PERRY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PERRY CITY OFFICES
January 22, 2026 7:02 PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	Mayor Kevin Jeppsen, Council Member Dave Walker, Council Member Toby Wright, Council Member Blake Ostler, Council Member Ashley Young, and Council Member Nathan Tueller
OFFICIALS ABSENT:	None
CITY STAFF PRESENT:	City Recorder/Finance Director Shanna Johnson, City Administrator Bob Barnhill, Chief Scott Hancey (online) and Deputy Recorder Misty Moesser
OTHERS PRESENT:	D.F. Call
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. Appointments
a. Sewer Board
Council Member Tueller explained the composition of the sewer board, stating that two representatives are assigned by Perry (himself and Public Works Director Zach Allen) and two by Willard, with one neutral person (Josh Braegger) agreed upon by both cities. He noted that according to the bylaws, appointments should be reinstated every two years, though they had lapsed on this requirement. He indicated that all current appointees were willing to continue serving.

There was a brief discussion about the term length (two years) and the board's organization, including that per the bylaws, the vice chair becomes the chairman, and then a new vice chair is voted in.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to appoint Nathan Tueller, Zach Allen and Josh Braegger to the Sewer Board. Council Member Walker seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Ostler, Yes

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No

ITEM 3: ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2026-01 Interlocal Agreement for Fire & Emergency Medical Services

Mayor Jeppsen noted that the Council had previously held a lengthy discussion on the updated contract and that it appeared everything had been addressed properly. Council Member Wright asked about when Year 1 would start, confirming that it would be backdated.

Mayor Jeppsen explained that they had negotiated with Brigham City to lower the overall cost slightly (from $375,000 to $350,000), and that the first payment of $125,000 had already been made, with Year 2 starting in July. Council Member Ostler expressed concern about finding the additional $125,000 for the next payment in the upcoming budget session, noting that this was not a small amount for Perry City.

Mayor Jeppsen acknowledged the concern but felt they had reached a good middle ground in the negotiations, as Brigham City had initially started discussions at over half a million dollars.

MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01. Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No

B. Resolution 2026-03 Supporting America 250 Utah

City Recorder Shanna Johnson explained that this resolution concerned the 250th birthday of America, which is being celebrated nationwide through a yearlong initiative from July 2025 to July 2026. She noted that Utah has grant funding available ($1,500) for communities that create an official America 250 committee by resolution.

Ms. Johnson stated she serves on the county board and explained that creating the committee would entail following open meeting rules, including posting agendas and minutes. She mentioned that Bill Morris had requested adding a fifth bullet point to the resolution stating the committee would dissolve at the end of July 2026 to avoid ongoing requirements for open meetings training.

Ms. Johnson outlined the city's plans to incorporate America 250 celebrations into their Fourth of July events, including potentially:

- Community potluck (being done by Box Elder County)
- A "Walk 250" miles challenge with awards at the 5K
- America 250 themes in the drone show

- Possibly creating a time capsule or monument
- Installing a flagpole at city hall

Council Member Ostler expressed several concerns about the resolution language, questioning its binding nature and the vague commitments it contained. He was particularly concerned about the "signature programs" mentioned and whether the City would be obligated to support initiatives that might not align with Perry City's values. He suggested adding language to protect the city's discretion in what it chooses to support.

Bob Barnhill suggested the Council consider whether getting the $1,500 was worth agreeing to the terms as written, noting that the state likely viewed it as a "take it or leave it" offer rather than a negotiable contract. Ms. Johnson clarified that the intent was not to burden cities but to support community celebrations, and the funds would enhance their existing Fourth of July activities.

Ms. Johnson also clarified that they planned to reach out to both the existing Fourth of July committee members and the general public through the newsletter to form the America 250 committee.

MOTION: Council Member Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03. Council Member Young seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No

C. Ordinance 26-A Severing Invalid Portions of Ordinance 23-P

Mayor Jeppsen noted that the Council had previous discussions on this item. Council Member Tueller confirmed with City Attorney Bill Morris that issues had been addressed through email exchanges.

MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-A. Council Member Walker seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No

ITEM 4: Discussion Items

A. Council Retreat

Ms. Johnson informed the Council that February 7th had been selected as the date for the council retreat based on majority availability. The retreat would run from approximately 8:00 or until 11:30 AM at the administration chambers downstairs. She mentioned an agenda would be sent by January 30th.

ITEM 5: MINUTES & COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORTS (INCLUDING COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS)

A. Approval of Consent Items

- January 8, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

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

All Council Members were in favor.

Motion Approved.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jeppsen reported on a water system issue he observed near Mountain View Park. He noted a washout on the hill that he initially thought was caused by a failed valve, but upon inspection, appeared to also involve a pipe failure.

City Administrator Bob Barnhill provided additional details, explaining that the problem originated at Well 4 by Maple Hills Drive where improper wiring to the motor caused a short, shutting down the system. This caused the drain valve from the tank to open, sending water to the lower tank, which overflowed into an overflow pipe that broke, washing out the mountainside. He noted they had fixed the initial problem and were directing repairs to replace the valve so it would remain closed if not receiving a signal. He indicated they were awaiting quotes for the repair work.

Mayor Jeppsen observed that the situation had been contained without washing through the neighborhood, with most of the dirt settling at the bottom and not reaching the detention pond.

C. Council Reports

Council Member Wright reported that the Flood Control Board was updating their bylaws, which should be completed within the next month. He mentioned that the board's engineer would be giving a presentation to the City Council about work completed in the past couple of years, which represented a significant investment to mitigate potential flood issues. He noted the board would be on high alert in case of heavy snowfall in the coming months.

Mayor Jeppsen added that the project was approximately a $4 million project that took 5-6 years to complete due to environmental requirements. The project included a detention basin at the mouth of Matthias Canyon, which has significantly improved the situation, particularly for properties that are in the runoff path.

Council Member Tueller reported that the sewer board would be reorganizing based on their bylaws. As the current vice chair, he would move into the chairman position, and there would be a vote for a new vice chair. He mentioned that the plant was running efficiently and that they would be meeting in February to discuss equipment needs for the year.

D. Staff Comments

Mr. Morris informed the Council that Willard City was meeting that night regarding the boundary adjustment previously approved by Perry City. He noted that Willard might take one house out of the adjustment, which would require Perry to amend their ordinance accordingly. He expected to know more after his meeting with Willard's attorney the following day.

E. Planning Commission Report

None.

ITEM 6: CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to close the public meeting and open a closed session at 7:42PM to discuss strategy regarding pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion at 8:12PM to close the closed session and move back into the public meeting. Council Member Walker seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 1 Unavailable.

ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Approved. All Council Members were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.

Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

Misty Moesser, Deputy Recorder

SWORN STATEMENT SUPPORTING CLOSURE OF MEETING

I, the presiding member of the Perry City Council, which met on January 22, 2026.

Appropriate notice was given of the Council's meeting as required by ' 52-4-202.

A quorum of the Council was present at the meeting and voted by at least a two-thirds vote, as detailed in the minutes of the open meeting, to close a portion of the meeting to discuss the following:

- ☐ 52-4-205(1)(a) regarding the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual
- ☐ ' 52-4-205(1)(b) regarding strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining
- ☒ ' 52-4-205(1)(c) regarding strategy regarding pending or reasonably imminent litigation
- ☐ ' 52-4-205(1)(d) regarding strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property
- ☐ ' 52-4-205(1)(e) regarding strategy sessions to discuss the sale of real property
- ☐ ' 52-4-205(1)(f) regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems
- ☐ ' 52-4-205(1)(g) regarding investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct

The content of the closed portion of the Council meeting was restricted to a discussion of the matter(s) for which the meeting was closed.

With regard to the closed meeting, the following was publicly announced and recorded, and entered on the minutes of the open meeting at which the closed meeting was approved:

a) the reason or reasons for holding the closed meeting;
b) the location where the closed meeting will be held; and
c) the vote of each member of the public body either for or against the motion to hold the closed meeting.

The recording and any minutes of the closed meeting will include:

a) the date, time, and place of the meeting;
b) the names of members present and absent; and

the names of all others present except where such disclosure would infringe on the confidentiality necessary to fulfill the original purpose of closing the meeting.

Pursuant to ' 52-4-206(5), a sworn statement is required to close a meeting under ' 52-4-205(1)(a) or ' 52-4-205(1)(f), but a record by tape recording or detailed minutes is not required:

- ☐ A record was not made. (52-4-205(1)(a)and (f))
- ☒ A record was made by: ☒ Audio recording ☐ Detailed written minutes (52-4-502(1)(c))

Pursuant to ' 52-4-206(1), a recording is required for a meeting closed under ' 52-4-205(1)(b), 52-4-205(1)(c), ' 52-4-205(1)(d), ' 52-4-205(1)(e), and ' 52-4-205(1)(g) was made:

- ☐ Detailed written minutes of the content of a closed meeting although not required, are permitted and were kept of the meeting.

I hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

[signature] 1/25/2026

Presiding Member — Date of Signature

ATTEST:

Shanna J Johnson 1/25/2026

City Recorder — Date of Signature