of existing code provisions including relocation of violations and penalties sections.

Council Member Ostler identified several areas needing clarification or correction, including redundant language, the wording related to where fines are deposited, incorrect terms, missing words, and inconsistent names in the document. Mr. Barnhill states that he will work with Jones and Associates to confirm and make the necessary changes.

**MOTION**: Council Member Tueller made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-R Storm Water Amendments with changes. Council Member Walker seconded the motion.

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

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

### C. Resolution 2026-16 Storm Water Management

Mr. Barnhill City Administrator Barnhill presented the annual stormwater management plan update, also prepared by Jones and Associates, as required under the City's MS4 permit. He confirmed that responsible staff are familiar with and charged with implementing the plan's requirements.

**MOTION**: Council Member Walker made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-R Storm Water Management Plan. Council Member Tueller seconded the motion.

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

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

**Additional Discussion:**

Mr. Pugsley noted that, as a newly designated MS4 city, Perry is now required to hold two public hearings per calendar year to allow public comment on the stormwater management plan which would need to be incorporated into the annual schedule going forward.

Council Member Tueller noted that state-level legislative feedback from developers had influenced portions of the update, particularly around stream-lining the process and modifying the penalty structure. He also raised the idea of formally soliciting feedback from local developers at the required public hearings, so that meaningful commentary could be compiled and submitted to the state, given the regulatory burden on smaller construction operations.

**ITEM 4: 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 Walker seconded.

**All Council Members were in favor.**

**B. Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported attending a Planning Commission public hearing the prior week, expressing concern about the tone of public participation. He noted that the item under review was still in an early planning stage and had not been presented as a formal proposal, yet members of the public directed blame and frustration in ways he felt were unwarranted. The Mayor observed that educating the public on the appropriate scope and procedure of such hearings remains an ongoing challenge, and emphasized that the City's obligation is to protect the rights of all parties developers and residents alike.

**C. Council Reports**

Council Member Tueller reported on a visit to Cedar City with Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Ruben Van Tassell to examine an alternative effluent discharge system. He explained that Cedar City distributes treated wastewater across a fenced, one-mile-square area divided into approximately 80–90 sections, allowing a rancher to rotate livestock grazing. He noted that Perry's current discharge increasingly affects a single parcel of private land as development expands, making a long-term solution necessary before the next permit renewal in 2028 or 2029. He shared that Mr. Van Tassell is exploring options, including a LiDAR survey to evaluate drainage and a pumped distribution system that could allow multiple landowners to use the treated water on a rotating basis.

Council Member Tueller also reported that the wastewater treatment plant's second operational train is nearly ready to return to service pending the arrival of specialty parts, which will improve control over discharge quality and volume. He emphasized the growing statewide interest in treated wastewater reuse, including water rights and secondary irrigation, and encouraged Perry to explore these opportunities. He praised Mr. Van Tassell's expertise and proactive efforts while noting the importance of planning for future wastewater infrastructure needs, including the potential for regional solutions similar to those discussed for animal control.

**D. Staff Comments**

City Administrator Robert Barnhill reminded the Council and community of the upcoming City trunk-or-treat event scheduled for October 26, with vehicles requested to be in place by 5:30 PM and the event beginning at 6:00 PM.

**E. Planning Commission Report**

None.

**ITEM 5: CLOSED SESSION**

No closed session was held.

The Mayor noted that a future closed session would be scheduled under Agenda Item 5B to discuss eligibility and background check processes for Range Safety Officers (RSOs) at the City gun range, consistent with direction previously provided by City Attorney Bill Morris.

**ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:28PM.

Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

Misty Moesser, Deputy Recorder