

PERRY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PERRY CITY OFFICES
March 27, 2025

7:01 PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Jeppsen, Council Member Nathan Tueller, Council Member Toby Wright, Council Member Ashley Young, and Council Member Blake Ostler (online)

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Council Member Dave Walker

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Recorder Shanna Johnson, City Administrator Bob Barnhill, City Attorney Bill Morris, Chief of Police Scott Hancey, Public Works Director Zach Allen, Sergeant Dave Freeze, Detective Zach Waddoups, Officer Christian Connell and Deputy Recorder Misty Moesser

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt B. Merrill, McKenzi Connell, Teresa Waddoups and Belle Waddoups

ON-LINE: Melanie Barnhill, and BENJ

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

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION

A. Police Department Awards

Chief Scott Hancey presented the Lifesaving Award to Officer Christian Connell. Chief Hancey described an incident from November where Officer Connell responded to a traffic accident on I-15 during a night with very snowy weather. He explained that upon arrival, Officer Connell immediately went to the victim in the car, who was in a vulnerable position in the middle of the road. He got her out of the car and was about to put her in his vehicle when he noticed another car speeding towards them. Instead of running to safety, Officer Connell ran towards the EMS and fire personnel on scene, screaming and yelling to get them out of the way. As a result of his actions, Officer Connell was injured and had to be admitted into the hospital for a time. Officer Connell accepted the award and was congratulated by the Council members.

City Administrator Bob Barnhill relayed information to the online participants due to technical problems with the audio/visual system.

Sergeant Dave Freeze presented Detective Zach Waddoups with the Officer of the Year Award for 2024. Sergeant Freeze emphasized that this award was particularly meaningful because it was based on nominations from his peers. He commended the Department for their hard work and mindfulness of the Public's well-being emphasizing that Detective Waddoups being nominated amongst these

officers showed that he did an outstanding job. Sergeant Freeze shared that Chief Hancey agreed with him. Detective Waddoups accepted the award and was congratulated by the Council members.

ITEM 4: ACTION ITEMS

A. Ordinance 25-A Amending Multi-Family Regulations

City Administrator Bob Barnhill presented Ordinance 25-A regarding multifamily dwellings. He explained that the ordinance had been through the planning commission, which held a public hearing with no public comments given. He shared that the Planning Commission recommended approval.

The main points of the ordinance amendment were:

1. Limiting multifamily dwellings to a maximum of 4 units per building.
2. Maintaining the provision of no more than 16 units per acre but simplifying the language by removing confusing exclusions.
3. Clarifying the requirement for master water meters in multifamily developments, with exceptions to be determined by the city engineer.

Council members discussed the implications of the 4-unit limit, particularly in relation to highway developments. It was noted that recent changes had already restricted multifamily dwellings on the highway. A discussion was held to change the language in the ordinance to simplify and add that exceptions on master meters would be determined by the city engineer.

MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-A Amending Multi-Family Regulations with the change of adding language stating that exceptions on master meters would be determined by the city engineer. Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Walker, Absent

Council Member Ostler, Yes

Council Member Wright, Yes

Council Member Tueller, Yes

Council Member Young, Yes

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No

B. Ordinance 25-B Sign Regulations

Mr. Barnhill presented the proposed ordinance amendment for sign regulations. He explained that the amendment was specifically designed to address two signs associated with the Maddox Ranch House restaurant: the "Red Crown" rotating sign and the "Home of the World's Finest Beef" sign on the building adjacent to the restaurant.

Key points of the ordinance included:

1. Exempting specific iconic signs from limitations and calculations in the code.
2. Identifying two signs as having historic and iconic community value: the "Home of the World's Finest Beef" sign and the rotating Red Crown sign.

3. Establishing criteria for signs to be considered iconic, including maintenance, retention of original form, and specific identification in the ordinance.
4. Adding provisions for general building decorations, traffic control devices, and flags.
5. Clarifying language regarding ideological free speech signs.

He shared that the Planning Commission had reviewed the ordinance and gave a positive recommendation and that no public comments were made during the public hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-B Sign Regulations. Council Member Tueller seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No

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

A. Approval of Consent Items

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

All Council Members were in favor.

Motion Approved.

B. Mayor's Report

None

C. Council Reports

Council Member Tueller reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager had put in for retirement in May, and they were in the process of hiring a new plant manager. He mentioned that there would be further discussions during the upcoming budget season regarding matters related to the sewer treatment plant.

D. Staff Comments

None

E. Planning Commission Report

None

ITEM 6: CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Approved. All Council Members were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

Misty Moesser, Deputy Recorder