

PERRY CITY COUNCIL
MEETING PERRY CITY OFFICES
NOVEMBER 12, 2020

7:00 PM

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Robert Barnhill, City Administrator
Shanna Johnson, Chief Deputy Recorder
Scott Hancey, Chief of Police
Dave Freeze, Sergeant
Mark Jordan, Detective
Bill Morris, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Nelson Phillips, Gina Marble, Roger Fridal, Melanie Barnhill, Tresa Peterson, Brandon Hansen, Luke Whipple, Bethany Whipple and Nancy Green

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.

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION

A. Law Enforcement Recognition from the Box Elder County Mayor's Association

Mayor Fridal from Tremonton said that that the Mayor's Association wanted to recognize the police departments in the County and presented a shadow box to show appreciation to them. He thanked our police department and presented the box to Chief Hancey.

B. Brigham City Senior Center

Nancy Green from the Senior Center provided an update on the Meals on Wheels program for Perry City and said the need is continuing to grow. She explained that they gave fourteen shelf stable meals to each client in case there was a need to shut down due to Covid and not be able to get to them. She also said they would be sending an additional five meals to each home in case there were snow days and unable to get to them. They also have been able to provide transportation for customers to get to doctor appointments or go grocery shopping at Walmart. In addition they have been doing Medicare counseling over the phone and their fitness and language classes have been moved online to zoom. She said that they have six staff members that call ten people each day to try and help the seniors not feel so isolated. She said that they are in need of volunteers, even if it is substituting, to be able to help meet the demand of how many people need meals on wheels. She asked the City to put that information in their newsletter and on the city Facebook account. She also said that due to Covid they have not been able to do the fundraising that they have in the past and are down \$30,000. She said that the CARES Act has been able to help with some of the financial burden.

Council Member Wright asked Nancy to explain in more detail the duties that would be required of the volunteers. She gave the following information of what would be required:

- Background check
- One on one training
- Coming to the Senior Center to get the meals
- Take the route sheet that includes information about each client
- Contact is limited to through the door (due to Covid)
- Wear mask and gloves
- Return with information about any concerns about the clients
- A meal is provided as a Thank You to the volunteers so that they might be able to serve on their lunch hour and not miss eating themselves
- Usually starts around 11:00 a.m. and takes about 1 hour for each route

Council Member Watkins asked what to say is needed for the volunteers when informing the members of the Community. She said to say that both temporary and permanent volunteers are needed. She added that substitutes are vital to be able to fill in if someone gets sick. She said that some people serve once a week, three times a week, or once a month.

ITEM 4: ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Warrants

The Council reviewed and discussed the warrants.

Council Member Ostler asked about the quarterly inspection payment to Box Elder County. He asked for clarification on how it was paid. Shanna Johnson explained that it is based off the number of building permits and that the County gets a portion and the City gets a larger portion. She added that there is a minimum amount paid that was put in place when the agreement was executed at the time the recession happened that she thinks is between \$4000 and \$4600. Bob added that he feels this inter local agreement is a benefit for the City. Council Member Wright said that it is much less than it would be if the City hired their own Building Inspector.

Council Member Wright asked about the set amount given to Econowaste being more than the original amount. Shanna explained during the transition to Econowaste, it was found that there were many customers that had additional cans that were not being accounted for. She said that Econowaste keeps track of each can and that the City has been able to track those, so the increased revenue coming from the additional cans is balancing out with what is being paid to Econowaste each month.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve the warrants. Shanna asked the Council if they saw the additional pre-approval and they stated they had. Council Member Tueller seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

B. Ordinance 20-W Amending Title 10 Regarding Obstructions

Bob Barnhill said that he and Chief Hancey were looking at the existing code in place that addresses obstructions in the right of way. He explained that it was written very specifically and addressed only the street. He explained that adding street/sidewalk or public right of way so that if it is needed, other things can be addressed more easily.

Council Member Wright asked Chief Hancey how much of this is enforced annually. Chief Hancey said that it is very little and only if a complaint comes in. He said that they are not actively looking for it unless it poses a hazard.

Council Member Watkins informed Chief Hancey that there was a concern on 2400 S with a parking space being spray painted that might need attention.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-W Amending Title 10 Regarding Obstructions. Council Member Watkins seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

ITEM 5: DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CARES Act Small Business Grants

Bob said that through the Utah Association of Counties, a small business grant was administered to all of Box Elder County. He said that fourteen businesses in Perry were awarded grant money totaling approximately \$110,000 in the first round. He said that the second round was administered to include businesses that may have not qualified the first round or that may have lost more money than some of the other businesses. Bob explained that the final numbers would come from the County next week and then they would assess the amount of money that would be remaining.

Council Member Wright asked if there were stipulations on the second round. Bob said that it was opened up to newer businesses that started in 2019 or 2020. Shanna added that even if businesses applied in the first round, they were able to apply again in the second round.

Council Member Tueller stated that he did call some businesses and tried to inform them it was available. Shanna thanked him and added that there was a good response and there was a lot of contact through email and help from Monica at the Chamber of Commerce to get the word out about the money available to help businesses.

B. Holiday Dinner & Christmas Movie

Mayor Jeppsen informed the Council that administration has met and decided that with the Governor's mandate of the number of Covid cases being the highest they have been in Box Elder County, to cancel both activities.

Shanna said that they are working on alternative activities but that nothing is in place yet.

ITEM 6: MINUTES & COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORTS (INCLUDING COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS)

A. Approval of Consent Items

- October 22, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Council Member Montgomery made a motion to approve the October 22, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

All Council Members were in favor.

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

B. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Jeppsen discussed using the leftover grant money from the CARES Act for items that hadn't previously been considered, that fit in the criteria. He said the items that have been discussed include video conferencing equipment in Council Room, the reception area in the office (remodeling to separate the public from the work force and change out furniture that doesn't fit the disinfecting guidelines), chairs in the Council room being changed to something that can be wiped down and disinfected, things for the police department, and the ventilation and heating system to separate the upstairs from the downstairs. Council Member Tueller asked if there was an air filter that could reduce chances of the virus spreading that could be included in the ventilation system. Council Member Montgomery added that the County put up some walls and added touchless faucets in all the restrooms. Mayor Jeppsen said that there would need to be a budget amendment at the next meeting to appropriate the full amount of funds available from the Grant.

C. Council Reports

Council Member Watkins brought up volunteerism and education. He said he feels there are a lot of opportunities and explained that he would like to put together something for the next meeting for service projects. He asked about having a corner in the newsletter every month that might be able to inform the public on different items.

Council Member Wright said that the Wasatch Regional Front had a meeting recently and said he feels that the City is on the right track about setting aside land for the purpose for transit of some kind. He said that it may not be in the near future and discussed the money the City pays each year (referring to the Mass Transit Tax). He discussed being more involved with plans going forward and being on the forefront so that they can conform to what the City wants. Mayor Jeppsen said that there would be an update on the corridor preservation coming up.

D. Staff Comments

Bob discussed meeting with Mayor Jeppsen, Bill Morris and UTA. He said they expressed their frustrations to UTA and that UTA came back with nothing new and no solutions regarding the mass transit tax. Bob explained to UTA that the City still wants to repeal the tax. UTA expressed a desire to meet with and speak to the City Council to try and present their plan again. Bob told them that it would be more helpful for them to just come and listen to the Council, allowing them to tell the leadership at UTA why Perry sees things differently and what the City is looking for. Bob said that if the Council is ok with meeting with UTA then there could be a work session before their next City Council meeting on December 12th. Council Member Tueller expressed excitement about the meeting with UTA and being able to discuss this matter. Council Member Ostler asked what the end game is that the City is hoping for. Mayor Jeppsen expressed that a compromise is what he is hoping for and establishing the path that would need to happen to repeal the tax. Bill Morris explained that the City is governed by the statute which allows UTA to spend funds however they choose. The two ways to get it changed are to get the legislature to change it or put it on the ballot and try and get it changed that way. He said that common law would allow an out but there is risk with change in law by legislature. Bob explained that UTA reached out to the City when they heard rumblings about discontent and added that UTA has connections with the legislature. Working with UTA may help the City get legislation change to the City's benefit if UTA agrees to work as an advocate for the City.

Council Member Ostler said that his concern is that it may be a conflict of interest for UTA but that he will hold out hope. Council Member Tueller expressed his frustrations with the situation and wanting to take action.

E. Planning Commission Report

Commissioner Peterson said that there are a few things that will be coming to City Council including sign ordinances, adjustments to some of the multi-family housing numbers, and a few new townhomes.

ITEM 7: EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to close the regular meeting and go into Executive session for discussion regarding the purchase, exchange, sell, or release of property. Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

The regular meeting closed at 8:09 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Tueller made a motion to close Executive session and reopen the regular meeting. Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

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

Motion Approved. 5 Yes, 0 No.

The regular meeting reopened at 8:38 p.m.

ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Montgomery made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Tueller seconded the motion.

Motion Approved. All Council Members were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Shanna Johnson, City Recorder

Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor

Tyra Bischoff, Deputy Recorder