

City of Preston

Regular City Council Meeting

July 22, 2024

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, Dylan Meyer, Adam Reuter

Absent: Jason Thomson, Matt Gerardy

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Police Officer, Adam McPherson, Megan Driscoll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by D. Meyer, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by M. Petersen including minutes of last meeting, Gas furnace rebate \$100-Tom Yaddof, Central Air Heat Pump rebate - \$400 – Tom Yaddof and Class B Retail Alcohol license – Olson’s Main Street Station. Seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

TextMyGov: Tabled from last meeting - Consider approval of Partnership Agreement. A Zoom Presentation of the text alert service system was held with Brigham Taylor from TextMyGov. A demonstration on how the low cost, unique communication service works for cities. It is data based, so citizens are signed up immediately based on address and cell phone numbers. The program features a mapping tool which allows text alerts to go out to everyone, or it can be specified to only go out to an area where the alert is warranted. The program is interactive, where citizens can text questions and receive an automated response. There will be a widget on the City’s website to be used as a marketing tool that also allows people to sign up. City staff members would create an internet-based login from any device and be able to get an alert out to customers outside of regular business hours. The agreement is for a 3-year contract and includes unlimited support and training. Initial year cost is \$2000 plus a one time set up fee of \$500, then \$2000 per year following. After 3 years, the system can be renewed on a year to year basis. It would take approximately 30 days to complete the set up and training. After discussion on how the council would like to see the service utilized and consideration of costs, D. Meyer made a motion to approve the partnership agreement for the text alert service with TextMyGov. Seconded by Reuter. Motion carried.

Preston Growth and Development- 501C3: Megan Driscoll, President of PG&D, would like to start the process of PG&D becoming a 501C3 for the purpose of opening doors for grants. Originally, they were wanting one for the Farmers Market group, but after discussion they would like to make it PG&D as a whole. Currently PG&D is funded through the City through the general fund. They would have a stand-alone bank account. They would need to get the City Attorney involved with costs being paid with PG&D funds. This would make PG&D a formal non-profit organization with the main goal of being able to apply for more grants designed for non-profit organizations. M. Petersen was still in favor of having some funds budgeted through the City for PG&D to help with community support as in the past. They would like the blessing of being able to contact the attorney. The council agreed to allow PG&D to reach out to Lynch Dallas to obtain more information on becoming a 501C3 and asked that they report back their findings.

RESOLUTION 2024-3: A resolution approving adopting the Jackson County Iowa Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2024 Updated Plan. Ganzer explained that the resolution is required as a condition for future funding for mitigation projects and post-disaster mitigation grant programs. It formally adopts the plan. The City would submit the resolution to Homeland Security Emergency management agency officials to enable the plan’s final approval. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-3 was made by M. Petersen, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-4: Approval of Plat of Survey, Parcel 77-2024 lying within Lot 3 of Westside Subdivision. At the last meeting the council approved Origin Design to modify McNeil Subdivision plat of survey of Westside

Subdivision Lot 2. Lot 2 has been purchased and the modification makes that lot larger by approximately 30ft. Once Lot 1 is sold, it would also need to be modified along with the design and plating of remaining Lot 3, which originally was thought to have 10 lots, they would be resized and reduced to 8 lots and the cost per lot would be up for discussion at that time. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-4 as presented. Motion was seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.


**SALE OF PICKUP AND WOODCHIPPER:** Ganzer explained that there was 1 bid on the woodchipper in the amount of \$1302 and 2 bids on truck of \$5500 and \$5600. Mayor and Council are all in favor of selling the truck to highest bidder, Doug Lee for \$5600 and Sak Klein \$1302 for the chipper.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Amos Street construction update:** Ganzer reported that the storm water part of the project has been complete, there are new storm water boxes being built at 2 locations, there will be rip-rap being put in on E. DeGroat street towards the creek. Next week they will start tearing out the road. The project is moving along well, and within the estimated timeframe.

**Ordinance Enforcement:** Ongoing discussion on prioritizing ordinances that need to be addressed regarding nuisances and cleaning up properties accordingly. Determining what is enforceable and what programs and procedures are being put in place addressing ordinances. We are waiting to hear back on what Maquoketa does regarding forming a 28E with a building inspector to start the process of legally addressing what is up to code and not up to code on vacant/abandoned/un-safe homes and buildings

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business to be discussed, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by A. Reuter, seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

  
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Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

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Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk