

City of Preston  
Regular City Council Meeting  
April 14, 2025  
Mayor, Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present: JT Thomson, Dylan Meyer, Adam Reuter – Matt Gerardy entered meeting at 6:03pm  
Absent: Matt Petersen

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk, Police Chief Chad Gruver, Corey Driscoll, Mike Eckhart.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Including minutes of last meeting, financial reports, payment approval of paid and unpaid claims, utility reports, monthly police report, A/C rebate - \$100, Gas Furnace Rebate - \$100, Electric Water Heater Rebate - \$25 – Connie Bormann, A/C rebate - \$100, Gas Furnace Rebate \$00, Gas Water Heater Rebate \$25 – Lois Hoffman, Gas Water Heater Rebate - \$25 – Emily Warner, Gas Water Heater Rebate - \$25, Lisa Yaddof, Retail Alcohol License – Preston Fire Department. A motion to approve the consent agenda made by A. Reuter, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

Payee	Description	Amount
NASRO	MEMBERSHIP	50.00
BRAD DEERY MOTORS INC.	OIL CHANGE 2015 PD FORD	74.63
AT&T MOBILITY	PD PHONE SERVICE	173.32
PRESTON TELEPHONE CO	MARCH 2025 PHONE SERVICE	897.99
LYNCH DALLAS PC ATTN	NUISANCE ENFORCEMENT	245.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	CLASS A HAT AND BATTERIES	94.91
TRAF-O-TERIA SYSTEM	PARKING TICKETS	446.68
ZERO9 HOLSTERS	KEY FOB & TOURNIQUET CASE	90.40
VC3 INC.	ITnBox SUPPORT	853.11
BUSS BOYZ CUSTOMS INC	PD CAR UPFIT FOR 2025 DURANGO	12,399.75
	TRAVEL-CHIEFS WORKSHOP CAMP	
RUCHOTZKE, LONDON	DODGE	377.57
CLASEN, KENNY	WATER HEATER/WASH MACHINE HOOKUP	1,570.00
RIES PEST CONTROL	BI-MONTHLY RODENT – FIRE DEPT	48.15
D L JOHNSON CO.	702 FUEL PUMP/LEVELING VALVE	1,156.98
KIRBY WATER CONDITIONING	2 50# SOLAR SALT	28.00
USCELLULAR	FD CELL BILL	29.58
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ALEX AIR APPARATUS	CHEM ATTACK CLASS A 5 GALLONS	750.00
JACKSON COUNTY RECORDER	28E AGRMNT RECORDING – VAN BUREN	12.00
JACKSON COUNTY RECORDER	28E AGRMNT RECORDING – FAIRFIELD	12.00
UNPLUGGED WIRELESS COMM	UNIFICATION G5 DUAL BAND P25 PAGER	94.20
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	MARCH 2025 UTILITIES	10,473.72
MILES LUMBER/ HARDWARE	SNAP FOR FLAG	194.02
PRESTON READY MIX CORP.	ROAD ROCK ORIN STREET	72.09
ZARNOTH BRUSH WORKS INC.	GUTTER BROOM	215.00
JACKSON COUNTY ENGINEER	10.5 TON SALT MIX \$50/TON	525.00
WELLMARK	APRIL 2025 HEALTH INSURNACE	9,553.57
IOWA WORKFORCE DEV	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR UNEMPLOYMENT 2025	130.24

PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	FEB 2025 UTILITIES	321.39
PRESTON TELEPHONE CO	FEBRUARY 2025 PHONE SERVICE	82.03
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	8 BOOKS	174.26
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER	192.50
ASSOCIATED INSURANCE	GENERAL,AUTO, LIAB,PROP INS.	96,549.42
FREY HAUFE & CURRENT P.L.C.	PGD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	976.00
DRISCOLL, MEGAN	REIMBURSEMENT GOLF OUTING FLYERS	100.75
PRESTON FARMERS MARKET	PG&D EVENT FUNDS FOR FARMER MARKET	1,222.75
PLASTICS UNLIMITED	FY24/25 TAX REBATE 1 OF 2	10,116.50
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SHERYL IMFOA DUES	50.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	TRACEY IMFOA DUES	50.00
PRESTON TIMES	03/10/2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP MIN	423.92
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY I - SHERYL	30.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	2025/26 PLANNERS	714.01
DUBUQUE FIRE EQUIPMENT	FIRE EXT INSP.CITY HALL	73.80
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	OLD CITY HALL DOOR	495.27
MAQUOKETA STATE BANK	MARCH 2025 MAINTENACE FEE	45.90
ORIGIN DESIGN	MISC SERVICE REPLACEMENT Z34	1,329.60
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	IMAU ADVANCED H2O WORKSHOP EXP	479.53
TREASURER/SALES & USE TAX	WATER EXCISE TAX	1,256.65
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CHEM RIGHT LABORATORIES I	WATER SAMPLE LAB FEE	22.00
HAWKINS INC	108 AZONE	595.70
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICE LLC	WASTEWATER LAB FEES MARCH 2025	432.00
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ELECTRICAL ENG. & EQUIP.	GENERATOR REPAIR	2,111.00
MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELECTRIC	SECURITY LIGHT	9.09
WPPI	MARCH 2025 POWER PURCHASE	33,514.35
BORMANN, CONNIE	A/C,ELEC WATER HEATER/GAS FURNACE	275.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ADMIN FEE QTR 1 2025	3,000.00
CULLIGAN OF CLINTON	LIGHT PLANT WATER CONDITIONING	37.31
ATKINSON, CAROL	DISHWASHER REBATE	50.00
REDING, STEVE	MINI SPLIT REBATE	100.00
SCHAEFER, JOHN OR JUDY	CLOTHES WASHER REBATE	35.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	PAINT WESTSIDE B-BALL CT NHS PROJ	85.49
ERNST, RAY	REIMBURSEMENT BOOTS	106.99
APGA SIF	SHRIMP/DIMP RENEWAL	19.00
CITY OF PRESTON-ELEC FUND	DIESEL FUEL - 16 GAL GAS DEPT	10,088.64
CLAYTON ENERGY CORP	FEBRUARY 2025 COMMODITY INVOICE	19,293.04
CLAYTON ENERGY CORP	MARCH 2025 COMMODITY INVOICE	19,873.97
PEFA INC.	MARCH 2025 COMMODITY INVOICE	15,327.28
BEHN, KEVIN	GAS FURNACE REBATE	200.00
	CENTRAL AIR/GAS FURNACE/GAS WATER	
HOFFMAN, LOIS	HTR REB	225.00
WARNER, EMILY	GAS WATER HEATER REBATE	25.00
YADDOF, MIKE & LISA	GAS WATER HEATER REBATE	25.00
ADVANCED BUSINESS SYST	POSTAGE METER INK	208.50
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES INC	BRACKET RISER SUPPORT 8,72.10"	72.10
KOONS GAS MEASUREMENT	SPRAGUE #3-4 NUT	43.77
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SHIPPING OF ODORANT	46.94
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	HRA ADMINISTRATION SERVICE	42.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	APRIL 2025 LIFE INS	374.63
TREASURER/SALES & USE TAX	SALES & OPTION TAX	4,019.96

TREASURER/SALES & USE TAX		LOCAL OPTION TAX	3,841.12
WASTE AUTHORITY		MARCH 2025 TIPPING FEE	6,090.96
CLINTON CO AREA SOLID WA		RECYCLING – MARCH 2025	251.20
ACCESS SYSTEMS		LEXMARK MAINT KIT AND IMAGING KIT	636.75
IOWA ASSOC. OF MUN. UTIL.		APRIL-JUNE 2025 TRAINING	1,243.51
KYLE STOTESBERY		UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	30.02
			279,316.52
GROSS WAGES – MARCH			
2024	45,553.42		
APPROVED EXPENDITURES BY			
FUND:			
GENERAL FUND	92,915.79		
DEBT SERVICE FUND	0		
ROAD USE TAX FUND	1329.6		
INSURANCE RESERVE	0		
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	0		
WATER FUND	17,605.51		
SEWER FUND	15,297.02		
ELECTRIC FUND	69,490.57		
GAS FUND	65,188.82		
GARBAGE FUND	17,459.16		
STORM WATER FUND	0		
MAR 2025 REVENUES			
GENERAL FUND	72,516.33		
ROAD USE TAX FUND	191,231.10		
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TAX	121,183.13		
EMERGENCY	39,662.28		
TIF	92,525.50		
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	32,276.43		
DEBT SERVICE FUND	-28,582.08		
WATER FUND	794,389.72		
SEWER FUND	634,187.51		
STORM WATER FUND	79,014.07		
ELECTRIC FUND	908,319.19		
GAS FUND	660,269.07		
GARBAGE FUND	63,505.81		

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET ADOPTION 25/26: A motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Meyer, seconded by Thomson. Motion carried.

There was no public comment or comment received at City Hall.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Thomson, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT – STROTHMAN: Discussion was held on Strothman's request received at City Hall to approve a privacy fence on their property. It was noted that there had been issues with the neighbor. Council urged to contact law enforcement. Permit meets lot set back requirements. Motion to approve – Meyer, seconded – Reuter. Motion carried.

**PROPERTY DISCUSSION – ECKHART:** Plans for the property improvements and clean up was presented. He would like to replace the culvert that crosses over Orin Street and extends to the creek. It is currently plugged. He also plans on cleaning up the area which would allow for the removal of trees and adding grassy area. Eckhart was approved to proceed with plans and work directly with the city during the process.

**FIRE DEPT CELEBRATION – Corey Driscoll** was present to update the council on the Carnival. After a long search, one has been found to come to the celebration in June. Driscoll explained that the show required a \$10,000 guarantee which the pre-sale tickets and the tickets sold during the event would go towards. Driscoll asked if the city could assist with funding for part of the difference if ticket sales fall short of \$10,000. After discussion it was decided to split the difference 50/50 with the FD of the short-fall amount as a reimbursement to the Fire Department out of the FY25/26 budget.

**RESOLUTION 2024-25-ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF CITY TAXES FOR FY2025/2026:** A motion to approve the budget certification was made by Meyer, seconded by Gerardy. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING- FY24/25 AMENDMENT:** A motion was made to set the public hearing for the 24/25 Budget Amendment for May 12, 2025 by Meyer, seconded by Thomson. Motion carried.

**RELEASE OF DOWNPAYMENT GRANT LOAN – BEN & LOGAN GEBHART:** A motion to release was made by Reuter, seconded by Thomson. Motion Carried.

**RELEASE OF DOWNPAYMENT GRANT LOAN – AARON & LINDSAY BETTS:** A motion was made to release the grant loan by Meyer, seconded by Reuter. Motion carried.

**PARKING LOT – WESTSIDE PARK:** Ganzer updated council that funding has been secured to cement one row of parking the full length along the sidewalk. Estimates were received from Preston Ready Mix and Wendling Quarries. In conjunction with the tree project, an offer was made to both companies, to reduce the cost of the cement by \$500 in turn having recognition for a tree planted in their name. Wendling agreed to the offer and in turn was the low bid for the cement at \$11,660. A motion to approve Wendling Quarries for the cement work was made by Thomson, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried.

**VC3 QUOTE – NEW PCs CITY HALL:** Ganzer requested approval of accepting the quote from VC3 for new PCs at City Hall, which includes 3 computers, backups, extended 3-year warranty and 2 monitors plus lap top upgrades in the amount of \$6922.00. This would secure pricing along with full installation with payment being made in the 25/26 Budget. VC3 is recommended as they currently provide IT service and know the system. A motion was made to approve the quote from VC3 by Meyer, seconded by Thomson. Motion carried.

**BUILDING PERMIT – CHAD ELLIS:** The building permit, including plans and specs for Ellis Properties, 12-unit Sr. Housing project was received. After discussion and review, a motion was made to approve the building permit by Thomson, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried.

**28E AGREEMENT FIRE PROTECTION-SPRAGUEVILLE:** The City of Spragueville approved renewal of the Fire Protection Service which includes an increase in annual payment to \$750. A motion to approve the 28E Fire Protection Service for Spragueville was made by Meyer, seconded by Gerardy. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL RESIGNATION – THOMSON:** Jason Thomson submitted a letter of resignation on the City Council ending April 14, 2025. Sieverding thanked JT for his years of service and continued good luck for the future. JT also thanked the citizens, employees past and present staff and council as he enjoyed serving on the Council. Council directed City Administrator to publish notice that the council intends to fill the vacancy by appointment.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

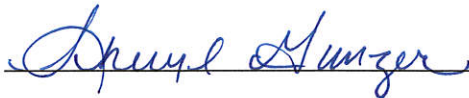
- Summer Help update, discussion on starting wage was held. It was decided to have the starting wage the same as previous employees at \$14. A resolution to hire for the position will be made at the next meeting.

- Sidewalk repair request update, discussion was held on following up with property owners who haven't responded to the letter sent out directing staff to post a door tag reminder including the information for funding through the sidewalk replacement program to be sure their notice has been received.
- WPPI Scholarship update. There were 3 applicants for the scholarships offered through our member service program through WPPI Energy, who also provides the funding to make this available. It was recommended that all applicants receive a \$500 award.
- Geerts provided a quote for a used skid loader with attachments that are currently available at Kunau's, and also a quote for a new one for comparison. Staff were directed to provide more information on options.
- Police Video System update: Chief Gruver presented a request to use budgeted expenses for new Police in car video and body camera replacement. Current systems are over 10 yrs old and do not hold battery life needed for an 8 hr. shift. A five-year contract through Axon for \$6722.56 / year was presented which included automatic upload to the cloud for storage and upgrades to latest model after year 2 ½. Council gave the ok to go ahead with the budgeted purchase.
- Work Session on Committees: A discussion was held for the need to update the current council committees. A workshop is to be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the need to possibly add a Nuisance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to be discussed, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Thomson, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

  
 Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk