MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - BUDGET
March 30, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. in the Clarion Room of the Security Bank Building, 1102 Willis Avenue, Perry, Iowa. This meeting was also held electronically via a Zoom virtual meeting, meeting ID 875 2036 5133. This meeting was recorded and public access to the virtual meeting was obtainable, through request to City Hall.

Council members present were: Shelly, Mahler, Wolling, Klein, Andorf
Absent: None
A quorum was present to conduct business.

Staff members present:
City Clerk, Elizabeth Hix
Finance Officer, Susie Moorhead
City Administrator, Sven Peterson
Library Director, Misty Von Behren
Police Chief, Jim Archer
Police Sergeant, Alex Lott
Public Works Director, Josh Wuebker
Parks and Recreation Director, John Anderson
Marketing and Engagement Coordinator, Chris Cohea
Bolton & Menk Engineers, Jacob Ahrens

Motion Mahler Second Wolling to approve the meeting agenda. MCU

OLD BUSINESS:

FY2027 Budget Work Session #3: Motion Klein Second Andorf to open discussion on the FY2027 Budget Work Session #3. Finance Officer, Susie Moorhead, reviewed suggestions provided at the last meeting and the additional work that had taken place in preparation for this meeting. Susie reviewed the supplied worksheet and the adjustments to both revenues and expenditures. With the landfill fees increasing an additional $2.00 increase on Residential and a step increase for Commercial Garbage was discussed and determined as needed to clear the additional expenditure coming from the landfill fees. Discussion was held on the increase on collected magistrate fines along with camping and the increase to estimated collected MidAmerican Franchise Fees. Discussion was held on franchise fees and the work taking place to get an electric franchise fee setup with Guthrie County Rural Electric. Sven stated that they felt comfortable with the franchise fees but wanted to be cautious moving into them with the revenues not being able to be estimated with actual data. Additional cuts to expenditures were also reviewed with the Council. Susie stated that such cuts had been received with Department Heads, and that conversations about restoring the cut items, once the additional revenues were in place, would come back to Council. It was again stated that the plan was to restore the cut items once revenues could be better determined. Additional discussion was held between the Council and Department Heads regarding the proposed cuts, and the process on restoring items as funding became available. The possible purchase of some of the solar arrays was also discussed with Sven providing details on the option.

Sven next reviewed the capital requests in detail, going through each department and providing reasoning for approval, denial, or holding off for a future budget year. During this time, Sven also discussed some equipment items being approved with funding coming from short term loans rather

than Local Option Sales Tax. Discussion was held on how Local Option Sales Tax was estimated for the upcoming fiscal year and the current fund balance for it. Additional discussion was held on the various requests including the difference between brands and protocols for future equipment. Susie asked if the Council had any concerns with moving forward with their direction provided during the meeting, and with no comments being made by the Council, Susie stated she would move forward with preparing the public hearing publication, the next step in the budget process.

Discussion/Possible Action on providing notice of withdraw to Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP): Motion Klein Second Shelly to open discussion on the possible withdraw from the Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP). It was stated that the City annually reviews benefit options with North Risk Partners, the City's employee benefits administrator and advisor, to ensure employee benefits contain costs as well as provides benefits required by the union agreements and the City Employee Manual. After much discussion with staff and reviewing references, it was thought that the best option would be to withdraw from the Iowa Governmental Health and Related Benefits Program providing for the administration and operation of health and related benefits programs through Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP) pursuant to Article VII Section 4 of the Iowa Governmental Health and Related Benefits Program providing for operation of health and related benefits programs as originally recorded with the Iowa Secretary of State's Office on July 21, 2014, Filing Number M507297. Councilmember Wolling motioned to provide notice of withdraw to Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP) seconded by Mahler and passed unanimously by the Council. This resolution authorized the withdrawal and provided that such resolution be sent to the Chairperson of the Group Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Council was reminded that there was the Budget Hearing Meeting at 5:30p.m. on April 06, 2026, prior to the Regular City Council meeting at 6:00p.m. With no further business to conduct, Mayor Cavanaugh adjourned the meeting at 2:04p.m.

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Dirk Cavanaugh, Mayor

Attest:

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Elizabeth Hix, City Clerk

Clerk's Certification

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Certified By: _____
Elizabeth Hix, City Clerk