

City of Preston  
Regular City Council Meeting  
July 25, 2022

Mayor Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL Present: JT Thomson, Richard Petersen, Matt Gerardy, Adam Reuter, Matt Petersen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cody Austin, Origin Design; Police Chief Bill Miller; City Administrator Teresa Weinschenk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by M. Petersen, Seconded by R. Petersen. Ayes: R. Petersen, M. Gerardy, M. Petersen, A. Reuter, JT Thomson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by M. Gerardy to approve the consent agenda. JT Thomson seconded. Ayes: A. Reuter, R. Petersen, JT Thomson, M. Gerardy, M. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Includes City Council Minutes from 7/11/22, gas furnace rebate for Linda Bolton and a refrigerator rebate for Daryl Feller

AWARD BID FOR THE WATER QUALITY PROJECT: Cody Austin from Origin Design presented Mayor and Council with a recommendation letter for the Water Quality Restoration Project. Austin went on to inform Mayor and Council that four bids were received. It was determined the low bid was submitted by Gansen Excavating, Inc. of Dubuque in the amount of \$170,684.05. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$220,000. The low bid of \$170,684.05 is \$49,315.95 or 22% below the engineer's estimate. Austin assured Mayor and Council that the bid had been reviewed and it is the recommendation of Origin Design to award the bid.

RESOLUTION 2022-51: A. Reuter made a motion to award the contract for the Water Quality Restoration Project to Gansen Excavating. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Ayes: M. Petersen, R. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, JT Thomson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-52 TO FIX A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED SEWER REVENUE LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,116,000.: Weinschenk explained that this is to amend the SRF Loan for the lagoon. We will be able to borrow money against that original loan and the interest we would pay will be reimbursed as part of the Sponsored Project. M. Petersen made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-52 to set the public hearing. M. Gerardy seconded. Ayes: M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-53 SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SALE OF LOT 23 IN THE HARVEST HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION: The date for the public hearing would be August 8<sup>th</sup> at the regular city council meeting. JT Thomson made a motion to set the date for the public hearing on the sale of Lot 23 in the Harvest Height subdivision for August 8. M. Petersen seconded the motion. Ayes: M. Petersen, M. Gerardy, R. Petersen, A. Reuter, JT Thomson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-07 REPEALING THE PRESTON CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING AND REPEALING A PORTION OF TITLE IV, PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, CHAPTER 7, UTILITIES-BILLING CHARGES, 6-7-11 REFUSE COLLECTION RATES: Weinschenk stated that there has been no public comment. JT Thomson made a motion to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance 2022-07. M. Gerardy seconded. Ayes: M. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PRESTON, IOWA, 2021 BY AMENDING AND REPEALING A PORTION OF TITLE IV, PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, CHAPTER 7, UTILITIES-BILLING CHARGES, 6-7-11 REFUSE COLLECTION RATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESTON, IOWA:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 6-7-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Preston, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

6-7-11 REFUSE COLLECTION RATES

2. Commercial Rate. Rates for commercial establishments shall be based upon volume as follows:

Small Commercial	1 container/dumpster	\$34.00
Medium Commercial	2 containers/dumpsters	\$42.00
High Commercial	3 containers/dumpsters	\$48.00
Large Commercial	4-5 containers/dumpsters	\$104.00
Industrial	*6+ containers/dumpsters	\$150.00

\*Industrial establishments will be charged \$.05 per pound for garbage depending on volume.

At the discretion of the Preston City Council, a fuel surcharge may be applied.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole nor any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

EASEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PRESTON AND MAQUOKETA VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE:

Weinschenk stated that Plastics Unlimited is boring the electric from the front of the building to the back of the new addition. The boring will need to go across city property which is South of the creek and behind Plastics new addition. A motion was made by M. Petersen to approve and easement with Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative for Plastics Unlimited. Seconded by R. Petersen. Ayes: JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CONVENANTS FOR WESTSIDE SUBDIVISION: Council reviewed the covenants from the Harvest Heights Subdivision so they can be modified for the Westside Subdivision. Mayor and Council stated to increase the size of the accessory building to 1000 square feet. Weinschenk will make the change and also remove any items that pertain specifically to Harvest Heights. Weinschenk will review with Marc Ruden, Origin Design. Tabled until next meeting.

LISTING HARVEST HEIGHTS LOTS WITH ASSOCIATED REALTOR DANA OLSON: Weinschenk stated that Olson will list the remaining lots at 3% commission for 6 months. It was agreed by Mayor and Council to

see how it goes. JT Thomson made a motion to approve a 6-month contract with Associated Realtors, Dana Olson. Seconded by M. Gerardy. Ayes: M. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

ADA COMPLIANT CROSSWALKS ALONG HIGHWAY 64: Weinschenk stated that County Line Concrete's bid is \$29,985.00. The Jackson County RTCP Grant is for \$25,000 for the pedestrian beacons with the City's match being \$14,956. The IDOT is mandating that the crosswalks be ADA compliant before the pedestrian beacons are placed. After discussion Council directed Weinschenk to verify that the pricing is still good with the quotes and check with ECIA to see if there are any grants for the ADA crossings. Tabled until next meeting.

GAS UTILITY ODORIZER: Weinschenk stated that the odorizer is in the budget. JT Thomson made a motion to approve ordering the odorizer. M. Petersen seconded. Ayes: JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

LL PELLING SEALCOAT AGREEMENT: Council reviewed the quoted streets and stated that the seal coating should happen no later than September. If after September wait until June 2023. M. Petersen made a motion to approve signing an agreement with LL Pelling for seal coating. M. Gerardy seconded. Ayes: A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Petersen, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.


UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Weinschenk informed Mayor and Council that the deadline for completing the survey has been extended until August 19<sup>th</sup>. The survey is online; however, residents can come into City Hall and get a paper copy or go into the library and Caroline will help get them online. There will also be information in the utility bills on how to complete the survey. This is the time for people to speak up and say what they would like to see done in Preston. This plan will be looking out to the future 20 to 30 years. We are looking to have the survey information collated and ready to review for a September meeting.

REVIEW OF FY22: The Mayor reviewed projects that have been completed last year.

- ✓ Asphalt paving of Anna Court
- ✓ Development of Harvest Heights Subdivision with grand opening
- ✓ Purchased the McNeil Property
- ✓ Attracted a developer to build a 12-unit Senior Housing Apartments
- ✓ Created Westside subdivision
- ✓ Catalyst Grant-Preston Times making progress
- ✓ Incubator Project – Christiansen Coffee (new business)
- ✓ Sidewalk program-9 sidewalks since 11/2020 total \$7995.08. Four applications out.
- ✓ Preston was awarded a CDBG Grant for renovating Town Hall
- ✓ Mural for the entrance to the downtown
- ✓ New logo and tagline for Preston
- ✓ Downtown incentive program
  - Tom & Sydney McNeil
  - Preston Locker
- ✓ Entering into a development agreement with Plastics to help with their addition
- ✓ Created a Tree Board

OTHER BUSINESS: Weinschenk questioned Council if someone buys a lot in the Harvest Heights and they would like the City to continue mowing it through 2022 would this be acceptable. Council stated yes, but they will need to take care of it in 2023. Weinschenk also questioned if Council is agreeable to corner lot owners on Faith and Hope Streets being exempt from putting a sidewalk on that side. Homeowners would still need to put a sidewalk along Marvin Lane. Council agreed to allow this exemption. Chief Miller updated Council on the department. Currently working on nuisances and making some progress. Miller and Weinschenk will work on getting ordinances updated and to Council for approval. Miller is working with the Fire Department to get some updates completed on the garage. The carpet is installed in the PD office. Mayor Sieverding had an update regarding the library receiving state accreditation. Mayor Sieverding thanked Caroline for all her hard work and the library board for their dedication.

With no other business Mayor Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made R. Petersen. Seconded by JT Thomson. Ayes: R. Petersen, JT Thomson, A. Reuter, M. Gerardy, M. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

  
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Mayor Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:  
  
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Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator