

PERRY CITY WORK SESSION  
PERRY CITY OFFICES  
JUNE 11, 2020

6:06 PM

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None

**ITEM 1: Welcome to Order and Welcome**

Mayor Jeppsen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**ITEM 2: Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 BUDGET PLANNING**

Shanna Johnson reviewed and discussed with the Council the FY2020-2021 Budget form she recently sent, noting that the FY2020 Budget amendment was changed slightly to address new trends indicated in a recent preliminary May budget update.

Ms. Johnson reported that the City received higher than anticipated sales tax in May (which reflects March sales). She noted that the City has received our certified tax rate from the tax commission, which was slightly higher than forecasted and she has adjusted revenues in both FY2020 and FY2021 based on this information. She reported that the Administration, Police, Streets, and Parks Department budgets were adjusted slightly based on trend for FY2020.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the following FY2021 Budgets with the council:

- Fire (\$30,261): includes fire contract fee, C.E.R.T. and wild land fire contribution
- Judicial (\$22,750): includes prosecutor and public defender fees
- Animal Control (\$300): includes shelter fees
- Gun Range (\$18,605): reduced due to grant projects being completed. Includes expenses related to operations.
- Administration (\$764,681): accounts for operation costs including professional technical expenses, insurance that is projected to decrease for workers comp, and reduced election costs based on a non-election year.
- Community Development (\$565,421): includes operational expenses related to planning, professional technical expenses, and mass transit. Council Member Tueller asked that mass transit tax be hidden in this budget, as it hold no bearing on the decisions they make. Ms. Johnson advised that she could not hide the mass transit amount due to transparency laws, but can separate it and show the community development budget total prior to this being added in.

Council Member Wright expressed concern regarding the budget in light of possible lost income and the awarding of pay and benefit increases. Ms. Johnson stated she felt the City is being very conservative and is hopeful that the cuts made to the FY2020 and FY2021 budgets will help the City combat the effects of COVID-19. Council Member Wright asked where the general fund balance is standing as previously it had looked as if the City would be in the hole. Ms. Johnson stated that because of the reductions in budgets the City is projected to end FY2020 with 19% fund balance and FY2021 with 16% fund balance. He asked about the status of the Sewer Fund. Ms. Johnson indicated that the Sewer Fund is not in the hole, but is quickly using up unrestricted cash and this needs to be addressed.

The Council and Staff discussed and clarified the city's financial needs and the setting of the property tax rate for FY2021/Tax Year 2020, and reviewed a presentation by Council Member Ostler regarding setting the tax rate (including the option of truth in taxation).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jeppsen closed the work session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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Susan Obray, City Recorder

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Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

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Shanna Johnson, Chief Deputy Recorder