

City of Preston

Regular City Council Meeting

September 25, 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: Richard Petersen, JT Thomson, Matt Petersen, Adam Reuter, Matt Gerardy

OTHERS PRESENT: City Administrator Sheryl Ganzer, Deputy Clerk Tracey Lee, Police Chief Chad Gruver

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion to approve the consent agenda including Minutes of the last meeting, Gas Furnace rebate – R. Badrick - \$100, and Refrigerator rebate – D. Jargo- \$50, Dishwasher rebate – D. Jargo- \$50, and Water heater rebate-S. Simmons - \$25 was made by A. Reuter, Seconded by R. Petersen. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Sieverding performed the Oath of Office for Police Chief, Chad Gruver.

ORDINANCE 11: Second Reading: An Ordinance amending and repealing the code of Ordinances of the City of Preston, by amending and repealing a portion of Title II, Policy and Administration, Chapter 5, Salaries of Municipal Officers s, 2-5-1 Council Members & 2-5-2 Mayor:

The 2nd reading of Ordinance 11 – for setting salaries for Council members to 1500/year to be paid out bi-annually and Mayor to \$3000/year to be paid out bi-annually was held. With no discussion or comments, Motion was made by JT Thomson to approve the 2nd reading and waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance 11, seconded by M. Gerardy. Roll Call: Ayes: M. Gerardy, M. Petersen, JT Thomson, A. Reuter, R. Petersen. Nays 0. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Christiansen Coffee's second year lease is up for review. Old City Hall was originally set up to be an Incubator Building, designed to provide a free rent space for a new business wanting to get started in Preston. The lease is reviewed yearly. Year 2, the business owner paid \$200/month. Discussion was held on increasing the rent to \$300 for year 3 and capping the lease at year 5 with rent being increased by \$100 per year, unless the City has another interested party applying for the program. The council does not want to intently kick anyone out but also wants to allow another business the same opportunity. Council would like to revisit the program guidelines w/in the next 6 months. A motion was made by M. Petersen to approve the one-year lease agreement for Christiansen Coffee and setting rent at \$300 per month. Seconded by R. Petersen. Motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD: Library Director, Caroline Bredekamp presented a request to vote in Linda Budde to serve on the Preston Public Library Board replacing Jim Vorland who has served two full cycles on the board on separate occasions. Council agreed to gratefully accept Budde as board member and thank Vorland for his years of service and for all he's done for the Library. Motion to approve was made by A. Reuter, seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried.

TREASURE TROVE: Sheryl Ganzer gave an update regarding moving forward with plans for potential acquisition of the Treasure Trove. After reaching out to Amanda Dupont with ECIA, Ganzer informed council on the requirements needed to consider applying for the Derelict Building Grant through the DNR. The Grant could help fund either the deconstruction or rehab of up to 75% of cost. To be considered, there would need to be a strong re-use plan for the building or site, and it would also need a strong diversion plan. A Phase I asbestos survey had been completed with asbestos being present. Ganzer asked for Asbestos abatement estimates from two contractors. Both contractors visited the site and had concerns with the roof. During the survey of the building, the roof was not sampled due to unsafe access to the bell tower. Council asked that Ganzer have both contractors supply estimates with for worst case scenario including removal of asbestos in the roof if found to be positive and to proceed in obtaining procedure for getting the roof sampled. Council would also like to obtain bids from 3 contractors for deconstruction costs and table discussion until next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: The City was notified that the garbage truck being considered to purchase from Kilburg Equipment should be available in approximately 1 month.

Ganzer reported that the City's Network Firewall is due to expire and needs replaced. A quote was received from the City's IT company including configuration and deployment for \$3205.00. Council agreed to the purchase.

Mayor Sieverding proclaimed setting date for Trick or Treat, Sunday October 29th from 4 – 6 pm.

Chief Gruver reported the Charger is back in operation and the repairs for damage to the oil pan was paid through insurance.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business, Mayor Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petersen, Seconded by JT Thomson. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk