

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
August 22, 2022

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL Present: Richard Petersen, Adam Reuter, JT Thomson, Matt Gerardy, Matt Petersen

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Clerk, Sheryl Ganzer; Police Chief Charles Miller, Tony Amsler, Iowa House Candidate, Marc Ruden, Origin Design.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda by R. Petersen, Seconded by M. Gerardy.
Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tony Amsler, introduced himself as newly appointed Candidate for the New Iowa House District 66 which was formed as result of the 2020 Census re-districting which include Jones County and most of Jackson County. Amsler gave a brief history on his background including family, education, service and past employment experiences over the years. He thanked Mayor and Council for their public service and encouraged reaching out to him with concerns and ideas for our community.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by R. Petersen, seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SALE OF LOT 2 IN WESTSIDE SUBDIVISION: A motion to open the public hearing was made by A. Reuter, seconded by M. Gerardy. Roll Call: Ayes: A. Reuter, M Gerardy, M. Petersen, JT Thomson, R. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Ganzer reported that there were no comments from the public nor was anyone present for the public comment. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: M. Gerardy made motion to close the Public Hearing, M. Petersen seconded. Ayes: M. Gerardy, M. Petersen, A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-61 Authorizing Sale of Property Locally Known as 501 McNeil Street in the Westside Subdivision. Mayor Sieverding commented that Kelli and himself made the decision to purchase the lot and continue to live in Preston. He hopes it will get other new construction to continue also. Motion was made by JT Thomson to approve Resolution 2022-61. Seconded by M. Gerardy. Ayes: JT Thomson, M. Gerardy, R. Petersen, M. Petersen, A. Reuter. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

STORM SEWER OPTIONS-WEST STREET: City Engineer, Marc Ruden presented Storm Sewer Options for the Westside Subdivision along West Street. In 2020 Origin had prepared a pre-construction storm water analysis at what is now Westside subdivision. Marc re-visited the two proposed drainage improvement options. Both options are designed to direct storm water to the north to Hwy 64 to fall into Copper Creek. Updated costs were provided at an estimated increase of approx. 25%. Ruden recommended Council go with Option 1, although more costly at 1.47 million over option 2 at approx. 980,000 for the purpose of being able to proceed with the application process for a non-committed USDA loan. Origin will have to work with the DOT for the storm sewer being directed through Hwy 64. Ruden also made council aware of the potential of grant money becoming available in the near future which could provide funding of approx. 45% of the project. It was the consensus of Council to go with Option 1 with the ability to reduce costs once the decision on final plans were made.

Approve applying for a USDA Loan: Mayor Sieverding stated that Weinschenk had spoke to USDA as a source of funding for the Storm Sewer project. She commented that although there are more hoops to go through, there

is also a potential of 45% of the expense being a grant and the remainder being a loan. Sieverding felt there was a need to try and see through the application if this would be a good option. JT Thomson made a motion to approve applying for a USDA loan with approval of Storm Sewer design, Option 1. Seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS COST ESTIMATES: As part of the budgeting and comprehensive process, City Engineer, Marc Ruden was asked to provide for review, designs and cost estimates for street paving with curb and gutter for Industrial Park, including 1st Street, Industrial Lane and Manufacturing Drive. Ruden stated it included quite a bit of paving work; he discussed drainage and made recommendations to council to not put storm sewer to save costs and felt ditches were large enough to handle the water. He also felt that there would be no issues with current water and sewer. Estimated cost \$1,340,325.40. Ruden also provided designs and costs for Merrill Street from School to Farley. Included Paving, Curb and Gutter, Water Main and sidewalks. With incorporating Water/Sewer in the project and going with a SRF loan there is potential for forgivable loan money. Base cost for this project is \$1,356,860.

RESOLUTION 2022-62 Approving the State of Iowa CDBG-CV Procurement Policy: Resolution needs to be approved to be able to have ability to adopt CDBG procedures. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-62 was made by JT Thomson, seconded by M. Gerardy. Ayes: JT Thomson, M. Gerardy, R. Petersen, A. Reuter, M. Petersen. Motion carried.

STORM SEWER ORDINANCE: Council wasn't able to review the draft ordinance prior to meeting, and would like it emailed for them to review. Council was all in agreement that a Storm Sewer Utility needed to be done, and would like to discuss at a future meeting.

POLICE PROTECTION-UNIV. OF IOWA AGREEMENT: Chief Miller requested approval from council to sign an agreement for law enforcement assistance at the Univ. of Iowa Football games. Weinschenk talked to Associated Insurance, and they saw no problem with it being a liability issue. Weinschenk also spoke to 2 other cities who participate in the program to learn the process works. The city would agree to provide assistance at the rate of \$60/hr. to cover all Salary, IPERS expenses at time & ½ current hourly rate for Bill and Nick. There would be no use of patrol cars and no reimbursement for mileage. Council feels it's a good to get the Department out there and get experience and network with other departments. A motion to approve signing the agreement was made by M. Petersen, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

With no other business, Mayor Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by M. Gerardy, Seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, Deputy Clerk