

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
June 22, 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, Matt Petersen, Adam Reuter, and Leesa Budde
Absent: Matt Gerardy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk, Nancy Kieffer and David Blitgen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Sieverding asked that item #7 – Easton Valley Daycare discussion be removed from the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by Meyer, seconded by Reuter. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Including minutes of the last meeting, Air Conditioning rebate – Matt Gerardy - - \$150, Sidewalk replacement program – Matt Gerardy - \$933.00, Payment approval of paid and unpaid claims for end of FY 25/26, Building permit – Ed Reuter, Retail Tobacco Licenses – DOLGENCORP,LLC, BELLEVUE STORE LLC AND OLY'S. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Meyer, seconded by Budde. Motion carried unanimously.

Payee	Description	Amount
WELLMARK	JULY 2026 HEALTH INSURNACE	10,118.53
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	MAY 2026 UTILITIES	185.94
PRESTON TELEPHONE COMPANY	MAY 2026 PHONE SERVICE	36.13
MID AMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	137.70
DEMCO	BOOKSHELF DIVIDERS	159.90
MESSERICH, CARTER	WEST SIDE PARK DUGOUT CONSTRUCTION	3,600.00
OUTDOOR RECREATION PROD.	WS PARK SLIDE REPLACEMENT STROM DAMAGE	10,217.50
PLASTICS UNLIMITED	FY25/26 TAX REBATE 2 OF 2	10,116.50
ABSTRACT & TITLE GUARANTY CO.	NEW ABSTRACT LOTS 25 & 26 HARVEST HEIGHTS	650.00
LEE, TRACEY	MILLAGE REIMB 2026 ACADEMY	261.00
DEPT OF THE TREASURY	PCOR TAX 2026	27.76
MAQUOKETA STATE BANK	JUNE 2026 MAINTENACE FEE	48.26
LL PELLING CO	SEAL COATING OF STREETS	29,294.44
UMB BANK N.A.	ADMINISTRATIVE FEES HARVEST HEIGHTS	600.00
J & R SUPPLY INC.	#7 TUBE ASSY/ CHECK VALVE	157.00
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	PSF - D. ERNST	40.53
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MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELEC COOP	SECURITY LIGHT MAY 2026	9.44
FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO.	3X-ARM BRKT/3CUTOUT	478.02
T & R ELECTRIC	6 TRANSFORMERS	6,588.61

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TRAILER TIRES	78.14
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	MAY 2026 COMMODITY INVOICE	330.27
WASTE AUTHORITY-JACKSON CO	MAY 2026 TIPPING FEES	2,479.50
MAQUOKETA STATE BANK	DEPOSIT BOOKS	149.22
GEERTS, JASON	CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENT SHORTS/SHIRTS	108.51
IDAHO HOUSING & FINANCE ASSOC	UTILITY REFUND	483.23
LOFQUIST, ETHAN	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	123.74
		76,743.47

EXPENDITURES BY FUND:

GENERAL FUND - \$30,369.76
ROAD USE - \$29,294.44
DEBT SERVICE - 600.00
WATER FUND - \$1,108.24
SEWER FUND - \$951.24
ELECTRIC FUND - \$9,011.58
GAS FUND - \$2,839.59
DEPOSIT REFUNDS - \$606.97

TWOGOOD PARK FENCE DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: Nancy Kieffer reviewed the update from the fence committee meeting that was held at the park. Placement & Cost was discussed that it would be placed going from the Two Good sign to the NW corner of the cement by the drinking fountain. The 4', 115' long fence posts will be placed to accommodate the buried electrical lines. The cost would be \$5,760. The council agreed to provide up to \$1000 from the WPPI through the Community Development Partnership funds. Donations and other funding have been secured and will continue to raise the rest of the funds needed. A motion was made to approve the TwoGood Park fence project by Meyer, seconded by Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2025-25 Approving Wages for Fire Department was approved by motion from Meyer, seconded by Petersen. Roll Call: Ayes – 4, Nays -none

RESOLUTION 2025-26 Approving Wages for City Employees: Sieverding reported that the personnel committee met on 6/8 and approved recommendations of a 3.5% increase for FY 26/27. A motion to approve resolution 2025-26 was made by Petersen, seconded by Budde. Roll Call: Ayes – 4, Nays -none

RESOLUTION 2025-27 Authorizing unbudgeted transfers as Required. Transfers included; Employee Tax Benefit Levy to General Fund, Sewer to Sewer Sinking for SRF Loan, Sewer to Debt Service for Marvin Loan, Water to Debt Service for Marvin Loan and General Fund to Debt Service for Marvin Loan and General Fund to Debt Service for McNeil loan. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-27 was made by Meyer, seconded by Budde. Roll Call: Ayes – 4, Nays -none

RESOLUTION 2025-28 a Resolution correcting legal descriptions contained in Resolution 2025-18 relating to the Preston Urban Renewal Area: Kelley Brown with JCEA and the County Auditors office worked together to clarify what the intentions were from the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Kelley then drew up a resolution that corrects the legal description to what it should have been. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-28 was made by Petersen, seconded by Meyer. Roll Call: Ayes – 4, Nays -none

RESOLUTION 2025-29 – Regarding the collection of payment for City costs to abate nuisances and Enforce Ordinance: Council was presented with a list of costs for utility services that have not been paid by the property owners of parcel number 29-84-5 LOT 5 EX W 50' BLK 11, 1 S. Main St in the amount of \$1,430.902 to be certified with the Jackson County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as ordinary property taxes. Motion to approve was made by Petersen, seconded by Meyer. Roll Call: Ayes – 4, Nays -none

RESOLUTION 2025-30 - Regarding the collection of payment for City costs to abate nuisances and Enforce Ordinance: Council was presented with a list of costs for utility services that have not been paid by the property owners of parcel number 29-84-5 S70' of LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 22, 104 N Mitchell St. Preston Iowa, in the amount of \$1,042.45 to be certified with the Jackson County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as ordinary property taxes. Motion to approve was made by Petersen, seconded by Meyer. Roll Call: Ayes – 4, Nays -none

YEAR 3 LEASE AGREEMENT – Preston Family Chiropractic: The term of Contract for Year 3 starts July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. The city will charge \$300 per month during this period. A motion to approve was made by Meyer, seconded by Budde. Motion carried unanimously.

WEST STREET STORM SEWER DISCUSSION: Tabled from last meeting, council member Petersen explained that he is still working on getting elevations from DeGroat Street to the Highway. He asked permission to reach out to the City Engineer, Marc Rudin, to be present when this is done. Council agreed to allow reaching out to Rudin. Item is tabled until next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Clerk Updated the council on employment application progress, City Department updates and Caroline Bredekamp/Preston Library updates which included expressing congratulations to her for being one out of 40 participants nation wide selected for SLI's Community Resilience Pilot Training program, summer reading efforts and the Jackson County Affiliate of the Dolly Parting Imagination golf outing which raised \$3500 that will be used to provide over 1460 free books to the Jackson County Youth.

Responses were shared with the council from the Google docs survey conducted for the recently purchased property at 312 W Gillet Street asking for feedback to help guide future decisions regarding the property.

Dispatching Services meeting update was also shared. There will be a 28E agreement presented at a future meeting for consideration of approval.

Audience member, Dave Blitgen asked to address the council and was given the opportunity to speak, He requested the new stop sign located at South Main and School Street be reconsidered for potential issues in the winter. He also would like to see more law enforcement for loud and speeding traffic in that area. Council thanked him for bringing it to their attention. No action was taken at this time.

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



Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk