

City of Preston

Regular City Council Meeting

May 24, 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: Rich Peterson, Adam Reuter, JT Thomson, Matt Gerardy, Matt Petersen

OTHERS PRESENT: IIW Mark Ruden, City Administrator Teresa Weinschenk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by M. Petersen Seconded by R. Petersen. Ayes: AR, RP, JT, MP, MG. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by M. Gerardy to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item # 13. A. Reuter seconded. Ayes: MP, RP, JT, AR, MG. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Approval of 5/10/21 City Council Meeting Minutes, electric water heater rebate, and refrigerator rebate.

STAAB CHANGE ORDER REQUEST No. 2 and WWTF UPDATE: M. Ruden stated that the change order request is due to the bid specifications stating that it was a 3-wire system when it is a 4-wire system. M. Ruden went onto explain that the maps that were used to put together the specifications were incorrect. This change order is necessary in order to meet code. Mayor Sieverding questioned if the mapping will be better for the future, so in the future we don't run into this again. M. Ruden stated that yes this will clean things up. M. Petersen made a motion to Approve the Staab Change Order Request No. 2 for \$5,529.00. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Ayes: RP, MP, AR, MG, JT. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT: T. Weinschenk explained to Council that Ed and Carol Reuter have applied for a building permit at 114 N. West Street for building a house with an attached garage. R. Petersen made a motion to approve the building permit for Ed and Carol Reuter. JT Thomson seconded the motion. Ayes: MG, JT, RP, MP. A. Reuter abstained. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-40 HIRING PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEE, JACOB PETERSEN AND SETTING HIS PAY: T. Weinschenk informed Mayor and Council that one application for the part-time seasonal position was received from Jacob Petersen. Weinschenk went on to explain that Jacob was a dependable, good employee. Weinschenk is recommending to offer the position to Jacob and set the salary at \$11.00 per hour. M. Petersen explained to Council that last year the Council provided a list of things they felt should be done around Preston to Weinschenk for Jacob to do. Council should email Weinschenk things that they feel should be done so Weinschenk can put them on the list. A motion was made by JT Thomson to approve Resolution 2021-40 seconded by A. Reuter. Ayes: JT, RP, MP, MG, AR. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MARVIN SUBDIVISION: M. Ruden stated that they are actively in the process with BWC Excavating approving shop drawings. Ruden spoke with Brenden Hansen and they are planning to start mobilizing right after Memorial Day. The first thing they will do is get the construction entrance in. M. Petersen stated there is concern with Marvin's drainage tile going through the subdivision and is there anyway to get the drainage tile on the Marvin's property. Ruden stated that is part of the plan of this project to relocate the tile south onto their property. Weinschenk stated that Ruden and herself has a

conversation with Duane Marvin regarding this issue. The Marvin tile relocation is part of the project. The tile will be moved at the City's expense and relocated on the Marvin property. Mayor Sieverding stated that this will be done as with the least amount of disturbance to the crop ground. Ruden stated that Preston is being a good neighbor.

SELLING OLD STREET SWEEPER: After much discussion it was decided that we should check with Jesse Kilburg to see if separating the chassis from the debris box (which is junk) may get us more money for the unit. Weinschenk also informed Council that there is the recycling trailer, the green truck and the pressure washer that needs to be sold. Weinschenk will advertise and it will be sealed bids. Council stated that Weinschenk can open the bids and bring the results back to Council.

BUDGET AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 14, 2021: Weinschenk explained to Mayor and Council that a budget amendment is needed to increase the expenses for water (lightening strike), gas (5 critical days), electric (Marvin addition and Jackson Tuck Pointing), economic development (paying off the Marvin property contract) and increase revenues since we received the proceeds from the sale of the bonds for the Marvin addition and the insurance check for the lightning strike. A. Reuter made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment on June 14th. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Ayes: RP, MP, MG, AR, JT. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CITY WEBSITE: Weinschenk explained to Mayor and Council that the City Website needs to get updated and that Weinschenk has not been able to make it a priority. Weinschenk is recommending the City contract Cassandra Pirtle who has experience in website design and is willing to help the City for \$15.00 per hour. Mayor Sieverding agreed that the website is behind and needs updating. A. Reuter stated this is a reasonable cost per hour. R. Petersen questioned how much time we are looking for. Weinschenk stated that the for \$500 we can get approximately 33 hours. M. Petersen made a motion to hire Cassandra Pirtle for \$15.00 per hour with a cap of \$500.00. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Ayes: MP, MG, AR, JT, RP. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON PRESTON DAYS: Letters have gone out to businesses. The coordinators event application has been sent to the State of Iowa. There is good interest in the Police Department 5k. There will be an article in the Preston Times this week outlining the events.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

Mayor Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by M. Gerardy. Seconded by R. Petersen. Ayes: RP, AR, JT, MP, MG. Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



Mayor Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:



Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator