

City of Preston
 Regular City Council Meeting
 January 11, 2021
 Mayor Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
 ROLL CALL Present: R. Peterson, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, M. Petersen, P. Hoffman

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Heiar, Cody Austin, Officer Stephen Thayer, Jack Michel, Caroline Bredekamp, Dan Henningsen, City Administrator Teresa Weinschenk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by M. Petersen to approve the agenda Seconded by R. Petersen. Ayes: RP, MG, AR, MP, PH. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by P. Hoffman to approve the consent agenda as presented. M Gerardy seconded. Ayes: AR, MP, PH, MG. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WESTSIDE AUTO REPAIR	LEFT FRONT MARKER LIGHT - PD	\$420.00
PRESTON TELEPHONE COMPANY	DEC 2020 PHONE SERVICE	\$721.45
UNITED STATES CELLULAR	FIRE AND POLICE DEPT CELLPHONE	\$216.98
JACKSON COUNTY RECORDER	RECORD MILES POLICE CONTRACT	\$37.00
UNITED STATES CELLULAR	FD CELL BILL	\$28.73
KIRBY WATER CONDITIONING	SOLAR SALT/FIRE DEPT	\$10.75
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	DEC 2020 UTILITIES	\$10,444.99
REEDSBURG HARDWARE COMPANY	6445D 9/0 X 14 LINK CROSS CHAINS (25)	\$201.61
1ST AYD CORPORATION	GREEN EARTH ICE MELT - 20 BAGS	\$374.30
JACKSON COUNTY ENGINEER	16.5 TONS SALT MIX - 45.00/TON	\$742.50
IOWA MUN WORKERS COMP.	INTSLLMENT 7 20-21	\$958.00
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	NOV PHONE	\$152.49
PRESTON TELEPHONE COMPANY	NOV. 2020 PHONE SERVICE	\$81.67
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$596.02
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	\$118.81
CITY OF PRESTON	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$61.94
BADRICK'S SERVICE & SALES	SERVICE GRASSHOPPER - WEIGHTS	\$217.95
JACKSON COUNTY RECORDER	RECORD RELEASE - M. GERARDY	\$7.00
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	JUN. 2021 HEALTH INS.	\$10,916.41
PRESTON TIMES	11/9 MTG MIN	\$96.28
PRESTON TIMES	DEC CLAIMS	\$351.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	COPY PAPER & PACKING TAPE	\$52.94
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SIM CARD	\$25.67
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	ZOOM CHARGE	\$16.04
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	HRA ADMINISTRATION SERVICE	\$52.50
GATOR GRAPHICS	OFFICE APPAREL - TERESA	\$38.00
MARVIN, DUANE & SALLY	LAND CONTRACT PAYMENT	\$12,250.00

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MAQUOKETA STATE BANK	MAINTENANCE FEE	\$41.84
GATEWAY DOOR COMPANY	OVERHEAD DOOR - SHED	\$6,369.40
JOHN L. FRANKS	DOOR HANDLE - SHED	\$90.93
KEENEY WELDING	MADE WATER HEATER STAND	\$206.61
MILLER PLUMBING	WATER HEATER, FAUCET, SINK - SHED	\$1,203.45
WPPI	EFFICIENT STREET LIGHTING	\$377.64
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STATE HYGENIC LABORATORY AR	LAB FEES	\$27.00
ECIA	WW IMPROV - LABOR 2.5 HRS	\$290.93
ELECTRICAL ENG. & EQUIP.	SERVICED 3 GENERATORS/MILEAGE	\$1,910.00
OMNISITE	1 YR. WIRELESS SERV. MAIN LIFT STN.	\$276.00
VC3 INC.	ITnBox SUPPORT	\$515.00
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IIW ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS	WWTF - CONSTRUCTION PHASE	\$8,449.50
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES OF MAQUOKETA	HEALTH INS. CLAIM-RAY	\$415.00
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER CO	PINE, PLYWOOD - LT PLANT DOORS	\$110.36
TOTAL COMFORT HEATING & COOLING	BOILER CIRCULATING PUMP - LT PLANT	\$1,122.91
ALLIANT ENERGY	ADMIN FEE - NOV/DEC 2020	\$2,000.00
MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELECTRIC		
COOPERATIVE	SECURITY LIGHT	\$9.01
WPPI	DEC 2020 POWER PURCHASE	\$45,958.17
CULLIGAN OF CLINTON	WATER COND. LT PLANT RENTAL	\$34.09
GRUHN ELECTRIC ENTERPRISES	BROKEN TRIPLEX - CRAM	\$3,124.99
	2GOOD PARK LIGHTING REBATE-	
CITY OF PRESTON	WALKWAY	\$180.00
	WPPI COMM. CONTR-PEPPERMINT	
CITY OF PRESTON	PARK	\$965.00
PRESTON AMBULANCE	WPPI COMM. CONTRIBUTION	\$500.00
VAN METER INC	1000 FT CUTTING REEL ELEC WIRE	\$1,125.56
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	NOV 2020 COMMODITY INVOICE	\$3,770.28
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	DEC 2020 RESERVATION INV.	\$11,790.59
PEFA INC.	DEC 2020 PEFA COMMODITY INV.	\$11,896.29
	FILL ROCK - GAS LINE REMOVED -	
PRESTON READY MIX CORP.	SCHOOL	\$336.34
S.J. SMITH WELDING SUPPLY	2X4000 PSI GAUGE	\$13.43
IOWA ASSOC. OF MUN. UTIL.	DEC 2020 ENERGIZERS	\$756.26
HWY 64 DIESEL	2 BRAKE SHOES - GARB TRUCK	\$379.86
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FLUID - GARB TRUCK	\$3,587.44
WASTE AUTHORITY OF JACKSON COUNTY	LANDFILL ASSESS, 1ST QTR 2021	\$6,620.82
CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE		
AGENCY	RECYCLING - DEC 2020	\$239.36
CIVIC SYSTEMS	SEMI ANNUAL SUPPORT-JAN-JUNE 2021	\$2,422.00
	TOTAL	\$158,588.38

IIW APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM #2; MARVIN ADDITION: Cody Austin, IIW presented the Mayor and Council with Addendum #2 for the Marvin Addition. Austin stated that IIW is finalizing the plans and will be presenting to the Mayor and Council at the next meeting (1/25). Once Council approves it will go out to bid. R. Petersen made a motion to approve Addendum #2 as presented. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Ayes: MP, PH, RP, MG, AR. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

POLICE CHIEF: Mayor Sieverding introduced Stephen Thayer to Council. The Mayor went onto state that salary information/comparisons were put together by T. Weinschenk and in the Council packets. T. Weinschenk stated that there was a Police Committee meeting on January 4th to see if Thayer was interested in the Chief of Police position. Thayer stated interest and a salary of \$57,000 under a five-year contract with 1.5% increases years 2-5. Weinschenk went onto say that Thayer brought the offer forward which shows that he has an interest in Preston. Weinschenk stated that \$57,000 seems like a lot of money, but it is difficult for smaller towns to keep a qualified officer. Thayer stated that he wanted to be transparent and told the Council that he has an interview with Jackson County on Thursday. Thayer stated he is still interested in Preston. Thayer enjoys working for the City of Preston and Preston has always been good to him. Thayer went onto say that there is grant money for wages and equipment. The STEP grant is easy and awards up to \$4500 for either wages or equipment. M. Petersen stated that the meeting with Thayer went very well. Thayer answered all of their questions. M. Petersen is in favor of offering \$57,000 with the 5-year contract. M. Petersen also stated that with Miles and Spragueville signing a 3-year contract the department will also need a full-time officer. Thayer would be able to build his own department. M. Petersen made a motion to offer Stephen Thayer a full-time position with a salary of \$57,000 under a five-year contract receiving a 1.5% raise for years 2-5. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Ayes: MP, PH, RP, MG, AR. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Thayer appreciated the offer but will be going to the County interview. Mayor Sieverding stated that Council understands and to think it through and do his due diligence. Thayer thanked the Council again.

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS: M. Petersen stated that this was discussed at the Police Committee meeting and the current wage is \$16.50 per hour. The wage is low and Preston wants to have a wage that is an incentive to work and be competitive with other towns. The recommendation is to raise the part-time wage to \$19.00 per hour and fill hours on the schedule with part-time officers at this time. Thayer stated he was waiting for approval from Council before contacting officers to help fill in hours on the schedule. R. Petersen questioned Thayer how many hours he would need from the part-time officers. Thayer would like to get 8-10 hours, but he will take whatever he can get. A motion was made by M. Petersen to increase the part-time salary to \$19.00 per hour and that Stephen can hire to fill the part-time positions with the approval of T. Weinschenk. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Ayes: MP, PH (via text message), RP, MG, AR. Nays: 0. Motion carried. P. Hoffman left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

GAS DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW: David (Jack) Michel the Gas Utility Supervisor presented the expenses that the gas department will incur for the 2021/2022 budget year. M. Petersen questioned Jack about equipment, specifically an odorizer and a sniffer. Jack explained that the odorizer is doing fine and he will see how old the sniffer is, but again everything is working fine. T. Weinschenk explained that the cost of training is at \$11,500, but that includes Weinschenk, Ganzer and the other three City workers for testing. The cost this year is \$2950.

LIBRARY BUDGET REVIEW: Caroline Bredekamp, Library Director, presented her budget to the Mayor and Council. Caroline explained the line items and why she was decreasing the library budget from last

year. Caroline also explained the revenues received from the State of Iowa and Jackson County. The library has provided activities during the different holidays for curbside pick-up. Currently the library is open by appointment and curbside pick-up.

PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE OF WEST STREET: Mayor and Council agreed that T. Weinschenk move forward and start conversations with the property owner and see what opportunities there are for the property.

RESOLUTION 2021-16 APPROVING A PLAT OF SURVEY: M. Petersen made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-16 approving the plat of survey for Ives Grossman. R. Petersen seconded the motion. Ayes: MP, RP, MG, AR. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

LIST OF PROJECTS FOR IISC: The Mayor and City Council reviewed the list of 15 projects and prioritized the list that will be submitted to Jackson County Economic Alliance. The list will be combined and submitted to the University of Iowa. This is for the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities.

UPDATE ON HEALTHY HOMETOWN: A. Reuter advised Mayor and Council that there will be a Zoom meeting on January 28th to define the route designated to do the walking audit. A follow up meeting with the results of the audit will be on February 4th at 6 pm. Anyone that is interested is welcome to participate in the walking audit.

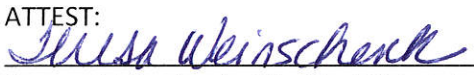
2021 COMMITTEES ASSIGNED: Mayor Sieverding gave out the listing to Council on which committees they are assigned to. Since P. Hoffman will be resigning as of February 1, this list will be changing again.

EXTENSION OF SICK PAY FOR COVID: T. Weinschenk recommended to City Council to extend the 80-hour Covid-19 sick pay until March 31, 2021. Weinschenk went on to say that other towns have extended to ensure that employees stay home when sick and not spread the virus. The Governor's proclamation expired December 31, 2020. A motion was made by R. Petersen to extend the Covid-19 sick time. Seconded by A. Reuter. Ayes: MP, RP, MG, AR. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

With no other business Mayor Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by R. Petersen. Seconded by M. Gerardy. Ayes: RP, MG, AR, MP. Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Mayor Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:


Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator