

PERRY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PERRY CITY OFFICES
October 9, 2025

7:02 PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Jeppsen, Council Member Dave Walker, Council Member Toby Wright, and Council Member Nathan Tueller

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Council Member Ostler and Council Member Young

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Recorder/Finance Director Shanna Johnson, City Administrator Bob Barnhill, Chief Scott Hancey, City Attorney Bill Morris, Officer Tyler Bell, and Deputy Recorder Misty Moesser

OTHERS PRESENT: Seth Rosier, Nate Martinez, Elise Grant, Alex Owens and Nathan Conley, Lexie Bell and Heidi Miller

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. Oath of Office- Police

The Oath was postponed and held after the public hearing.

Chief Scott Hancey introduced the department's newest officer, Tyler Bell. He shared that Officer Bell comes with experience from Tremonton and Willard Police Departments.

City Recorder Shanna Johnson administered the oath of office, noting that the oath dates back to the 1700s and represents a public commitment that binds officials to the people they serve. Officer Bell took the oath, and his wife was present to pin on his badge.

ITEM 3: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police

Chief Hancey presented the police department report, noting that the department has been significantly busier than in previous years. He reported a substantial increase in case numbers, with sex offenses and violent crime showing the most significant increases.

Council Member Walker inquired if these incidents were concentrated in specific areas. Chief Hancey explained they were distributed throughout the city.

The Council discussed the budget amendments as presented in the public hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-19- Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Council Member Walker seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 3 Yes, 0 No

B. Ordinance 25-R Amending the Compensation Schedule

Council members discussed the police retention bonus program in depth. Council Member Wright confirmed there would be no retroactive payments, and that the bonuses would begin from this point forward.

Chief Hancey was asked about overtime usage, and he explained that while they experience significant overtime (approximately 40 hours department-wide during a particularly busy week in July), they remain under budget. He explained that with 12-hour shifts, officers can quickly accumulate overtime hours.

Council Member Walker asked about the average experience of officers, with Chief Hancey indicating most patrol officers have 1-3 years of experience, while sergeants and detectives have 8-10 years. Chief Hancey expressed concern that Perry was becoming a "training ground" with younger officers not staying long enough to develop into future leadership positions.

The Council discussed the financial impact of officer turnover, with Chief Hancey estimating training costs at approximately \$14,000 in wages for three months of field training, \$1,600 for body armor, and \$500 for uniforms per officer. He noted that even retaining one additional officer would save the city money compared to the cost of the bonus program.

MOTION: Council Member Walker made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-R. Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 3 Yes, 0 No

C. Resolution 2025-20 Boundary Adjustment with Willard City

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

Motion Approved. 3 Yes, 0 No

F. Ordinance 25-S Rocky Mountain Power Franchise Agreement

G. Ordinance 25-T Comcast Franchise Agreement

Mr. Barnhill presented both franchise agreements, explaining they establish terms for utility providers operating within city right-of-way. City Attorney Morris added that these agreements ensure utilities move their infrastructure at their expense when city projects require it and require proper permitting for work in the city.

The Council discussed challenges with utility companies moving their lines, which has caused delays with the completion of the 1200 West project. Mayor Jeppsen noted that delays with moving utility poles had significantly impacted the project timeline and cost.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-S and Ordinance 25-T. Council Member Walker seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 3 Yes, 0 No

ITEM 6: Discussion Items

A. Land Use Discussion

Item 6A, Land Use Discussion was tabled.

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

A. Approval of Consent Items

- August 28, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- FY2025 Fraud Risk Assessment

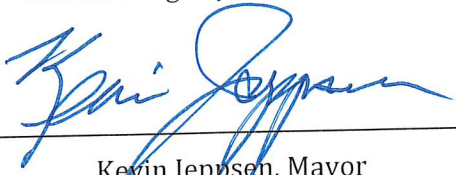
MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve the consent items. Council Member Tueller seconded.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

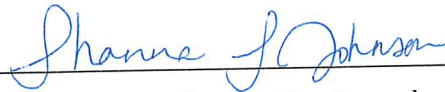
MOTION: Council Member made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Approved. All Council Members were in favor.

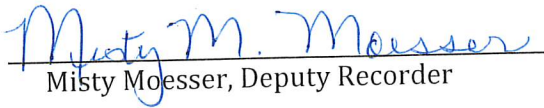
The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.



Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor



Shanna Johnson, City Recorder



Misty Moesser, Deputy Recorder

