

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
June 24, 2019

Mayor Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: T. Sieverding, R. Peterson, M. Petersen, A. Sullivan, P. Hoffman arrived at 6:05 P.M. ABSENT Mayor Betts

PUBLIC FORUM: Chris Fee, Superintendent Easton Valley School

AGENDA AMENDMENT: T. Sieverding noted that Item #18 A & B be moved to after discussion of the school project. Item #9 needed to be removed completely. M. Petersen wondered why the Library Fund is not on the agenda since it was requested by a council member to be on the agenda. Weinschenk noted that Mayor Betts requested that the item not be placed on the agenda until he can do further research.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion to approve the agenda as with the change of Downtown Lounge to Downtown Pub was made by M. Petersen, seconded by A. Sullivan. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

EASTON VALLEY SCHOOL: Chris Fee the Superintendent from Easton Valley School and School Board Member Tom Feruerbach were in attendance. Chris Fee presented Council with a handout regarding the School and City outlining the school's proposal in which the City covers the cost of the utility relocation. Fee explained that they did not put the cost of the relocation into their budget, right or wrong since in the past it has been the practice of the City. The presentation continued with Fee discussing the School's participation and agreement for the City using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in order to fund new neighborhood development and other projects in the City. Fee also stated that the addition will be an increase to the City's utilities. P. Hoffman stated that the school's participation with TIF is important to the City. Also, the school has been very supportive of the City's TIF projects. P. Hoffman also stated that it is public record that the City is funding the Dever's project. M. Petersen mentioned that it is important to get prices for boring and overhead wiring for the electrical portion to assure we are comparing costs. D. Michel stated that school paid \$2500 towards utility costs when the addition was done in 2016. D. Michel also stated that the gas portion of the relocation is completed. Rick White stated that John Mootz is putting together costs for relocation with overhead wiring vs. boring. M. Petersen just feels that we need to look at costs. White stated that Tri-City's costs will need to be taken into consideration. The retaining wall needs to be put in before the transformer can go in. White stated that Alliant and other vendors Council thanked Fee for the presentation. P. Hoffman and M. Petersen feel we need to get our policy in place for businesses. T. Sieverding stated that need tonight was to discuss and get the school's expectations. Fee stated that just looking at the monthly numbers and the electrical usage it looks like there is substantial opportunity for the City to pay off their costs. Fee originally thought 50/50 however after looking at the usage numbers the school feels the City should pay for the relocation costs. M. Petersen wondered if our costs are accurate for the gas, D. Michel stated pretty close. Regarding the electrical we are still waiting for other costs going in. M. Petersen said we don't have anything in place so it is difficult to go back on that and we need to get something done. T. Sieverding feels we need to move forward. P. Hoffman made a motion that the City cover the costs of relocation of the gas and electric up to \$20,000.00. Any costs over \$20,000.00 the school will need to come back to the City and negotiate for payment. Ayes, A. Sullivan with comment, the additional utilities that school has been paying and having the elementary school here has been beneficial, P. Hoffman, T. Sieverding, M. Petersen; Nay, R. Petersen.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by P. Hoffman seconded by M. Peterson to approve the minutes from June 10 and June 17, 2019. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion made by P. Hoffman, seconded by M. Petersen to approve the Cigarette permits for Oly's Garage, Dollar General, Roy's Hideaway, Downtown Pub, Country Store. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-20: P. Hoffman made a motion to approve the wages-with the correction to error for Ray Ernst's pay, M. Petersen seconded. Ayes, 5. Nays, 0.

28E AGREEMENT WITH MILES AND SPRAGUEVILLE FOR POLICE PROTECTION: M. Petersen stated that we are not covering our costs with these contracts. Weinschenk agreed and stated that the attorney had reviewed the contracts and compared it to the cost with other city to city agreements and we are average with what we are charging for the

services we are providing. M. Petersen stated just putting together rough numbers he comes up with a cost of \$60 per hour, which we are only charging about half of that, which means the citizens of Preston are absorbing the cost. M. Petersen stated that many times it is stated that the City needs to be run like a business so we need to go back and have a spreadsheet and options of how the City can charge and cover their costs. Weinschenk stated that we can go back to 2015 and show revenue and expenses to the present. Weinschenk also stated that these contracts were to be reviewed in January, 2019. It was also noted instead of a three (3) year contract to reduce it to one (1) year. Weinschenk also stated that the contract should be reviewed by Preston in December, and then sit down with Miles and Spragueville in January so everyone has their budget numbers for the next fiscal year. Chief Heiar stated that the City has a good working relationship with the County. Council decided to table the issue until information is provided. P. Hoffman requested the information be provided before 7/5/19. Weinschenk stated as soon as the spreadsheet is completed it will be sent to Council for review. Also, review the contract for the number of patrol hours vs. office hours and clarify. Item to be on the 7/8/19 agenda.

DINNER & A MOVIE UPDATE: P. Hoffman stated low attendance, but the weather was a contributing factor to this. P. Hoffman stated citizens have come up to her and stated that it was awesome and to keep doing it. It was noted that kids under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult. There is a movie scheduled for July and August.

EXPANSION OF WESTSIDE PARK PARKING LOT: P. Hoffman stated that at the Growth and Development Meeting it was stated by Mayor Betts that Council needs to be aware of it since it is being paid by the Walking Path fund. T. Sieverding stated that this was his understanding also. Council said that it is done and it looks great. P. Hoffman stated the additional parking worked out great for the dinner and a movie.

TENNIS COURT UPDATE: Weinschenk stated that there is no date yet as far as the painting. Colors have been decided and cost; we are just waiting on an exact date. This has already been approved by Council. A. Sullivan wondered about the lights around the tennis court/skate park do they work or not work. R. Peterson said they should work; the timer needs to set. Rick White stated that Gary Trenkamp was up there and did something, but don't know exactly what. M. Petersen requested Rick White get ahold of Trenkamp and see what the situation is and report back at the next meeting, 7/8/19. R. Peterson mentioned there are signs up at Westside Park stating no wheels. These are temporary there will be permanent signs. Hoping that the signs deter people from riding on the path.

ELECTRIC UPDATE: Rick White stated that they are pulling the last generator tomorrow (6/25). Just keep moving forward. M. Petersen stated that the last well was filled with concrete just waiting for the cure time and now we can pull this generator. We are gaining on it.

CITY OF PRESTON AWARDED CDBG GRANT FOR THE WASTEWATER PROJECT: City of Preston was awarded a \$500,000 CDBG for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. T. Siverding thanked everyone that was involved in this project.

PLASTICS UNLIMITED SEWER CONSTRUCTION/RELOCATION UPDATE: Preconstruction meeting with City, Plastics Unlimited, IIW (Marc Ruden) and Contractor (Anstoetter). Weinschenk stated that Ruden reviewed the plan with everyone. Easements will be on the Weather permitting, construction to start July 1, 2019.

B. SULLIVAN'S CONTRACT: Tabled until contract update from Mayor Betts. Weinschenk stated that B. Sullivan will need Wastewater Operator II per Marc Ruden. Sullivan will be here 36 months this November and we will get him into Kirkwood into a class and then he can take the test. Starting early since the test is difficult. The contract needs to be updated allowing Sullivan to get the certification by August, 2021.

AWARD LETTER FROM ECIA: The Jackson County Supervisors have approved the Rural County Transportation Program funds in the amount of \$17,296 for concrete replacement FY20. M. Petersen stated that himself and T. Sieverding met with Mike Andersen and D. Michel about a week ago and marked out the sections that need to be replaced/patched. M. Petersen wondered if there had been any bids on this yet. D. Michel stated he needs to get ahold of Kipp. M. Petersen stated let's get this done. Kipp is going to be at Westside Park so he will be in town. Weinschenk stated that this can be done between 7/1/19 and 6/30/20. P. Hoffman suggested having Chandra from ECIA come down and meet with us to

see what IDOT grants are available. A. Sullivan wondered if the \$500,000 in RUT is being saved for something? Yes, the road use tax money is being saved for the road going out North of town.

UPDATE ON SMALL CITY WORKSHIP: Weinschenk stated there are options for housing, loans and that USDA has low interest loans 0% down. Good information

FIRE DEPARTEMENT: Hoffman had requested that the Fire Department Budget be reviewed since any unspent budget dollars are to be paid on the fire truck loan. Weinschenk stated that it appears that overage has not been put toward the Fire Truck loan. However, if there is money left this year, we will pay toward the loan. P. Hoffman stated that the Fire Department does fund raisers and go above and beyond and if we can put the overage against the truck we should. In the past the money just goes back to the General Fund. P. Hoffman stated that we do not want our General Fund in a negative status, so if we can pay on the Fire Truck if there is an overage for the Fire Department. P. Hoffman stated maybe we can't do it every year, but if we can we should. Weinschenk stated that once year end closes, we will run reports per department so each department knows where they ended up and then run a report per department beginning FY20.

CLEANING OF CITY HALL: A. Sullivan suggested that Kathy Andersen was approved to temporarily clean city hall. Sullivan wondered if we need to put this on the next agenda and get her to clean on a regular basis. Put on the next agenda for discussion.

FYI- Weinschenk is going to contact Maquoketa REC to meet to discuss possible Grant/Loan opportunities.

Pro-Tem T. Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Sullivan, seconded by Sieverding. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Pro-Tem Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:



Teresa Weinschenk, City Administrator/Clerk