

March 17, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 110 S Ash, on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 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 J Aston, Brad Kile, Brady Burdick, Brad Herring

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Greg Good

OTHERS PRESENT: Waters, Fowler, Blasingame, Knapp, Rachel Knapp, Meagan Rogers, Miguel Valenzuela, Alissha Jefferis, Grace Nelson, Chauncey Parson, Thomas Harris, and Lt. Richard Shallis

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 FEBRUARY 24, 2026, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER PAYING BILLS OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH: Blasingame informed Council that payables were sent on Monday, March 9, 2026. The next set will be sent on Thursday, March 19, 2026. There were no construction estimates at this time.

CONSIDER A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2026 AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH: Waters introduced Grace Nelson, Program Director for CASA of the High Plains. Ms. Nelson gave an overview of the CASA programs and how they provide volunteer advocates for children in Ochiltree County. **COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING MADE A MOTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF PERRYTON AND OCHILTREE COUNTY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSIDER PASSING RESOLUTION #033-26, AMENDING THE ORDER OF THE GENERAL ELECTION: Fowler asked council to consider passing resolution #033-26, amending the Order of the General Election. Fowler explained to council that Tuesday, April 21, 2026 is San Jacinto Day, a legal state holiday. Texas Election Code requires early voting at the main early voting polling place to be conducted on each weekday of the early voting period that is not a legal state holiday. **COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING MADE A MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION #033-26, AMENDING THE ORDER OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #033-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PERRYTON, TEXAS, AMENDING RESOLUTION #032-26, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION, TO INCLUDE THAT NO EARLY VOTING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 21, 2026 DUE TO THE SAN JACINTO HOLIDAY.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRYTON, TEXAS:

WHEREAS, it is hereby ordered that a General Election be held in the City of Perryton, Texas on the first Saturday in May (May 2nd), 2026, whereby the following officers shall be elected by the qualified voters for the City: One (1) Mayor and Two (2) Council members; and that all independent candidates at the election to be held on the first Saturday in May 2026, for the above mentioned offices, file their application to become candidates with the City Secretary of the City at City Hall, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, beginning on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, and ending at 5:00 pm on Friday, February 13, 2026.

WHEREAS, the City of Perryton will hold their election jointly with the Perryton Independent School District, and such agreements are attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the present boundaries of the City constitute one election precinct, the polls shall be open for voting from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm at Perry Memorial Library, 22 SE 5th Ave, Perryton, Texas 79070; an appointed Presiding Judge will conduct the election at said voting place; and Presiding Judge shall appoint necessary clerks to assist with the election which shall not exceed three (3) clerks; said election officers shall also serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board for such election.

WHEREAS, the City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of the Resolution to the Judge as written notice of their appointment as required by Section 32.009 of the Texas Election Code. The Election Judge shall be compensated at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour plus \$25.00, and the Alternate Judge and election clerks shall be compensated at \$15.00 per hour as provided by Title 3, Section 32.091(a) of the State Election Code.

WHEREAS, Kim Fowler, City Secretary, is hereby appointed clerk for early voting; the appointment of a deputy clerk or clerks for early voting by the City Secretary shall be in accordance with Section 83.001 et. seq. of the Texas Election Code. Early voting for the above designated election shall be at City Hall, 110 S Ash, for the following periods: April 20 – April 24, 2026 from 8 am to 5 pm and April 27 – April 28, 2026 from 8 am to 5 pm. There will be no early voting on April 21, 2026 due to the San Jacinto Holiday.

WHEREAS, all ballots shall be prepared in accordance with Texas Election Code. Paper ballots shall be used for early voting by mail, early voting by personal appearance and voting on Election Day. Paper ballots are used as part of the AutoMark Voting System as approved by the Secretary of State. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefore, and the employment of all election officials is hereby authorized. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct such election.

WHEREAS, notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The Mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such election, and returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary after the closing of the polls.

WHEREAS, said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 17th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Fowler /s/
Kim Fowler, City Secretary

/s/ Kerry Symons /s/
Kerry Symons, Mayor

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE #037-26, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET: Blasingame asked council to consider adopting Ordinance #037-26, the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. She explained that in order to continue with the USDA grant for the ladder truck, an expense will need to be shown in the budget. **COUNCILMAN J ASTON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #037-26, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADY BURDICK. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

ORDINANCE 037-26

AMENDMENT NO. 1 to the 2025-2026 BUDGET

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, FOR THE CITY OF PERRYTON, OCHILTREE COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Perryton, Texas, on the 26th day of August, 2025 adopted the Fiscal Budget of the City for the period beginning October 1, 2025, all such proceedings being in accordance with Vernon's Texas Local Government Code, Sections 102.001 through 102.011 and

WHEREAS, Section 102.009 provides that amendments may be made to the adopted budget in cases of public necessity to meet unusual and unforeseen conditions which could not, by reasonable, diligent thought, have been included in the original budget, the City Council hereby finds it necessary to further amend the original budget for both anticipated revenues and expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRYTON, TEXAS:

That the herein listed revenues and expenditures are hereby amended in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Budget - General Fund

Account	Description	Current Budget	Proposed Changes	Amended Budget
Revenues as Originally Filed		\$9,299,570		
	Other Revenue Sources	\$1,692,520	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	\$3,692,520
	Total Adjustments to Revenues		\$2,000,000	
Revenues as Amended				\$11,299,570
Expenditures as Originally Filed		\$9,299,570		
407	Capital Outlay – Equipment	\$128,730	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	\$2,128,730
	Total Adjustments to Expenditures		\$2,000,000	
Expenditures as Amended				\$11,299,570

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 17th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Fowler /s/
Kim Fowler, City Secretary

/s/ Kerry Symons /s/
Kerry Symons, Mayor

CONSIDER APPOINTING A NATURAL GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT STEERING COMMITTEE AND GRANTING THE COMMITTEE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A NATURAL GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT: Waters explained that the City's natural gas supply contract with WTG expires on September 30, 2026. The contract determines both the City's method of purchase and the purchase price of gas for the City's gas customers. Waters asked council to consider appointing a gas steering committee for the purpose to monitor natural gas supply prices and determine the best strategy for purchasing natural gas for the city. Waters also asked the council to grant the committee authority to execute a natural gas supply contract. **COUNCILMAN J ASTON MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MAYOR SYMONS, RICHARD BEYEA, ROB MCGARRAUGH, AND COLBY WATERS TO THE CITY OF PERRYTON'S NATURAL GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT STEERING COMMITTEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMITTEE TO EXECUTE A NATURAL GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSIDER ACCEPTING A CONSTRUCTION BID FOR THE PERRYTON EDA DISASTER SUPPLEMENT EDA AWARD NUMBER ED24AUS0G0280 - REBUILD PERRYTON PHASE 1 INCUBATOR PROJECT: Waters informed council that a bid opening for the 100 Block EDA project was held on March 12, 2026. One bid was received from Madewell Construction in the amount of \$3,028,121.52. **COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION BID SUBMITTED BY MADEWELL CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,028,121.52 TO CONSTRUCT THE EDA FUNDED REBUILD PERRYTON PHASE 1 INCUBATOR PROJECT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

DISCUSS & CONSIDER AWARD OF 2026 ANNUAL SEALCOAT BID: Knapp informed council that a bid opening for the proposed sealcoat project was held on February 26, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. **COUNCILMAN BRAD KILE MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THE 2026 ANNUAL SEALCOAT PROJECT TO BRYERS PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5.71/SY AND \$7.85/SY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION OF WATER PRODUCTION & USAGE REPORTS: Knapp presented the water reports for January 2026 consumption and March 2026 billing. Knapp stated that all water samples for the month of January were good. This is a non-action item.

PRESENTATION OF GAS PURCHASE & USAGE REPORTS: Knapp presented the gas reports for the month of January 2026. This is a non-action item.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COUNCILMAN J ASTON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:54 P.M., SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

/s/ Kerry Symons

Kerry Symons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Fowler

Kim Fowler, City Secretary