

PERRY CITY WORK SESSION
PERRY CITY OFFICES
December 9, 2021

6:00 PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Jeppsen presided and conducted the meeting. Blake Ostler, Nathan Tueller, Toby Wright, Andrew Watkins and Esther Montgomery

OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Shanna Johnson, City Recorder; Robert Barnhill, City Administrator; Bill Morris; City Attorney, Scott Hancey; Chief of Police, Tyler Wagstaff; Public Works Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Gwynn, Nelson Phillips, Scott Sandall, David Walker, Larry Hirschi, Nathan Hirschi, Jason Burningham

ITEM 1: Welcome to Order and Welcome

Mayor Jeppsen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Mayor Jeppsen went through introductions with the Council, Senator Sandall and Representative Gwynn. He also briefly introduced the staff that were present.

ITEM 2: Work Session Presentation by Senator Sandall & Representative Gwynn

Robert Barnhill shared some thoughts on what is important to Perry City. He discussed growth and the needs of the City. He discussed allowing ADU's and a certain number of multi-family housing units in residential housing areas. He talked about the apartment complex that was approved in the Point Perry area and the impact that will have with growth on the city. He also discussed updating and streamlining processes and codes.

Representative Gwynn said he is on the political subdivisions committee and that a lot of the stuff they do is responsive and he appreciates city councils that are proactive. He can use communities like that as examples. Senator Sandall explained how the legislative process handles problems when a particular area can't get through problems with their local political subdivision and come to them.

Council Member Tueller discussed the grid system for multi-family housing and wanting to do the best they can for the citizens. He talked about the work they have done to integrate multi-family housing instead of creating micro-communities. He also discussed growth that will be coming to the area.

Council Member Watkins discussed preserving heritage (conservation subdivisions) and traffic as growth comes north (including UTA being a sore spot). Council Member Tueller discussed the amount of taxes paid by Perry City to UTA each year and the frustrations of not being able to use that money for other things the city needs instead (streets etc.) He wanted to know if there is a way to repeal this or do something about it.

Senator Sandall discussed ARPA funds to deal with water issues, including installing water meters on secondary water systems. He also talked about working with farmers on cost sharing to reduce the amount of water they use. He said that the City should have gotten some money for ARPA funds and wondered where it was allocated. Mr. Barnhill explained that the plan is to use it for sewer infrastructure (to improve some lift stations) and at some point, a new water well and storage tank. Senator Sandall explained that the funds will have to be used by 2026. He also talked about storage of water and drought.

Mr. Barnhill asked for feedback on what the best way to reach out to them is. Senator Sandall said that text message is best way for him and if it is longer than a text can be, to text that an email has been sent to him. Representative Gwynn said that his number is on his website, if it is regarding his role as a legislature. He also has email and added that if they link through the legislative website, he will see that it is a constituent email and it is highlighted for him (to be able to sift through the many emails they receive). He said text also works for him as well.

Senator Sandall discussed looking into excise tax for gravel pits. Representative Gwynn and Senator Sandall asked for the emails for the new council members to be sent to them so they can be put on their email list.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jeppsen closed the work session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

Tyra Bischoff, Deputy Recorder