

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
March 24, 2025

Mayor, Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Dylan Meyer, Matt Gerardy, Adam Reuter.
Absent: Matt Petersen, JT Thomson

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk, Police Chief, Chad Gruver, Norm Nielsen, Associated Insurance and Nancy Kieffer.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Including minutes of last meeting, Central Air rebate, \$100-Kevin Behn, Gas Furnace Rebate, \$100 – Keving Behn, Mini-Split Rebate, \$100 – Steve Reding, Clothes Washer Rebate - \$35 – John Schaefer, Dishwasher rebate - \$50 – Carol Atkinson and Class C Retail Alcohol License – The Garage Bar & Grill. A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by M. Gerardy, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

EMC INSURANCE RENEWAL: Norm Nielsen, Associated Insurance presented the Property/Liability Insurance renewal. Total premium for 2025-2026 is \$96,549.42, an increase of \$11,775.46. The increase was mainly due to property values and overall claims and damages in all parts of the country. The city received a dividend check for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$10,772 in part through the IAMU Safety Group to its members for excess premiums over claim payments made. A motion to approve the renewal was made by D. Meyer, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS – Nancy Kieffer presented an update on 2 projects. Tree Planting at Westside Park has received 10 tree sponsorships for \$500 each who will be recognized with a paver. A total of 14 trees will be planted in different areas of the park, the rest will be paid through can redemption funds. Cementing part of the parking lot located on the east side of the lot that would include handicap parking is the 2nd project for Westside Park with the remaining funds and asked for potential contribution from the City. Ganzer commented that there could possibly funding from WPPI funds to consider. The council has given approval to move forward with the project doing as much as funding will allow after quotes are received.

28E AGREEMENT – FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP: Fairfield Trustees have approved renewing the 28E for fire protection for 5 years with no changes. A motion to approve the 28E Agreement for the Fire District Township of Fairfield was made by A. Reuter, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-24 – Approving Deputy Clerk to Apply for Tuition Scholarship. Tracey will be attending Iowa Municipal Professionals institute for completion of credits needed. If awarded, the scholarship would reimburse the amount for class tuition up to \$500. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-24 was made by D. Meyer, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

LIFT STATION PUMP CONTROLLER: Sewer Supt. Tim Morehead discussed the need for a new Pump Pack at the Gillet Street lift station during budget workshops. Tim would like to get it now to get the lift station operating like it's supposed to. The cost is \$2,530, which funding now is in the current budget. M. Gerardy made a motion to approve purchase this budget year. Second by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2025/2026 BUDGET ADOPTION for APRIL 14, 2025: A motion to set the public hearing for 4/14/25 was made by D. Meyer, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF FY25/26 BUDGET: Ganzer presented the full budget for review. The proposed budget will be sent to the paper for publication on April 2nd, and public hearing set for April 14th.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NHS PROJECTS: National Honor Society students, Sarah Gruver is collecting donations for the supplies needed for the School Nurse at City Hall and Hadley Farrell will be painting the lines at the basketball court at Westside Park.

SUMMER HELP APPLICATIONS: The city has received 2 applications at the time of the meeting. The council directed that department and staff recommendations be presented along with approval for hire and setting wage at the next meeting.

ABATEMENTS: Chief Gruver provided copies of 2 Abatement Notices for nuisance properties that have been sent for required action.

ROAD CLOSURE: The city was notified the bridge approach replacement at Damon Bridge located north of Preston has a tentative start date of April 7th and will include Road Closure at the site of the bridge.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES: Water/Sewer, request to proceed with budgeted plans to get a pickup ordered or prepare for purchase after July 1 for the department was discussed and gave the go ahead as budgeted.

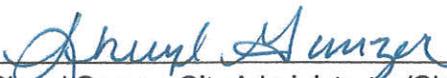
STREET PROJECTS FY25/26: Eric requested council direction in determining what street maintenance projects would be done to allow contractors to proceed in scheduling. The recommendation was to have Eric meet with the street committee for their recommendation.

SIDEWALKS UPDATE: City staff have identified and sent letters to 30 property owners with sidewalks in need of repair or replacement. The letter addressed the liability concerns and also included information on the City's Sidewalk Replacement Project that would assist funding for the cost of the concrete. Discussion was held on following up letters with those who have not responded and will decide more at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to be discussed, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by A. Reuter, second by D. Meyer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.


Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk