

City of Preston  
Regular City Council Meeting  
April 24, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: JCEA, Kelley Brown and Ben Davison; Dennis Driscoll and Greg Michels, Saint Joseph's Church; Chief Miller; Teresa Weinschenk, City Administrator.

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by JT Thomson, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried. Approval of minutes, Rebate for Leesa Budde.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY2023/2024 BUDGET: A. Reuter made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the FY 2023/2024 Budget. M. Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Weinschenk stated that there was no public comment. M. Gerardy made a motion to close the Public Hearing. R. Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JCEA DISCUSSION: Jackson County Economic Alliance (JCEA) Director Kelley Brown and Assistant Director Ben Davison, were present as the alliance is starting their new five-year capital campaign. Brown thanked Council for the City's financial support and requested that Council consider continuing the investment and support of JCEA. Brown went on to state that she is willing to assist with the transition of a new administrator. Brown also offered assistance to the Deputy Clerk in the interim. Mayor and Council thanked Brown and Davison for their time. A resolution will be on the next regular session to approve financial support.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH DITCH: Dennis Driscoll and Greg Michels on behalf of Saint Joseph's Church, want to withdraw the idea of have a concrete byway for the water and instead investigate other options. The concern is the erosion will continue and is there someway that we can temporarily stabilize the area by using a material or rip rap? Also, is this on City Council's radar? M. Petersen and Mayor Sieverding both agreed that yes, this is on Council's radar. Council also doesn't feel putting a concrete byway for the water is the way to go. Driscoll stated that he is not looking for a decision tonight, but just wanted to discuss with Council the thought of looking into options since the Church is really not excited about the concrete byway anymore. Driscoll has discussed with a local contractor, and they have some different options. Council agrees that the ditch needs to be dug out to get the water flowing through there. Driscoll would prefer if the contractor could reach from the road or use rubber tracked equipment. Weinschenk will discuss with David Michel and Michel will get with Driscoll to come up with options.

PROPERTY INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLES: Weinschenk stated that in the packet is the information form Associated Insurance. Weinschenk stated that Associated, Larry Hand had sent an email stating that the blanket property deductible if raised to \$5,000 it will save \$5,564 and if we raised it to \$10,000 it will save \$9,603. Council discussed that if it was going to change it would need to be raised to a \$10,000 deductible. After much discussion it was decided to keep the deductibles where they are at and evaluate next year during renewal time.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2022-80: A. Reuter made a motion to adopt the Budget and Certification of City Taxes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. JT Thomson seconded the motion. Ayes: M. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.


RESOLUTION 2022-81: Weinschenk explained that Amanda Dupont from ECIA will attend the meeting to give an update on the funds used with the Town Hall CDBG-CV Grant Project. JT Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-81 setting the Public Hearing for the Status of Funds for the CDBG-CV Town Hall Grant for May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CRACK SEAL BIDS: Weinschenk informed Mayor and Council that two bids were in their packet. Eastern Iowa Asphalt came in at \$15,439.10 and Manatts at \$7838.19. Weinschenk and Michel are recommending the Manatts quote since it is the lowest and they do a great job. M. Petersen made a motion to award the bid to Manatts if the quote includes Black Street, for the FY24 crack sealing. JT Thomson seconded the quote. Motion carried.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TERESA WEINSCHENK: Mayor Sieverding and Council thanked Weinschenk for everything she has done in assisting Preston. Mayor and Council wished Weinschenk well with her new position as Bellevue's City Administrator. Weinschenk's last day with Preston is May 26<sup>th</sup>. M. Petersen made a motion to accept Weinschenk's resignation. JT Thomson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: M. Petersen started the Police discussion stating that Chief Miller tested three candidates and none of them passed so we didn't get anyone to send to the academy. After much discussion it was decided to get back to the basics and focus on Preston. Weinschenk is to get with the City Attorney regarding the Miles contract and give appropriate notice. This will allow Chief Miller to focus on Preston and keep things moving in the right direction. Chief Miller was told that he can advertise for part time help. Chief Miller will still visit the elementary school and have a police presence in the Miles area. Spragueville will stay on. Chief Miller stated that Miles has been looking into options with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

With no other business, Mayor Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by M. Gerardy. Seconded by JT Thomson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
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Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Teresa Weinschenk, City Administrator/Clerk