

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
April 27, 2020

Mayor Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL Present: R. Petersen, T. Sieverding, M. Petersen, P. Hoffman

Guests: Richard Betts, Adam Reuter and were present via conference call and one other public citizen. This is due to public distancing and the Covid-19 virus. ZOOM was the call-in software utilized for the call in.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. Motion made by M. Petersen, seconded by R. Petersen. Ayes: TS, MP, PH, RP. Nays 0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Richard Betts had two items to present to Council. R. Betts stated that at this time there is no safe way to collect signatures for a Special Election petition. R. Betts contacted Governor Reynold's, Secretary of State, the Attorney for the Secretary of State and Andy McKean regarding the difficulties of collecting signatures with the current guidelines and potential spread of COVID 19. R. Betts requested that the Council not appoint the Council seat. R. Betts stated that once direction is given on obtaining signatures for a Special Election, he will move forward with collecting and submitting to the Clerk's Office. The second item was in regards to public records. According to Chapter 22 of the Iowa statutes, upon request, public records must be produced and be able to be copied and used. Betts went on to state that he has not received the items he has requested. The request for 8 records was sent to T. Weinschenk and the City Attorney's via email. R. Betts requested he would like to receive the records within the next two days. R. Bett's thanked the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA: P. Hoffman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by M. Petersen. Ayes: PH, RP, TS, MP. Nays 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-27: T. Sieverding stated that it was discussed at the last Council Meeting to appoint Adam Reuter to the vacant council seat. With no more discussion, P. Hoffman made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-27 as presented. Seconded by M. Petersen. Ayes: PH, RP, MP, TS. Nays 0. Motion carried.

RECYCLING: T. Weinschenk stated that with the assistance of P. Hoffman a spreadsheet was put together to shows the cost of recycling for Preston. T. Weinschenk and P. Hoffman explained and answered questions regarding the spreadsheet. P. Hoffman stated that the cost is 96 cents per week, however looking apples to apples the cost is \$4.13 vs. Republic who is charging \$4.99 plus an increase of 3.5% per year. T. Weinschenk stated that Republic would like to attend the next meeting. T. Sieverding wondered if the cost would come down with commercial. T. Weinschenk stated that commercial will be billed separately. T. Sieverding and M. Petersen questioned the life expectancy of a garbage truck. T. Weinschenk stated that Jesse Kilburg will be submitting a bid for recycling service. T. Sieverding questioned what the life expectancy is for a garbage truck; 10 years? M. Petersen wondered what year the current truck is. M. Petersen is hoping with the new building the garbage truck will be washed down more since there will be a place to do it. M. Petersen also stated that we would have to replace the recycling truck and trailer. P. Hoffman stated that a Capital Improvement Plan is needed. The monies saved there can go towards a truck. T. Weinschenk stated it is a 2014. There was discussion in regards to the City maintaining control of the recycling. Republic will be available and T. Weinschenk should have the quote from Jesse Kilburg. T. Sieverding stated to table until next meeting

SEASONAL EMPLOYEE: T. Sieverding requested this subject on the agenda. T. Weinschenk put together an advertisement so Council can have a point of discussion. T. Weinschenk stated that there are pros

and cons to it. With recycling going comingled Erik will have more time to mow and work on things. The guys are organizing patch jobs and I know that Council has their lists, but the guys would like to see how it goes this year. M. Petersen said that he had talked with T. Sieverding about it and he walked around town with his wife, Tammy and looked at the parks and the bike path and the time and effort that our community and volunteers have put into these has been huge. We knew that along with these projects was going to be maintenance. M. Petersen stated that our City Employees have and are doing a wonderful job, but put the expectation out there on what needs to be done. That would be why we would be offering more help. The employees have been doing with what they have been asked to do, I just feel the Council has not stated their expectations. It is nobody's fault that some things are needing maintenance. M. Petersen stated we have a beautiful community and he is proud to serve on Council, but we have talked about doing more for a while now. M. Petersen stated that Council needs to put together a list and sit down with Jack and review the items. M. Petersen would like to give the help this year and if the help isn't needed next year great. T. Sieverding agreed with M. Petersen and stated that there are a lot of big projects coming up that will take the guys time. T. Sieverding's opinion is that the employees are doing a great job and we are fortunate to have such good employees. T. Sieverding wants people that come to Preston to leave saying, "what a clean well-kept town." If we can get another person on board and give our guys time to do other maintenance that needs to be done, that would be great. P. Hoffman stated that the volunteers are putting in a lot of hours. We do not want to burn out our volunteers. T. Sieverding stated it is the Council's fault for not making the expectations clear. P. Hoffman suggested adding reference to salary in the employment ad. T. Weinschenk stated the statement, "salary dependent on experience." T. Sieverding directed Council to bring their list to the next meeting. Council directed T. Weinschenk to place the employment ad.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by P. Hoffman, seconded by M. Petersen. Ayes: PH, RP, TS, MP. Nays 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:


Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator