

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
July 27, 2020

Mayor Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present: R. Petersen, via ZOOM: T. Sieverding, A. Reuter, P. Hoffman. Absent: M. Petersen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by P. Hoffman to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded by A. Reuter. Ayes: RP, AR, TS, PH. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by P. Hoffman to approve the consent agenda as presented. A.

Reuter seconded. Ayes: PH, AR, R P, TS. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN: Tyler Sieverding presented his resignation to T. Weinschenk effective 7/27/2020.

RESOLUTION 2021-01, APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR: A motion was made by P. Hoffman to appoint Tyler Sieverding as Mayor. Thank you, Tyler, for taking the position. Second was made by R. Petersen. Ayes: AR, PH, RP. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM: Mayor Sieverding appointed A. Reuter as Mayor Pro-Tem.

PRESTON COVID-19 POLICY: Mayor Sieverding advised Council that due to recent events and the recent surge in Jackson County; it was requested T. Weinschenk put something in writing that gives some guidance. Mayor Sieverding opened it up for questions/discussion. A. Reuter stated that it looks good to him. P. Hoffman thinks it is thorough and meets the purpose. A motion was made to approve the Covid-19 Policy as presented, seconded by P. Hoffman. Ayes: PH, RP, AR. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

WPPI RECHARGE FUNDS: T. Weinschenk advised that the person in Maquoketa at the Chamber was out of the office until Friday, 7/24 and she referred it onto the Municipal Utility. Weinschenk received the information this afternoon (7/27). Weinschenk went on to explain that the utility hand-picked the businesses that they offered the reimbursement to on the ½ price gift certificates. The business was allotted so much money and then a limit of \$25 or \$50 per gift certificate. So, if a customer could buy a \$50 gift certificate for \$25. The business would turn the receipt into the utility to get the other \$25 dollars. Maquoketa used up the funds they set aside for this in 2 days. So, if Council would like to table the subject until next meeting Weinschenk could bring back a list of businesses (retail vendors, hair dressers) and what the parameters are. Council agreed to table it until the August 10th meeting.

DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION AND METERING POLICY: T. Weinschenk advised the Council that the policy changes would bring Preston up-to-date with solar. The document that was provided in the packet explains the primary change to the policy is the increase in the size of the system this policy covers. Mayor Sieverding wondered how many households in Preston have solar?

Weinschenk stated between 3-5. P. Hoffman mentioned that even though we sell electricity we should still be supporting green energy. P. Hoffman made a motion to approve updating Preston's Municipal

Electric Utility's Distributed Generation interconnection and Metering Policies as it was presented. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Ayes: AR, PH, RP. Nays: 0. Motion Carried

AUDIT FY20: O'Connor and Brooks, our auditors, offered an examination instead of a full audit. The examination cost is half of what a full audit would cost the City. A full audit would cost \$11,600-\$12,560. The City has not had any Federal Grants in excess of \$500,000. Next year we will probably need a full audit. Also, next year the cost will go up by 40% due to the requirements/standards of the auditing process. Weinschenk is recommending an examination. P. Hoffman stated to check and see if it will cost more next year for a full audit due to the fact that we only had an examination. Weinschenk will look into this and get something more formal from the auditors for the next meeting.

REPLACEMENT PUMP ON THE PRIMARY LIFT STATION: T. Weinschenk presented a quote for a new pump for the Primary Lift Station by Plastics Unlimited. The quote is for \$25,028. We really don't have a choice in replacing the pump. There are two more pumps that will need to be looked at, but this will be done once pump 1 is back online. We also need new rails for a cost of \$5,539. The equipment is in an unfavorable environment. P. Hoffman made a motion to approve the quote as presented. A. Reuter seconded. Ayes: AR, PH, RP. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Sieverding reminded everyone that we have 60 days to find a council person. We need to have someone in place by the middle of September, if not before.

CATALYST GRANT: Don Richlen is working with 563 design to get hard quotes for construction. The project is moving forward. Nic Hockenberry from JCEA is working on it also. Even though you do not see anything happening with the building it is progressing. P. Hoffman also suggested having an update at each meeting.

Mayor Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by P. Hoffman. Seconded by A. Reuter. Ayes: PH, RP, AR. Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Mayor Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:



Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator