

City of Preston  
Regular City Council Meeting  
March 28, 2022

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, Richard Petersen, Matt Gerardy, Adam Reuter. Absent: Matt Petersen

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bill Miller; City Administrator-Teresa Weinschenk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by M. Gerardy, Seconded by A. Reuter. Ayes: R. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, JT Thomson. Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by A. Reuter to approve the consent agenda. JT Thomson seconded. Ayes: A. Reuter, R. Petersen, JT Thomson, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Includes City Council Minutes from 3/14/22 and 3/21/22.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: JT Thomson made a motion to OPEN the Public Hearing for the Sale of Property Locally known as 561 Marvin Lane. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Weinschenk stated that there were no comments received from the public. With no further discussion JT Thomson made a motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing. R. Petersen seconded. Ayes: JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-34: A motion was made by JT Thomson to approve Resolution 2022-34 approving the Sale of Property Locally known as 561 Marvin Lane and seconded by M. Gerardy. Ayes: M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Peterson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: M. Gerardy made a motion to OPEN the Public Hearing the FY 23 Budget Approval. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Weinschenk stated that there were no comments from the public. With no further discussion A. Reuter made a motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing. R. Petersen seconded the motion. JT Thomson, R. Petersen, A. Reuter, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-35: JT Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-28 approving the FY23 Budget and Certification of Taxes. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMIT: The process of approving building permits was discussed. Mayor Sieverding presented the question to Council if they would like to have building permits as a separate line item or on the consent agenda. Council stated they would like building permits listed as a separate line item. Weinschenk stated that David Michel, Eric Tietjens and Weinschenk reviewed the permit and measured to assure the building site follows the ordinance. Weinschenk stated that it meets the criteria of the setbacks. With no further discussion JT Thomson made a motion to approve Gene Camp's building permit. M. Gerardy seconded. Ayes: JT Thomson, M. Gerardy, R. Petersen, A. Reuter. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PART-TIME SEASONAL HELP: Weinschenk stated that since Council approved the part-time help it has worked out well and helps get the extra painting and lawn mowing completed. It was discussed to post the job and not to post the pay. JT Thomson made a motion to post for Part-time Seasonal Help for the Public Works Department with starting wage being negotiable. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Ayes: JT Thomson, M. Gerardy, R. Petersen, A. Reuter. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MCNEIL PROPERTY: Mayor Sieverding stated that there is approximately 7.2 acres that would need to be maintained after the sale of the five acres. We would like it planted in hay. Max McNeil is not interested in planting hay. There was discussion of the City having it planted and then we can sell the hay. This way the City maintains control in the case there would be more development. Council agreed. JT Thomson suggested contacting the school to see if they have a program and County Conservation to see if they would be interested.

IISC PROJECTS: Weinschenk updated Council on the following;

Finishing up with the GIS for sewer & water. This is close to being completed.


Sidewalks and Trails: The group is working on options for a sidewalk on School Street, a sidewalk out to Dollar General and Genos, connecting the walking path to the Copper Creek Trail. The sidewalk out to Dollar General/Genos is pretty straight forward with one option. School Street sidewalk and Walking Path to Copper Creek have at least 3 options that they are working on. It is going well and they are making connections with people in the community and school.


Marketing and Branding of Preston: These students made a trip to Preston to get a feel of what we have. It was a good day and interesting to get their take on a lot of the colors that we use (primarily red). Dave Heiar and Kelley Brown (JCEA) were here for the tour. We started at City Hall and went to Westside Park, Industrial Park (Copper Creek Trail), TwoGood Park and ended at Genos. Brenda Kunau, Dana Olson and Nancy Kieffer also were involved with the tour.

Mural Project: Jackson County was awarded one free mural. Preston responded with immediate interest and was awarded the mural. Brenda Kunau has offered to let the artist stay in old city hall (or a bedroom in their house). It was a requirement that the town needed to provide a place to stay for the artist. A Mural Committee was formed and has met: Dana Olson, Jamie Borman, Denise Larson, Brenda Kunau, Sherry (Franzen) Johnson and myself. We have come up with some ideas to give to the artist that will put together some idea(s) of what it would look like. This mural will go on the East side of the coffee shop and wrap around to the front on the stucco brown ribbon at the top.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chief Miller stated that they have received the body cameras, they are just dealing with some software issues, but they can use the cameras. Chief Miller informed Council that they have one cell phone that is a pay as you go. JT Thomson stated that the City should provide the PD with City cell phones since the information they are working with is confidential and the cell phone could be subpoenaed. Council agrees. Chief Miller and Weinschenk will look into the cost of cell phones.

With no other business Mayor Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by R. Petersen. Seconded by JT Thomson. R. Petersen, JT Thomson, A. Reuter, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

  
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Mayor Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:  
  
Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator