

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

OFFICIALS ABSENT: None.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Melanie Barnhill

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeppsen called the electronic City Council meeting to order. The Mayor read the statement from the CDC and Utah Department of Health regarding electronic meetings: The CDC and Utah Department of Health have declared a national and state pandemic for COVID-19 where social distancing and other requirements are in place to prevent the spread of this infectious disease.

ITEM 2: PROCEDURAL ISSUES

A. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None.

B. Appointments:

• **Flood Control Board**

Mayor Jeppsen thanked Tyler Wagstaff for serving on the Flood Board for the past 2 years and mentioned that Tyler had been appointed to the Sewer Board at the last council meeting. He then proposed to the City Council that Taylor Clark replace Tyler Wagstaff on the Flood Board.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve the appointment of Taylor Clark to the Flood Control Board. Council Member Watkins seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Montgomery, Yes Council Member Tueller, Yes
Council Member Wright, Yes Council Member Ostler, Yes
Council Member Watkins, Yes

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

• **Flood Control Board**

Mayor Jeppsen proposed to the City Council appointing George Benford to replace Greg Hansen's position on the Flood Board.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve the appointment of George Benford to the Flood Control Board. Council Member Montgomery seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Montgomery, Yes Council Member Tueller, Yes
Council Member Wright, Yes Council Member Ostler, Yes
Council Member Watkins, Yes

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

ITEM 3: ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Warrants

The Council reviewed the warrants.

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

ROLL CALL: Council Member Montgomery, Yes Council Member Tueller, Yes
Council Member Wright, Yes Council Member Ostler, Yes
Council Member Watkins, Yes

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

B. Resolution 2021-02 Approving an Amendment to the Contract with Econo Waste for Solid Waste Disposal

Robert Barnhill explained that Box Elder County Landfill is raising their tipping fees (rate they accept garbage, at a per ton rate) from \$29-\$32 per ton. He discussed the contract that Perry City has with Econo Waste and the fees that can increase through contract amendment. Econo Waste reviewed how many tons of garbage they took from Perry City monthly to the landfill and figured out the cost would be a .30 cent increase per garbage container. Mr. Barnhill explained that the .30 cents per container would result in a \$600 extra monthly charge that would be able to be absorbed by the city with the current rates charged and not result in a rate increase for citizens.

Council Member Ostler stated that the only other option for tipping would be using Weber County landfill, but it is more expensive there. He feels that it is still a better option to stay with Box Elder County landfill.

Council Member Montgomery asked when the landfill would be assigning the week for spring clean-up dumpsters for residents. Mr. Barnhill said that there can still be issues with using the dumpsters that way. He explained that an alternative would be getting a voucher punch pass for the landfill that the City could purchase and then allow residents to purchase those passes at a discounted rate. He is waiting to hear back from the county when those vouchers will be available and the city can then let residents know about that option.

Mayor Jeppsen stated that the city is supporting the county and their efforts to run their waste efforts. He does not feel that it would be wrong to go to the county if they raise their rates higher than Weber County and try to negotiate with them if that situation arises.

MOTION: Council Member Montgomery made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 Approving and Amendment to the Contract with Econo Waste for Solid Waste Disposal. Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Montgomery, Yes Council Member Tueller, Yes
Council Member Wright, Yes Council Member Ostler, Yes

Council Member Watkins, Yes

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

ITEM 4: DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Water Rate Study

Shanna Johnson reviewed the Pro forma with the rate of \$19.50 (the amount the Council discussed using at their retreat) in detail with the Council. She explained this is just a proposal and not actual approved budget numbers. She discussed different options that the Council may want to consider regarding capital projects, beginning base rate, O & M budget, and other funding options.

Council Member Ostler expressed appreciation for this information and interest in understanding the fund balance and depreciation better. Ms. Johnson explained that cash and fund balance are the same and said she should maybe change the wording used on the form. She suggested getting on a call with David Rogers (city accountant), Council Member Ostler and herself for further explanation of depreciation.

Council Member Tueller asked if they would be able to discuss the water usage amount for those without secondary water further at another time. Mayor Jeppsen said that they have until July when the budget would be confirmed.

B. Holiday Events

Mayor Jeppsen asked what the Council feels concerning Easter and 4th of July celebrations. The Council discussed the mask mandate (for Covid-19) and when it might be lifted. Council Member Watkins suggested doing a small egg hunt for small children in two different groups or doing sidewalk chalk like last year. He would like something to happen for July 4th for sure. The Council members discussed wanting to do as much as they can as safely as they can. Mayor Jeppsen said planning for the holidays fully would require meetings and gathering people over the next few months to get things in place. He stated that he feels more inclined to be more conservative. Ms. Johnson said that the City would have to contact trace and ensure mask wearing, which is why the holiday movie was cancelled this past December. She said she would look up the latest details regarding open air events and let the Council know what it says.

C. Cemetery Survey

Council Member Wright said that the cards for the cemetery survey are being printed right now and should be ready to send out soon. Shanna said that the newsletter has the QR code in it and that it will be posted on social media as well.

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

A. Approval of Consent Items

- February 11, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes
- February 13, 2021 City Council Retreat Work Session Minutes

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

Motion Approved, All Council Members were in favor.

B. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Jeppsen discussed the Box Elder Together program and said there will be an online open house on March 10th at 6:30 p.m. He said they have done a good job with this and have had a lot of participation. He encouraged participation from the Council as well and explained that it discusses different areas of growth in the County.

Mr. Barnhill said that the information to access the open house will be shared on social media.

C. Council Reports

Council Member Ostler said that he has been reading the emails from the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) about the legislative session. He discussed the bills regarding signs and land use that may be of interest for the council to read. He added that he feels there is overreach of legislature especially when it comes to land use.

Council Member Wright said he called Representative Scott Sandal about his bill regarding signs and said he needed some different language to make it more connected to the cities requirements. His thought to share with the Planning Commission is to include the billboards when addressing the sign ordinance. He said there is too much control from the State and feels it is better to have the control within the city so that the citizens are enabled to be productive.

Council Member Watkins said that as he read the minutes that discussed the see through fence (by the pipeline on the north side of Highway 89) needing to be addressed, he appreciates the effort being made to improve Perry City's image.

Council Member Tueller said that email from the ULCT had a statement from the legislature for the cities to act. He said he feels appreciative of our city/council and the staff that everyone is engaged and things get done.

D. Staff Comments

Tyler Wagstaff expressed appreciation for serving on the Flood Control Board and said that his office is always open for anyone that would like to come in and talk about anything.

E. Planning Commission Report

None.

ITEM 6: EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Montgomery made a motion to close the public meeting and move into an executive session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or sale of real property at 8:23 p.m. Council Member Tueller seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Montgomery, Yes	Council Member Tueller, Yes
Council Member Wright, Yes	Council Member Ostler, Yes
Council Member Watkins, Yes	

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to come out of the executive session and reopen the public meeting at 9:01 p.m. Council Member Wright seconded the motion. (Council Member Watkins did not rejoin the meeting)

ROLL CALL: Council Member Montgomery, Yes	Council Member Tueller, Yes
Council Member Wright, Yes	Council Member Ostler, Yes

Motion Approved. 4 Yes, 0 No.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Approved. All Council Members were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

Tyra Bischoff, Deputy Recorder