

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
October 28, 2019

Mayor Pro-Tem Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL Present: R. Peterson, A. Sullivan, P. Hoffman, T. Sieverding Absent: M. Petersen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion made by P. Hoffman, seconded by A. Sullivan. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN /PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by R. Petersen to approve the consent A. Sullivan seconded. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LEADS ON LINE: Police Chief, Scott Heiar presented the City Council with a proposal from Leads on Line. This program allows the Police Department the ability to track pawned items. The cost for the software program is \$1,600.00 per year. It is less expensive for the PD to contract on their own since they get a small city discount. The cost to be part of the Jackson County Group would be \$2,200.00. Leads on Line also stated that they would pro-rate this year so it can be budgeted for next year. S. Heiar stated that he has the money for the subscription in his operating budget.

P. Hoffman made a motion to approve the pro-rated price for the Power Plus version of Leads on Line. A. Sullivan seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC QUOTE FOR THE LIGHT PLANT: Carl Tawney provided Electrical Quotes from Hawkeye Electric, \$55,950.00; Tri City Electric, \$79,200.00; and ESCO Electric, \$93,278.00. P. Hoffman made a motion to accept Carl's recommendation to go with Hawkeye Electric's quote for \$55,950.00. R. Petersen seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-16 SRF PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 9, 2019: A. Sullivan made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-16. P. Hoffman seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AMENDMENT: T. Weinschenk explained that \$300,000.00 is for the Electric Plant and \$20,000.00 is for the Sewer. Carl Tawney, project manager for the electric plant, has stated he needs between \$250,000.00 and \$300,000.00 to finish the project. T. Weinschenk feels comfortable with the dollar amount since there were unexpected repairs for the OP that were not in the budget. A. Sullivan wondered what happens if the amount is not spent, does it stay with the electric? T. Weinschenk explained that yes it does and if we have a budget amendment in the spring, we can reduce the expenses if needed. R. Petersen wondered if there is a way to get the \$130,000.00 out of the CAT generation project. T. Weinschenk explained that it is in the line item, but in the Excel spreadsheet it is not included. A. Sullivan wondered if raising taxes will be a consideration during budget time. T. Weinschenk stated that in balancing the budget yes, taxes will be looked at and the recommendation brought to council. P. Hoffman made a motion to set the date for the Budget Amendment Public Hearing for November 25, 2019 for the amount of \$320,000.000. A. Sullivan seconded. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-18: A. Sullivan made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-18 adopting the Jackson County Hazard Mitigation Plan with the recommendation to change the representative. P. Hoffman seconded. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

NORTH MAIN (Z34) OVERLAY PROJECT: T. Sieverding explained to Council that in the last meeting it was discussed the N. Main St. (Z34) project and that it is in the County's 5-year plan for 2022. T. Sieverding went on to explain that it would be cost effective for the City to partner with the County on the Z34 (N. Main St.) project in 2022. In the meantime, the City's portion is in a state of disrepair. It was suggested to do an overlay project to get by until 2022. T. Weinschenk had a meeting with the County Engineer to impress upon him the importance of Z34 staying in the 2022 timeframe. T. Weinschenk will approach the Board of Supervisors to express the importance of staying inline with the 2022 timeline. T. Sieverding stated that we should stay on their radar. In mid-February the county will have a public meeting regarding the 5-year plan. P. Hoffman stated to remind Council so they can attend. T. Weinschenk got quotes from Determann Asphalt for \$29,192.00 and River City Paving for \$26,587.00. River City Paving is set up already outside of town. A motion was made by P. Hoffman to accept the low bid from River City Paving noting that modifications will need to be made. A. Sullivan seconded. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 14th: T. Weinschenk stated that the first council meeting of the month falls on Veteran's Day. Recommendation to move the meeting to Tuesday, November 12th. The Mayor requests that Thursday,

November 14 be considered for the meeting since he is unavailable on November 12th. T. Sieverding made a motion to move the City Council meeting from November 11th to November 14th. A. Sullivan seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: It was noted that the Health Insurance renewal has a 3% decrease. A motion was made by P. Hoffman to renew the employee health insurance as presented. T. Sieverding seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE VOLUNTARY VISION PLAN: T. Weinschenk explained that there is a voluntary vision plan available to the employees. There would need to be five employee's participating. This is at no cost to the City. This would be up for renewal each year like the health insurance. P. Hoffman made a motion to approve the Voluntary Employee Vison Insurance Plan. A. Sullivan seconded. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

28E AGREEMENTS FOR POLICE PROTECTION WITH SPRAUGEVILLE AND MILES: The spreadsheet that P. Hoffman put together was reviewed and discussed. T. Weinschenk stated that we should take into consideration that the Police Protection is also for the Easton Valley School District. T. Sieverding suggested there should be a meeting with the Police Committee, Miles and Spragueville. P. Hoffman stated that Preston should go into the meeting with a price per hour for Police Protection and suggested \$50.00 per hour for the first year and a 3% increase for year two. It was agreed we need to have a starting point. After the meeting it should then come back to Council. Council tasked T. Weinschenk with arranging a meeting with Miles and Spragueville.

APPROVAL OF METERING CONTRACT WITH WPPI: T. Weinschenk presented the agreement for 2.5% of an FTE through WPPI for the annual cost of \$2,625.00 for 40 hours' time. The agreement would provide a metering technician that can help with installation, checking electric utilizing infrared technology, and checking meters in general for billing purposes. P. Hoffman voiced concerns if we go over the amount of time if we will be billed again. T. Weinschenk stated that we will need to keep track of our time and we have good communications with WPPI. T. Weinschenk also visited with the City of Maquoketa and they use this service. A motion was made by A. Sullivan to enter into a Metering Service Agreement with WPPI not to exceed \$2,625.00. P. Hoffman seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

PARKS UPDATE: T. Sieverding stated that Rock & Roll bingo had a good turn out and went well and is something we will do again. A. Sullivan mentioned that the Harvest Walk went well, but they are talking about having a Harvest Fest next year and make it a bigger event. P. Hoffman stated that they are still looking for the brackets for the donation plaques for West Side Park. Everyone has been looking for them for over a week.

ELECTRIC UPDATE: T. Weinschenk stated that the transformer for the Dever's project has been ordered.

NEXT CODIFICATION MEETING: Tabled until T. Weinschenk gets more information from ECIA.

Mayor Pro-Tem T. Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by P. Hoffman, seconded by A. Sullivan. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Tyler Sieverding, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Teresa Weinschenk, City Administrator/Clerk