

August 19, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 110 S Ash, on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Kerry Symons presiding. Mayor Symons gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Symons welcomed guests.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kerry Symons, Councilmembers Greg Good, J Aston, Brad Kile, Brady Burdick, Brad Herring

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Waters, Fowler, Blasingame, Knapp, Fire Chief Paul Dutcher, Police Chief Rafael Gonzalez, Sam Gonzalez, Miguel Valenzuela, and Mary Dudley

COUNCIL ITEMS: None

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: COUNCILMAN BRAD KILE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2025, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADY BURDICK. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER PAYING BILLS OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH: Blasingame informed council that the second set of bills were sent on Tuesday, August 19, 2025. There were no construction estimates at this time.

CONTINUED REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026: Blasingame informed council that there was no discussion from staff at this time. Waters included that the proposed budget was prepared using the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX RATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025: Blasingame presented Council with tax rate information received from the Ochiltree County Appraisal District on August 1, 2025. Blasingame also discussed the steps required to adopt a tax rate. The current 2024-2025 Tax Rate is \$0.553430. **COUNCILMAN J ASTON MADE A MOTION THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE ADOPTED AT A RATE OF \$0.545668, WHICH DOES NOT EXCEED THE NO-NEW-REVENUE RATE, AT A FUTURE MEETING FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING. COUNCILMEMBERS GREG GOOD, J ASTON, BRAD KILE, BRADY BURDICK, AND BRAD HERRING VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.** A public hearing to vote on adopting the budget and the proposed 2025 tax rate will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 26, 2025 at City Hall.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BID FOR A USED FIRE LADDER TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF PERRYTON, TEXAS:

Waters informed council that bids were opened on August 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Bids received were Texas Fire Apparatus, LLC in the amount of \$400,000.00 for a 2009 Sutphen SL75, and Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC in the amount of \$262,580.00 for a 2006 Sutphen. Waters asked council to consider rejecting bids for a used ladder truck stating that the City was informed it would be awarded USDA grant funds in the amount of \$1.5 million for a new truck. The city would be required to match 25% of the funds, or \$500,000.00. Mayor Symons read a letter received from Ochiltree County Judge Charles Kelly stating that as required by the June 5, 1990 Fire Protection Agreement, the letter served as notice that they could not approve the pumper ladder truck requested in the proposed budget for 2025-2026. However, the county will fund one-half of the remaining equipment and gear in the amount of \$32,182.50. Chief Paul Dutcher explained what the county contributes per the Fire Protection Agreement. **COUNCILMAN J ASTON MADE A MOTION TO REJECT THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR A USED FIRE, LADDER TRUCK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GREG GOOD. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE #026-25, AMENDING CHAPTER 11, PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PERRYTON: Waters asked council to table the proposed ordinance stating that information is still being reviewed. **COUNCILMAN GREG GOOD MADE A MOTION TO TABLE ORDINANCE #026-25, AMENDING CHAPTER 11, PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PERRYTON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COUNCILMAN J ASTON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:48 P.M., SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADY BURDICK. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

/s/ Kerry Symons

Kerry Symons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Fowler

Kim Fowler, City Secretary