

City of Preston

Regular City Council Meeting

January 24, 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: J.T. Thomson, Richard Petersen, Adam Reuter, Matt Gerardy (6:01) Absent: Matt Petersen

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Heiar, Jackson County Economic Alliance; Travis Kieffer, Plastics Unlimited; Police Chief Bill Miller; City Administrator-Teresa Weinschenk

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by JT Thomson to approve the consent agenda as presented. R. Petersen seconded. Ayes: A. Reuter, R. Petersen, JT Thomson. Includes City Council Minutes from 1/10/22 and Class E Liquor License for the Preston Country Store.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: R. Petersen made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-04, an Ordinance establishing a Tree Board for the City of Preston. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Reuter, R. Petersen, JT Thomson, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. With no discussion or comments from the public; A. Reuter made a motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing. JT Thomson seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Reuter, M. Gerardy, R. Petersen, JT Thomson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE ORDINANCE 2021-04: JT Thomson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-04 establishing a Tree Board for the City of Preston waiving the second and third readings. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Ayes: M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, R. Petersen, JT Thomson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2021-04

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 7, CITY TREE BOARD TO TITLE II, POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PRESTON, IOWA:

Section 1: Purpose. The Purpose of this Ordinance is to create and establish a City Tree Board by adding Chapter 7 to Title II, Policy and Administration.

Section 2: Addition. Title II Policy and Administration, Chapter 7 City Tree Board

CHAPTER 7

CITY TREE BOARD

2-7-1 Creation and Establishment

2-7-2 Term of Office

2-7-3 Compensation

2-7-4 Duties and Responsibilities

2-7-5 Operation

2-7-6 Interference with Board

2-7-7 Review by Council

2-7-1 CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT. There is hereby created and established a City Tree Board for the City, which shall consist of five (5) members. All Board Members shall be appointed by Mayor and City Council. The Board Member may be residents or non-residents of Preston.

2-7-2 TERM OF OFFICE. The members of the Board shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years and in the event that a vacancy occurs during the term of any member, said member's successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term.

2-7-3 COMPENSATION. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

2-7-4 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. It is the responsibility of the Board to study, investigate and to development and /or update annually and administration of a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs along the City streets or on any City property. The Board, when requested by the Council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or questions coming within the scope of its work.

2-7-5 OPERATION. The Board shall choose its own officers, make its own rules and regulations and keep a journal of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall be quorum for the transaction of business.

2-7-6 INTERFERENCE WITH BOARD. It is unlawful for any person to prevent, delay or interfere with the City Tree Board or any of its agents while engaging in and about the planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning or removing of any street trees, park trees or trees on private grounds, as authorized by this chapter.

2-7-7 REVIEW BY COUNCIL. The Council shall have the right to review the conduct, acts and decisions of the Board. Any person may appeal from any ruling or order of the Board to the Council, who may hear the matter and make final decision.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved by the City Council of Preston, Iowa on this 24th day of January, 2022.

TAX REBATE FOR PLASTICS UNLIMITED: Dave Heiar, Jackson County Economic Alliance (JCEA), explained to the Mayor and City Council that Plastics Unlimited is interested in expanding their business by adding another 30,000 sq. ft. (175x175) to accommodate the need for more manufacturing space and warehousing. This would add an additional 30 employees to the current 120 employees. Travis Kieffer, Plastics Unlimited, went on to thank Mayor, Council and the City of Preston for partnering with Plastics with the relocation of the storm sewer with the last expansion in 2019. Heiar went onto explain that the 75% tax rebate would be on taxes paid on the new addition. Heiar would work with Weinschenk and the Preston's bond attorney to update the urban renewal statement and write the development agreement. JT Thomson stated this is why TIF was implemented to help new and existing businesses. Mayor Sieverding stated that whatever Preston can do to partner and help Plastics grow. Council gave the approval for Heiar and Weinschenk to move forward with the bond attorney. Heiar went onto to say that a developer is interested in approximately 5 acres of the Archie McNeil property, to build a senior housing complex. The developer also mentioned building a single-family housing complex, which would provide housing alternatives for existing and new employees of Plastics.

REPLACE METER READ HANDHELD UNIT: Mayor Sieverding stated that the guys have been having problems with the handheld for a while now. Weinschenk stated that we have done the recommended trouble-shooting and it still wasn't working. Sheryl and the utility guys had a meeting with ITRON representative, Jeff Hawk, and they tested the handheld and it is confirmed that it is not functioning and there is no longer support for the unit. M. Gerardy made a motion to approve the quote from ITRON to replace the handheld device. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Reuter, M. Gerardy, JT Thomson, R. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ECIA FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Weinschenk explained to Mayor and Council that Dan Fox from ECIA contacted Weinschenk in regards to the Comprehensive Plan that was discussed last year. ECIA is now in a position to get started. ECIA has a grant that will pay \$5,000 and the City of Preston will be responsible for the remaining \$5,000. It will take community input and approximately one year to complete the plan. M. Gerardy made a motion to enter into a contract with ECIA to develop a Comprehensive Plan for Preston. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Ayes: JT Thomson, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter. Nays: R. Petersen. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON FITCORE COURSE: Weinschenk explained to Mayor and Council that it is important that the Fitcore Course get the projected completed this year or they lose the \$25,000 Wellmark Grant. Also, typically the flow of the course would be better in a rectangle then in a square. Would Council be open to having the course be on the newly acquired McNeil property? Also, would you entertain the idea of having a parking lot there? A. Reuter stated that he liked the idea of having the course be in rectangle instead of square since it would be better for the flow. Reuter went onto state that the reason the course was originally proposed to be by the basketball court is due to the lighting. Council discussed other areas within the park where the course could go. Weinschenk stated there would be a meeting on January 27th.

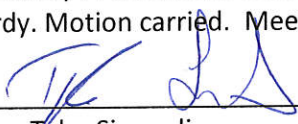
REPLACING THE "WELCOME TO PRESTON SIGNS": Weinschenk stated that it was brought up at a Preston Growth and Development meeting that the Welcome to Preston signs are looking worn. These signs are at the East and West entrances to Preston. Mayor Sieverding would like to see signs entering town from the North and South also. Weinschenk will check with the IDOT and County to see what needs to be done to replace the signs. We will look at getting the cost in the FY23 Budget.

RESOLUTION 2022-19 AMENDING THE NAME OF THE MARVIN SUBDIVISION TO HARVEST HEIGHTS: This is a legal formality. Motion was made by JT Thomson to approve Resolution 2022-19 amending Resolution 2021-06 and Resolution 2022-12 changing the name from Marvin Subdivision to Harvest Heights Subdivision. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING: M. Gerardy made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the Max Levy for February 14, 2022 at 6 pm. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Ayes: JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Weinschenk an email from the DNR we have moved forward to the 90%. I will forward the email from the DNR to all of you. This is very good news!!! Police Chief Bill Miller updated Mayor and Council stating that he had two interviews on Tuesday and the MMPI is set for the possible part-time candidate.

Mayor Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by JT Thomson. Seconded by R. Petersen. Ayes: A. Reuter, R. Petersen, JT Thomson, M. Gerardy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.



Mayor Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:


Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator