

PERRY CITY WORK SESSION  
PERRY CITY OFFICES  
April 28, 2022

6:02 PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Jeppsen presided and conducted the meeting. Council Members Blake Ostler, Nathan Tueller, Toby Wright, and Ashley Young

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Dave Walker

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Robert Barnhill, City Administrator; Shanna Johnson, City Recorder; Bill Morris, City Attorney; Scott Hancey, Chief of Police; David Freeze, Sergeant, Hyrum Anderson, Patrol Officer, Tyler Wagstaff, Public Works Director

OTHERS PRESENT: None

#### **ITEM 1: Welcome to Order and Welcome**

Mayor Jeppsen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

#### **ITEM 2: Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Planning**

Public Works Director, Tyler Wagstaff began the session by recounting the road improvements done last year by the Public Works Department. He used a maps to show the completed roads and explained what service was done. He noted that the red areas meant that the road was paved with a 2" overlay and the blue areas were chipped and sealed roads (See 2021 Street Maintenance map). He indicated that 1200 West road repair will be done by July of 2022. Also, a short stretch of 1325 West will receive a full rebuild because of settling caused by water damage. He then mentioned that they are planning to chip over the roads that were paved last year.

Council Member Wright asked for an explanation of the difference between chip and crack seal. Mr. Wagstaff explained that chip seal is applying rock chips to an asphalt road that had been recently paved. Compared to the crack seal where the previous paved road gets only a hot tar repair on the cracks.

Mr. Wagstaff reviewed a 2022 street map to show the future Public Works road repair plans. He said there are several manholes that have settled and the road around them needs repair. Vintage Farms is the largest project area. He also noted that a few areas on the road by Walmart need crack seal done to fix them. (See 2022 Street Maintenance map). He then mentioned that everything is getting so expensive that it's hard to stay in budget.

Mr. Wagstaff went into discussing the major water leaks the Public Works Department has completed so far this fiscal year. He said that during the winter holidays there was a water main break and because of the weather Public Works had to contract out the job to get it fixed. Another water line leak happened under the road on Highway 89. He said that Perry City didn't have the proper equipment to cut such thick asphalt, so again the water leak repair needed to be contracted

out. Both of these repairs and other emergency situations demonstrate why the Public Works budget has increased. He said that the side of the highway still needs to be repaired which will utilize more of last years' budgeted money. He explained he is proposing an extra \$25k for road repairs in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, based on the prior year's emergency water leaks.

Council Member Tueller asked the timeframe for the completion of this year's projects. Mr. Wagstaff said the water line up-grade and new road on 2700 south to 1200 west should be done by June. Then he remarked that he recently attended a water seminar and learned the state is requiring municipalities to replace any lead pipes. Therefore, the Public Works Department will need to get an inventory to replace the lines. Another project that should be done in Fiscal Year 2023 is to get the ground work done for the water wells. However, it was expressed that cost on the water wells should come from the ARPA funds.

Council Member Wright suggested a possible funding source for roads that he was made aware of from a recent USDOT email he received. He said that USDOT is having a meeting about how to create safe streets and roads. In this meeting they'll discuss how cities can apply to get grant money to help with their qualifying road projects.

Mayor Jeppsen said he's concerned about the road repair in the Vintage Farms subdivision. He wondered if they would encounter clay with this repair, similar to the 700 West project which went over budget. He asked if Public Works has a contingency plan if they find themselves in the same situation and have difficulty with the cost of this project. Mr. Wagstaff said that's something he'll need to keep in mind as they work on this project.

The next presentation was, Chief Hancey, of the Police Department. He reported that the biggest increase in their budget proposal was to get another Sergeant in their department. On a slide he showed the case detail that gave the number of completed case from the prior year. He continued by explaining the next slide that gave the data for when calls came in the department and their busiest time of the day (See Officer Proposal slides). To give a comparison with other Police Departments in the county he compiled the number of cases to patrol officers. His findings showed that on average Perry City had a higher percentage of cases per officer than other cities of similar size.

Council Member Wright asked if the increased percentage in local crime activity had to do with calls to Walmart. Chief Hancey said it wasn't directly related to Walmart but was caused by a variety of issues. Council Member Ostler asked Chief Hancey about Perry City's crime rate or cases per capita, and how the city compared to other areas. Chief Hancey explained that we're about the same as other cities. He remarked that Perry City also responds to dispatched calls for back up to other agencies. He noted that he'd like to have better response times for our residents.

Chief Hancey said that if they are able to get another Sergeant then he would rearrange the Police Department's organizational chart. He noted that the city would get an increase supervision especially during night hours. Council Member Ostler asked for liability purposes is there a preferred ratio of supervisor to subordinate for the police department. Chief Hancey replied that it depends on the needs of the city and he feels having two for Perry will help and would last for a

while. He also feels that having an additional Sergeant will help with the employee engagement and retention, along with a boost in quality control.

Council Member Ostler asked Sergeant Freeze how many times he was called on his day off. Sergeant Freeze responded that he gets called about three to four times a week, usually in the earlier morning hours. Chief Hancey also noted, that Sergeant Freeze has been filling in for sick officers as needed. He stated that the additional staff is greatly needed especially with our growing city.

Chief Hancey said that by having another Sergeant it will allow the department to be able to send the officers to refresher trainings or to get a specialty certification. Mayor Jeppsen mentioned that increased training helps them to be more aware of the preventive signs and it might reduce crime.

Council Member Ostler asked if a new officer requires other costs such as a vehicle, etc. Chief Hancey showed the breakdown of costs associated with a new officer (See attached). They discussed the cost of their personal protective wear and the longevity of a police vehicle.

Shanna Johnson presented the amendments to the Tentative Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. She expressed that due to the new building payment, compensation, and some road and street improvements that will be carried over from Fiscal Year 2022, the budget now requires use of fund balance in the amount of \$99,319. She noted that the open stall shed and yard improvements budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2022 streets budget will not be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> and will be rolled into next year's budget, these projects make up \$93,000 of the fund balance being utilized. Council Member Ostler asked about the large increase to miscellaneous revenue in the current budget. Ms. Johnson said that the large amount was from land sales at Pointe Perry. She also mentioned that it will be better explained in the next meeting. Shanna said that we are doing better than planned on our current budget at this time, but noted that things can change.

Mayor Jeppsen asked if the council needed more budget work sessions and if so what focus would they need. It was decided that they need to have another work session to discuss compensation and parks. Therefore, a work session was scheduled on the May 12<sup>th</sup> agenda.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jeppsen closed the work session.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

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Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

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Anita Nicholas, Deputy Recorder