

City of Preston

Regular City Council Meeting

April 26, 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. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, JT Thomson. Absent: Matt Petersen

OTHERS PRESENT: Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities, Chief Stephen Thayer, City Administrator Teresa Weinschenk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Sieverding mentioned as an FYI that the Public Hearing will need to be opened and closed before approving the ordinance. Motion was made by R. Petersen seconded by M. Gerardy. Ayes: MG, JT, AR, RP. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by M. Gerardy to approve the consent agenda as presented. R. Petersen seconded. Ayes: JT, AR, RP, MG. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Approved: 4/12/21 Council Minutes, Rebate for Laurel Williams.

RESOLUTION 2021-33 APPROVING BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, SEIRIES 2021A: Heidi Kuhl from Northland Securities, presented the Council with the Bond Sale Summary. H. Kuhl went on to explain that the bonds have been structured with lower principal and interest payments for fiscal year 2023 and 2024. Thereafter, the bonds have been structured to result in relatively level annual debt service payments over the remaining 15 years. The principal amount is \$1,140,000.00 and interest of 1.96% for 18 years. A motion was made by A. Reuter to approve Resolution 2021-33 approving the Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2021A. JT Thomson seconded the motion. Ayes: AR, RP, MG, JT. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR LAND ACQUISTION: T. Weinschenk explained to Mayor and Council that John Danos, our Bond Attorney, stated that there would need to do a reverse bond referendum if we are going to use debt service. Heidi Kuhl from Northland Securities explained the process to Mayor and Council. The City would need to set the date for the public hearing. Have the public hearing and if there is not a petition with 10% signatures from the last election, it passes and the City moves forward with the purchase. T. Weinschenk asked Mayor and Council if they still wanted to move forward and if so, can T. Weinschenk move forward with a purchase agreement? Council was in agreement that T. Weinschenk should get a purchase agreement with contingencies drafted.

RESOLUTION 2021-34 FORMALLY APPROVING THE POLICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MILES AND PRESTON: T. Weinschenk informed Mayor and Council that a motion was made to sign an agreement with Miles in December, however we did not approve the Resolution. This is a formality. After some Council discussion, JT Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-34 approving the Police Agreement between Miles and Preston. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Ayes: MG, JT, AR, RP. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTING CODE OF ORDINANCES: A motion was made by A. Reuter to open the Public Hearing. R. Petersen seconded the motion. Ayes: JT, AR, RP, MG. Nays: 0. Motion carried. There were two public comments regarding the draft code of ordinances. Mayor Sieverding noted the comments. T. Weinschenk recommended to Council to adopt the Code of Ordinances and waive the second and third readings. Council questioned why waive the readings? T. Weinschenk stated if Council is not going to make changes and start the process over, Council may as well adopt and if changes need to be made, we amend the ordinance. This process started in 2018 and needs to be completed. Mayor and Council agreed. With no further discussion, JT Thomson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. R. Petersen seconded the motion. Ayes: AR, RP, MG, JT. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

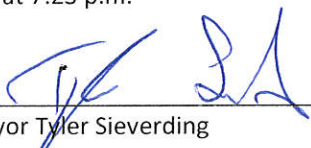
ORDINANCE 2021-01- ADOPTING THE CITY OF PRESTON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES: With no further discussion, A. Reuter made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 2021-01 adopting the City of Preston's Code of Ordinances and waiving the second and third reading. JT Thomson seconded the motion. Ayes: RP, MG, JT, AR. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

WALKING AUDIT UPDATE-ADAM REUTER: A. Reuter updated Mayor and Council on the Walking Audit Assessment Report put together by Healthy Hometown/Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. Reuter went on to guide Council through the report explaining that it shows the sidewalks that are in Preston. The Committee would like to put together a map which would-be color-coded red for bad, yellow would be marginal, and green for good. Discussed curb ramps and setting aside money each year for replacement. Painting cross-walks with high visibility paint and continental style markings. Pedestrian crossings on Highway 64, bump outs and parklets for downtown and wayfinding signage. R. Petersen questioned a sidewalk along School Street. Mayor and Council agree that when school is out the traffic is bad. A. Reuter stated that yes this was brought up, but the report was recommendations. Mayor and Council agree that there needs to be a sidewalk there. The Marvin subdivision has sidewalks as a requirement. A. Reuter stated if we need more help putting together a plan, Wellmark/Healthy Hometown would meet with the committee again if requested.


CRACK SEALING QUOTES FOR FY22: T. Weinschenk presented two quotes for crack sealing. One from Manatts for \$11,650 and the other one from Eastern Iowa Asphalt Maintenance Inc. for \$11,280. JT Thomson questioned if Jack (David Michel) had any thoughts on either of the contractors. T. Weinschenk stated that both do good work. A. Reuter and JT Thomson stated that Eastern Iowa Asphalt Maintenance has the low quote. A motion was made by A. Reuter to approve the quote for Eastern Iowa Asphalt for the crack sealing. Seconded by M. Gerardy. Ayes: MG, JT, AR, RP. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: T. Weinschenk informed Mayor and Council that the Humming Arrow will be relocating to Maquoketa and will not be renewing their lease as of July 31<sup>st</sup>. City Council needs to think about whether or not the City wants to continue the Incubator Program. Alliant Agreement with Preston – it appears that nothing has been agreed upon between Alliant and Preston regarding the 5 houses in the St. Joe's addition that Alliant is serving, but it is in Preston's territory. Lynch Dallas has a conflict of interest and cannot help us with this. Can the City use attorney, Melissa Mommsen or Billy Coakley? City Council agreed that whichever one has the information and is willing to help the City with this. Preston Days – the Mayor and City Council approve of having an event the weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup>. Caroline has been putting together ideas. T. Weinschenk stated that the Lion's Club may be interested in hosting the parade. Once there is a plan in place Mayor and Council will be informed of the schedule.

With no other business Mayor Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by M. Gerardy. Seconded by R. Petersen. Ayes: RP, AR, MG, JT. Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
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Mayor Tyler Sieverding

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Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator