

PERRY CITY WORK SESSION
PERRY CITY OFFICES
June 25, 2020

6:00 PM

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

ITEM 1: Welcome to Order and Welcome

Mayor Jeppsen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2: FY2021 Budget Planning

Shanna Johnson reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021 budget with the Council and where the money currently is at. She discussed that the Council needs to decide how to allocate the new funds that will be generated from the proposed property tax rate, which is the same tax rate as Fiscal Year 2020/Tax Year 2019. This being more than the certified tax rate, it is considered as a tax increase. If adopted the tax increase will generate \$73,754 new dollars for the city.

Ms. Johnson reviewed and discussed the options of where the increase could be applied with the Council, with suggestions from the department heads as follows:

- Law Enforcement
 - Training Budget of \$12,000
 - Physical Training Bonus to \$3500
 - Graveyard pay differential \$6250
- Public Works
 - Road Maintenance
 - Sidewalk Repair
 - Signage and Lights
- First Responders
 - Would like to have their original budget restored

Ms. Johnson discussed developing a Capital Improvement Plan. Bob Barnhill discussed needing to update the outdated capital facilities plans the City has so that there is a better idea going forward on the different projects that the City needs to do.

Council Member Watkins expressed wanting to make sure that how the money is spent is detailed for taxpayers to see where it is going.

Council Member Ostler discussed the idea of past due projects (things that should have been done but money not available to complete) and current needs. He also showed the Council Capital Improvement Plans listed in Municode and questioned where the city is at according to these plans.

The Council discussed the parks plans, different projects, impact fees and lists.

Ms. Johnson asked the Council if they had any questions regarding the changes to the budget. Council Member Wright asked about the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Ms. Johnson explained this is Federal funding distributed to the State and its agencies as part of the C.A.R.E.S. act. It helps to recoup the costs related to the coronavirus impact and cannot be used to replace lost revenue.

Ms. Johnson discussed the latest sales tax for June (reflecting April sales) which came in higher than the previous year, even with the concerns of how the coronavirus could impact the sales tax. The Council discussed truth in taxation and making sure the Council is prepared to cut back if needed.

Ms. Johnson informed the Council that the City was approved for a refinance extending the term for 5 years and changing the interest rate from 3% to 2% on the loan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Water Quality Board requires that the city have a bond attorney to review the paperwork and the Council will approve of one at a later Council meeting.

The Council discussed and clarified their questions of working off the tentative budget until the deadline of Truth in Taxation before the first of September. Ms. Johnson explained that the tentative budget approved by the council the first meeting in May is what the City will operate from until a final budget is adopted. She asked if the council would like a list of large purchases planned to be made prior to September 1. The council expressed that they would want this list provided. The council and staff discussed the Truth in Taxation process in more detail and the timeline. Ms. Johnson reviewed the list of follow up items needed going forward:

- List of projects from department heads.
- Schedule for the passing of budget with truth in taxation.
- Water quality board staff report for new refinance.
- Items including large expenses for purchase prior to September 1.
- Road project contract.
- What is covered in a bond vs truth in taxation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jeppsen closed the work session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Susan Obray, City Recorder

Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

Shanna Johnson, Chief Deputy Recorder