

City of Preston  
Regular City Council Meeting  
May 11, 2026

The City Council, the governing body of the City of Preston, State of Iowa, met in regular session in the Preston Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor, Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present: Dylan Meyer, Adam Reuter, Leesa Budde  
Absent: Matt Petersen, Matt Gerardy

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk, Chad Gruver, Police Chief, Kyle and Halle Petersen.

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Including minutes of the last meeting, financial reports, payment approval of paid and unpaid claims, utility reports, monthly police report, Class C Retail Alcohol License Renewal – Preston Fire Co. A motion was made to approve consent agenda by Meyer, seconded by Reuter. Motion carried unanimously.

Payee	Description	Amount
OLY'S GARAGE	2023 DODGE TIRE ROTATION/OIL CHANGE	141.87
AT&T MOBILITY	PD PHONE SERVICE	300.79
PRESTON TELEPHONE COMPANY	APRIL 2026 PHONE SERVICE	849.08
MILES LUMBER AND HARDWARE	SPRAY PAINT	191.59
VC3 INC.	ITnBox SUPPORT	923.28
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	HRA ADMINISTRATION SERVICE	42.00
ULINE	6 BOLLARD SLEEVES YELLOW	350.11
OLY'S GARAGE	GAS	32.75
RIVER VALLEY ENERGY	890.1 GAL UNLEADED @ 3.507/GAL	3,121.58
BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC.	INTAKE VALVE FOR 702	2,027.92
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	TANK REPAIR KIT	249.20
USCELLULAR	FD CELL BILL	29.58
DINGES FIRE COMPANY	1 NH MALE ADAPTER"	78.36
RUCHOTZKE, LONDON	REIMBURSEMENT CHAINSAW/BATTERY PACK	700.75
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	APRIL 2026 UTILITIES	9,364.19
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE	MAY 2026 HEALTH INSURNACE	10,118.53
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	MARCH 2026 UTILITIES	247.01
PRESTON TELEPHONE COMPANY	MARCH 2026 PHONE SERVICE	83.69
BREDEKAMP, CAROLINE	REIMBURSE-15 BOOKS	301.85
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	7 BOOKS	156.78
DEMCO	12 COLOR CODING DOTS – 5 SCISSORS	124.82
QUILL CORPORATION	BINDERS/HIGHLIGHTERS/CLIPBOARDS	262.11
QUILL CORPORATION	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	69.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	6X10 FLAG	401.08
BADRICK'S SERVICE & SALES	3 NOTCH BLADES	59.40

FARRELL'S INC	SUN/SHADE GRASS SEED	79.50
MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIP.	REPLACEMENT MALLET	154.83
AMERICAN LEGION POST 602	1 4x6 AMERICAN FLAG	34.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	2026 ADMEN PRESTON URP	4,000.00
GANZER, SHERYL	REIMBURSEMENT URBAN RENEWAL RECORDING FEE	127.00
JACKSON COUNTY TREASURER	TAXES 312 W GILLET STREET	1,311.00
PRESTON TIMES	ORDINANCE 2026-02	705.98
ECIA	CODIFICATION 2 HRS	198.00
MAQUOKETA STATE BANK	APRIL 2026 MAINTENACE FEE	46.55
LYNCH DALLAS P.C.	COVENANT AMENDMENT HARVEST HEIGHTS	950.00
BOLTON, LINDA	SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT REIMBURSEMENT	568.87
RADAR SPORTS LLC	2-EV 11 PORTABLE RADAR SIGNS SOLAR POWER	7,168.00
UMB BANK N.A.	INTEREST PMT-HARVEST HTS.	74,453.75
TREASURER/SALES & USE TAX	WATER EXCISE TAX	1,282.19
CHEM RIGHT LABORATORIES INC.	WATER SAMPLE LAB FEE	28.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	BLEACH	8.19
HAWKINS INC	83 AZONE	449.70
J & R SUPPLY INC.	WATER CORPS/CURB STOPS	1,778.40
PRESTON READY MIX CORP.	ROAD ROCK-ORIN ST WATER TAP	86.30
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICE LLC	WASTEWATER LAB FEES MARCH 2026	432.00
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICE LLC	WASTEWATER LAB FEES APRIL 2026	602.00
ACUREN INSPECTIONS INC.	INSPECTION BUCKET TRUCK HOT STICKS JUMPERS	818.55
SULLIVAN MOBILE REPAIR	INSPECT BOOM TRUCK	230.00
MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELECTRIC	SECURITY LIGHT MARCH 2026	9.21
IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION	ASSESSMENT/ELEC	36.50
WPPI	APRIL 2026 POWER PURCHASE	31,755.13
DAVID BLITGEN	ELECTRIC WATER HEATER REBATE	25.00
CULLIGAN OF CLINTON	LIGHT PLANT WATER CONDITIONING	37.85
GRUHN ELECTRIC ENTERPRISES	GILLET LAMP POLE/LIGHT PLANT GENERATOR CLOCK	1,725.40
KOPPERS UTILITY & IND. PROD.	40 FT UTLITY POLES - 12	6,523.68
POWERLINE INSPECTION SERV	386 POWERLINE INSPECTION	5,790.00
MICHEL, DAVID F.	CLOTHES WASHER REBATE	185.00
STOLL, ROBYN	REFRIGERATOR REBATE	50.00
ZEIMET, KEYARA	2026 WPPI PUBLIC POWER SCHOLARSHIP	1,000.00
ORIGIN DESIGN	NEW CITY MAPS	328.18
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	MARCH 2026 COMMODITY INVOICE	2,907.67
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	APRIL 2026 RESERVATION INVOICE	6,562.93
PEFA INC.	APRIL 2026 COMMODITY INVOICE	3,183.15
DRISCOLL, GARY	GAS FURNACE REBATE	100.00
LANE, LELAND	GAS WATER HEATER REBATE	25.00
MICHEL, CHARLENE	GAS WATER HEATER REBATE	25.00
RITTMER, JENNY	GAS WATER HEATER REBATE	25.00
KOONS GAS MEASUREMENT	15 METERS AND ERTS	3,902.83
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO	MAY 2026 LIFE INS	382.69
TREASURER/SALES & USE TAX	LOCAL OPTION TAX	2,964.96
CLINTON CO AREA SOLID WASTE	APRIL 2026 REFUSE	3,005.30
ACCESS SYSTEMS	LEASE PMT SHARP COPIER	265.77
1ST AYD CORPORATION	GARBAGE BAGS	75.59

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	2 DEF FLUID	326.42
		Total:196,959.38

GROSS WAGES APRIL 2026	46,604.01
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APPROVED EXPENDITURES BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	24,086.10
DEBT SERVICE FUND	74,453.75
ROAD USE TAX FUND	7,736.87
INSURANCE RESERVE	0.00
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	0.00
WATER FUND	7561.71
SEWER FUND	5,582.79
ELECTRIC FUND	53,278.66
GAS FUND	20,407.13
GARBAGE FUND	3,752.37
STORM WATER FUND	0.00

APRIL 2026 REVENUE  
BALANCES:

GENERAL FUND	340,085.82
ROAD USE TAX FUND	289,431.70
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TAX	173,096.82
EMERGENCY	46,480.72
TIF	89,874.28
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	32,6458.35
DEBT SERVICE FUND	-118965.94
WATER FUND	919,350.47
SEWER FUND	620,975.84
STORM WATER FUND	110,041.36
ELECTRIC FUND	938,328.51
GAS FUND	728,181.93
GARBAGE FUND	97,932.34

Public Hearing on Proposal to sell Lots 25 and 26 in the final plat of Marvin's Subdivision to Kyle and Halle Petersen in the amount of \$60,000: A motion to open the public hearing by Budde, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Sieverding asked for comments from the room, and city hall which none were heard or reported. Sieverding asked if any other bids had been received, which none had been received. With no other discussion, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Meyer, seconded by Budde. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-22 – Authorizing Sale of Property and Offer to Buy Real Estate and Acceptance for 761 Marvin Land and 771 Marvin Lane to Kyle and Halle Petersen and acceptance or rejection of any additional bids – Sieverding asked for any discussion, comments, with none being heard, a motion to approve Resolution 2025-22 was made by Meyer, seconded by Budde. Motion carried unanimously.

Building Permit submitted by Joel Adams for a privacy fence was reviewed with no issues. Motion to approve building permit was made by Meyer, seconded by Reuter. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-21: A Resolution hiring Kegan Lee as part-time general laborer for the City of Preston and setting the salary at \$14.00 per hour for the position was presented. Sieverding commented that the personnel committee met and decided to offer the position for summer help to Keagan Lee. A motion was made to approve the resolution hiring Lee by Budde, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Marketing – Mayor Sieverding informed the council that pricing was received from KO Photography to hire services for marketing Preston. Sieverding would like to see an overall video highlighting what Preston has to offer to be able to market the entire town, including events, businesses, lots and school. Cost would be \$300 per event or feature that would be highlighted and the final video base fee would be \$1500. The council agreed to have Sieverding and City Staff meet with Overby to discuss.

WPPI funds to Preston Community Ambulance – A letter requesting support of the Community Ambulance as it celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the service was received and reviewed. The letter included a list of equipment needed to continue enhancing services. In partnership with the City's electric provider, WPPI, the city has funds set aside for contributions through our membership which have been utilized in the past supporting their efforts. A motion to allocate \$1000 from WPPI Community Contributions to the community ambulance was made by Meyer, seconded by Reuter. Motion carried unanimously.

Advertising for City Administrator/Clerk: In preparation for Sheryl's retirement in October the personnel committee wanted to start plans to advertise for the City Administrator/Clerk position. A draft vacancy announcement was prepared for council to review. After discussion on a timeline and additional information requested, a motion to begin the hiring process at the discretion of personnel committee was made by Meyer, seconded by Budde. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Review of FY25-26 Budget Amendment: Ganzer reviewed the revenues and expenditures in the General Fund that were estimated to need increasing due to cost increases for insurance, street maintenance, tornado damage to park equipment and unplanned engineering and professional fees. The amendment also included needed transfers for loan payments. Total amount if increases in expenses are estimated to be 31,900 and transfers of 150,351. A public hearing for the budget amendment will be held at the next meeting, May 26 at 6:00 pm.
- Summer Job List review – An updated list for additional work to be completed while we have the summer help was reviewed and council members are encouraged to let the staff know of anything else they see in need of addressing.
- Due to the next regular meeting date falling on Memorial Day, the council will meet on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

With no other business, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Meyer, seconded by Budde. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

  
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Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk