City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday October 26, 2026

The City Council, the governing body of the City of Preston, State of Iowa, met in regular session in the Preston Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem, Adam Reuter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL:
Present: Adam Reuter, Matt Gerardy, Leesa Budde, Matt Petersen
Absent: Dylan Meyer

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracey Lee, City Administrator/Clerk, Cathy Helmle, Deputy Clerk, Police Chief, Chad Gruver, Gene Camp, Judi Henningsen, Diane Jargo.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Gerardy, seconded by Budde. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gene Camp feels like sidewalks needed to be planned, budgeted and accomplished yearly for safe walking. Gene suggested it be done in small increments from School Street to Mitchell Street and then School Street from West Street and then School Street from Main Street.

CONSENT AGENDA: Including minutes of the last meetings, Sidewalk Replacement Program- Dale Felderman- $894.13, Sidewalk Replacement Program – Gerald Havens - $320.00, Sidewalk Replacement Program- Derek Meier- $1100.00. Sidewalk Replacement Program-Keeya Kunde- $1166.25. Moton to approve the consent agenda was made by Budde, seconded by Gerardy. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING AND REPEALING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 7, UTILITIES-BILLING CHARGES 6-7-11 REFUSE COLLECTION RATES IN THE CITY OF PRESTON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES: A motion to open the public hearing was made by Budde, seconded by Gerardy. Reuter asked for any comments from floor or city hall, with none being reported, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Gerardy, seconded by Budde. Ayes,4 Nays, 0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2026-04: Discussion was held on approving the first reading of Ordinance 2026-04: Amending and Repealing the Code of Ordinance of the City of Preston, Iowa 2026 by amending and repealing a portion of Title VI, Physical Environment, Chapter 7, Utilities-Billing Charges 6-7-11 Refuse Collection Rates. Residential Rates will increase to $25.00 per month for one city owned garbage can provided by the city. If you require 2 cans you will be charged $20.00 for the extra can. Commercial Rate: Rates for commercial establishments shall be based upon volume as follows:

Small Commercial	$50.00	1can +$20.00 for an addl. Can
Medium Commercial	$100.00	1 (2yd) dumpster
High Commercial	$180.00	2 (2yd) dumpsters

Large Commercial	$260.00	3 (2yd) dumpsters
Extra Large Commercial	$340.00	4 (2yd) dumpsters
Industrial Commercial	$420.00	5 (2yd) dumpsters

Extra Large Industrial Commercial $100.00 +$80.00 each 2yd dumpsters
*Industrial establishments can be charged $.05 per pound for garbage depending on volume.
Apartment buildings with a dumpster shall be assessed $25.00 per month per apartment served.
Dumpster Rental Fees: $100.00 per month rental when unit is on site dumped twice a week. A full copy of the ordinance will be on file at City Hall. A motion was made by Gerardy to approve the first reading to amend the ordinance and seconded by Budde. Ayes, 4 Nays, 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2027-13 Establishing the Permit Fee for Ordinance 2026-03 Necessity of Permit: Following discussion, the council agreed to table the item for further consideration.

RESOLUTION 2027-14 Approving the Dispatch Service Agreement and Authorizing its Execution. Discussion was held regarding the 28E agreement for dispatching service from the city of Maquoketa. Preston's percentage will be 4.53% for the annual Communications Operating Costs. A motion was made by Budde to approve Resolution 2027-14 and seconded by Gerardy. Ayes, 4 Nays, 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2027-15 Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of Municipal Public Moneys. The council approved the designation of the public depository and authorized the withdrawal of municipal public funds as listed on the resolution. A motion was made by Petersen to approve Resolution 2027-15 and seconded by Gerardy. Ayes, 4 Nays 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2027-16 Approving the Plat of Survey Parcel 74-2026 in Section 26 and Section 27-Marvel Grant Farm. The consideration of said plat is located within two miles of the City of Preston's corporate limits. Motion to approve Resolution 2027-16 was made by Budde, seconded by Gerardy. Ayes, 4 Nays 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2027-17 Approving the Plat of Survey Parcel 75-2026 in Section 27-Marvel Grant Farm. The consideration of said plat is located within two miles of the City of Preston's corporate limits. Motion to approve Resolution 2027-17 was made by Budde, seconded by Gerardy. Ayes, 4 Nays 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2027-18 Approving the Plat of Survey Parcel 78-2026 in Section 27-Marvel Grant Farm. The consideration of said plat is located within two miles of the City of Preston's corporate limits. Motion to approve Resolution 2027-18 was made by Budde, seconded by Gerardy. Ayes, 4 Nays 0. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION 2027-19 Approving the Plat of Survey Parcel 79-2026 in Section 26-Marvel Grant Farm. The consideration of said plat is located within two miles of the City of Preston's corporate limits. Motion to approve Resolution 2027-19 was made by Budde, seconded by Gerardy. Ayes, 4 Nays 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2027-20 Approving the Plat of Survey Parcel 80-2026 in Section 26-Marvel Grant Farm. The consideration of said plat is located within two miles of the City of Preston's corporate limits. Motion to approve Resolution 2027-20 was made by Budde, seconded by Gerardy. Ayes, 4 Nays 0. Motion carried.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Quote for New Lighting at the Skate Park and Tennis Courts from Gruhn Electric. The council discussed the quote for new lighting at the skate park and tennis courts. The council agreed to table the item until a revised quote can be obtained to include a timer/on-off switch and repainting of the light poles. The council also requested an additional quote for increases lighting in the parking lot. The item will be discussed again at a future meeting once the quotes are received.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Quote from Kunde Excavating & Quarry in the approximate amount of $8,000 for rock materials for initial foundation of construction of McNeil St. Extensive discussion was held regarding the temporary construction of McNeil Street. Motion to approve the quote for half of the road 60 ft by 76 ft deep for $8,000 was made by Gerardy and seconded by Budde. Ayes, 4 Nays 0. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Lee reported that the crack seal has been completed on Gillet, Farley, South Street and the skate park. Gruver reported that this week is Red Ribbon week at school. Firearm training will be held on Wednesday October 28th from 3:00-8:00pm so access to the city yard waste at the lagoon will be closed during those hours.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to be discussed, Reuter asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Budde, seconded by Petersen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Adam Reuter, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST: Tracey Lee

Tracey Lee, City Administrator/Clerk