

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
February 24, 2020

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, M. Petersen, T. Sieverding Absent: Mayor Betts

GUESTS: None

VISTORS WITH BUSINESS TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL: Marc Ruden, IIW.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. Motion made by P. Hoffman, seconded by M. Petersen. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN /PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MARC RUDEN, IIW: M. Ruden presented the concept of the Sponsored Project to Council. M. Ruden stated that the proposal will be for a wet pond that would utilize four lots in the Marvin sub-division. M. Ruden provided a hand-out which showed a diagram of the proposed area. M. Ruden went on to inform Council of the Stakeholders meeting that took place on February 14th went very well. Chris Fee, from Easton Valley School was present and very positive about the project. The school currently has plans for the property East of the Marvin sub-division. M. Ruden is hoping to attend a schoolboard meeting and have further discussion with them regarding the project. Phase 1 of the project is focusing on water quality. The pond will take care of the quality and quantity. Phase 2 will expand on the berms. There will be the grassland swale and a bio swale. T. Sieverding wondered what the difference is. M. Ruden stated that a grassland swale is a grassy ditch whereas a bio swale has aggregate layers. R. Petersen wondered if the grass needs to be cut. M. Ruden stated that no you want the different grasses to grow up, they would only be cut-back in the fall. Hoffman wondered what is the maintenance of a wet pond. M. Ruden said that the pond would possibly need to be dredged in 10 to 20 years, depending on the amount of sediment that would/could accumulate. There was discussion on how the school and the community can benefit from this project. M. Ruden stated that the application is due March 2nd and that approval through Resolution is needed from the Council. T. Weinschenk stated that a special meeting can be scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7a.m. M. Ruden apologized for the oversight. M. Ruden also stated that the school, JCEA and the Maquoketa Watershed will provide letters of support. M. Ruden stated that the City will know if the project is awarded in June and project plans would need to be submitted by September. Other grants were discussed to help with funding the project, along with other project deadlines. A. Sullivan mentioned in regards to the Marvin subdivision wondering if Easton Valley has the trade program in place to build houses, since this is something the school in Clinton does. P. Hoffman stated that in the Old School Visioning one of the suggestions was having different trade programs. T. Weinschenk stated that NICC has a program for building houses, maybe the local college does? A. Sullivan stated this would be a good way to get some houses built in the new subdivision.

ELECTRIC PLANT INSURANCE: T. Weinschenk informed Council that Norm Nielson from Associated Insurance was at City Hall earlier and we discussed the sublimit amount. Nielson is going go with the \$100,000.00 sublimit and it will be included in our renewal. Nielson will be on the March 9th Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Petersen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A. Sullivan seconded. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: P. Hoffman made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Max Levy. M. Petersen seconded. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried. T. Weinschenk explained to Council that this is the maximum the City can go for these levies. The Council can lower the levy, but cannot increase the levy. T. Weinschenk stated that the tax levy is \$9.62885. This is approximately \$.33 more than last year's tax. Council understood and there were no questions.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: P. Hoffman made a motion to close the Public Hearing. A. Sullivan seconded. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-21 APPROVE THE MAX LEVY: P. Hoffman made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. M. Petersen seconded.

ROLL CALL

R. Petersen: Aye

A. Sullivan: Aye

P. Hoffman: Aye

M. Petersen: Aye

T. Sieverding: Aye

Motion Carried

UPDATE ON RECYCLING: T. Weinschenk informed Council that Eric Tietjens, Sanitation Superintendent, has collected more information for Clinton in regards to the recycling. Preston will be on Clinton's agenda on March 13th. Another option for Preston would be to have Dittmer Recycling provide recycling bins for the City. Jackson County Waste Authority will be \$13.18 per capita. The \$3.02 per capita for recycling will not be charged and JCWA is not increasing their cost for budget FY21.

BUDGET WORK SESSION: A budget work session was set for March 2nd at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by P. Hoffman, seconded by M. Petersen. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:

Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator