

August 18, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 110 S Ash, on Tuesday, August 18, 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 Greg Good, J Aston, Brad Kile, Brady Burdick, & Brad Herring

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Waters, Fowler, Blasingame, Knapp, Parker, Eric Riddle, Lt. Richard Shallis, Mary Dudley, Rachel Knapp, Fire Chief Ed Hanna, Firefighters Olivia Thompson, Collin Manross, and Caleb Carlile, Volunteer Firefighters Matt Yara, Thomas Beal, Jacob Anderson, Ernie Thielan, and Carter Hale

COUNCIL ITEMS: None

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

COUNCILMAN J ASTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2026, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GREG GOOD. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN J ASTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2026, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADY BURDICK. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - DELIBERATIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY (AUTH. TX GOV. CODE SEC. 551.072):

Mayor Symons began the Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. The Executive Session was closed at 6:46 p.m. No action taken.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES: Mayor Symons prepared a statement recognizing and thanking the fire department and their continued hard work and professionalism. Mayor Symons included that the present agreement with Ochiltree County, set to expire in October, is long overdue for change. Mayor Symons added that due to the declined tax base and low sales tax revenue since the tornado, the City can no longer fund majority of the cost of a county wide fire and rescue department at the cost to the tax payers of Perryton. Mayor Symons recommended rejecting the \$75,000 offer for fire and rescue protection, 10% of the requested amount, by Ochiltree County and to continue to work on an amical agreement. Mayor Symons appointed Councilman Greg Good and Councilman Brady Burdick to work with representatives from the Commissioners Court to strategize recommendations that can be agreed upon by both entities. Waters provided council with correspondence information and several potential scenarios for funding the department. Each council member voiced their opinions and concerns.

COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING MADE A MOTION TO DECLINE THE PROPOSAL OF \$75,000, MADE BY OCHILTREE COUNTY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GREG GOOD. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN BRAD KILE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN GREG GOOD AND COUNCILMAN BRADY BURDICK TO BE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO WORK TOWARDS A RESOLUTION FOR FIRE PROTECTION WITHIN OCHILTREE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PERRYTON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

CONTINUED REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027: Council had no questions at this time. This is a non-action item.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX RATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026:

Waters presented Council with tax rate information received from the Ochiltree County Appraisal District on August 6, 2026. Waters stated that during the August 14, 2026 Special Meeting of the City Council, council agreed to reduce its tax rate by \$0.03 in exchange for the Ochiltree County Hospital District assuming full control of the Emergency Medical Services for Ochiltree County. Waters proposed the No-New Revenue Tax Rate minus the agreed upon \$0.03 reduction with OGH which results in a proposed 2026-2027 tax rate of \$0.503523. **COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING MADE A MOTION TO PROPOSE A TAX RATE OF \$0.503523 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027, AT A FUTURE MEETING FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GREG GOOD. 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 2026 tax rate will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 1, 2026 at City Hall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COUNCILMAN BRAD HERRING MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:45 P.M., SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GREG GOOD. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

/s/ Kerry Symons

Kerry Symons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Fowler

Kim Fowler, City Secretary