

City of Preston  
Regular City Council Meeting  
May 8, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL Present: Richard Petersen, Adam Reuter, JT Thomson, Matt Petersen (6:15). Absent: Matt Gerardy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bill Miller; Sheryl Ganzer, Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by JT Thomson seconded by R. Petersen. Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Angela Betts, Tate Betts, Jesse Papke Abbigail Henson, Abbigail Keegan, Andrew Keegan, Greg Betts, and Stephan Betts. The group communicated concerns to the Mayor and Council regarding the 4-wheeler accident which claimed the life of Chandler Betts. Mayor and Council stated it is an on-going investigation, and they cannot comment.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by to approve the consent agenda as presented by R. Petersen, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried. Includes monthly financial reports, paid claims, Special Class C Retail Alcohol Permit for the Preston Fire Department, Gas Water Heater Rebate for Dale Assenmacher.

Payee	Description	Amount
GLOBALCOM TECHNOLOGIES	DOOR ACCESS TRAINING/REPAIR	\$185.00
CHARLES MILLER	MEAL REIMB-CRISIS TRAINING	\$64.06
STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC	3 POST FORM A SELF SCORE	\$74.00
RIVER VALLEY ENERGY	833.1 GAL UNLEADED @ 3.207	\$2,671.75
AT&T MOBILITY	PD PHONE SERVICE	\$173.08
PRESTON TELEPHONE COMPANY	APR 2023 PHONE SERVICE	\$694.67
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	2 MILITARY BACKPACKS	\$290.67
CODE 4 PUBLIC SAFETY EMBLEMS, LLC	CODE 4 SAFETY EMBLEMS	\$100.00
IOWA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	2023 CHIEF'S WORKSHOP- GERARDY/WILLEY	\$75.00
JR Farrell	GAS REIMB - TANKER TRIP	\$736.55
PRESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT	TRAVEL EXP - MICHIGAN (PK UP FIRE TRK)	\$264.40
RUCHOTZKE, LANDON	TRAVEL EXP-MICHIGAN FOR FIRE TRUCK	\$257.76
RUCHOTZKE, LANDON	TRAVEL EXP - FDIC CONFERENCE	\$1,129.69
RIES PEST CONTROL	SPRING INSECT/RODENT - FD	\$139.10
ALEX AIR APPARATUS	3 SPANNER WRENCHES/BRACKETS	\$193.28
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANINES	AIR FILTER 706	\$60.84
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL SERVICE - FD	\$201.34
PRESTON TELEPHONE COMPANY	MARCH 2023 PHONE SERVICE	\$61.10
USCELLULAR	FD CELL BILL	\$28.98
KIRBY WATER CONDITIONING	CHANGE SANITIZER,FILTER & SOLAR SALT	\$290.00
LECTRONICS INC.	1 NEW KENWOOD PORTABLE RADIO	\$524.30

PRESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT	FIREFIGHTERS MEM WALL - D. KRUSE	\$100.00
CITY OF PRESTON-ELEC FUND	DIESEL FUEL-STREETS/GARB/FIRE	\$728.99
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	MAR 2023 UTILITIES	\$10,932.20
COUNTY LINE CONCRETE LLC	HWY 64 APPROACH	\$3,400.00
ASSOCIATED INSURANCE	GENERAL,AUTO, LIAB,PROP INS.	\$79,617.44
KUNDE EXCAVATING & QUARRY INC	TRUCK HRS - HAULED SNOW 3/25	\$330.00
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	MAY 2023 HEALTH INS	\$12,160.64
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	1ST QTR UNEMPLOYMENT 2023	\$126.90
MILLER PLUMBING	NEW TOILET - LIBRARY	\$634.50
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	MAR 2023 UTILITIES	\$312.56
PRESTON TELEPHONE COMPANY	MARCH 2023 PHONE SERVICE	\$75.62
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$85.91
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	BOOKS DVDS	\$1,496.35
SMART APPLE MEDIA	BOOKS	\$125.70
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER	\$100.02
CAROLINE BREDEKAMP	REIMB. AMAZON SUMMER READING	\$91.07
DEMCO	LABELS, TAPE, MISC	\$97.79
	ENVELOPES/INK CARTRIDGES (LESS CREDIT)	\$164.37
QUILL CORPORATION	FILTER/BLADES KUBOTA	\$77.13
BADRICK'S SERVICE & SALES	APR 2023 UTILITIES	\$10,039.52
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	FINAL PMT-SPONSORED PROJ	\$9,841.03
GANSEN EXCAVATING INC.	G.O. CALLED BOND - HARVEST HTS	\$29,856.25
UMB BANK N.A.	MILEAGE - IMFOA SPRING CONF. .	\$262.00
GANZER, SHERYL	HOTEL-IMFOA CONF - SHERYL	\$224.00
HOLIDAY INN	HYDRANT FLUSHING AD	\$368.82
PRESTON TIMES	ITnBox SUPPORT	\$690.33
VC3 INC.	EMPLOYMENT REVIEW	\$87.50
LYNCH DALLAS PC ATTORNEYS AT LAW	MARCH 2023 MAINT FEE	\$42.80
MAQUOKETA STATE BANK	BALANCE UPON COMPLETION-TOWN HALL	\$10,242.50
KITCHEN & BATH SOLUTIONS	ELEC SERVICES - CDBG-CV	\$7,025.00
KITCHEN & BATH SOLUTIONS	REPLACED WINDOWS-OLD CITY HALL	\$9,255.00
SIEVERDING, JOHN	ROCK FOR STREETS	\$158.11
PRESTON READY MIX CORP.	EFFICIENT STREET LIGHTING	\$0.20
WPPI	EFFICIENT STREET LIGHTING	-\$755.48
WPPI	WATER EXCISE TAX	\$1,297.55
TREASURER/SALES & USE TAX	WATER SAMPLE LAB FEE	\$19.00
CHEM RIGHT LABORATORIES INC.	AZONE/CHLORINE	\$530.91
HAWKINS INC	24 ITRON ERTS	\$2,610.39
VAN WERT INC	WWTF POST CONSTR PHASE	\$1,543.50
ORIGIN DESIGN	WASTEWATER FEES - APRIL 2023	\$561.00
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICE LLC	INK/PINWHEEL TAPE POSTAGE MACHINE	\$221.45
ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICED 3 GENERATORS/MILEAGE	\$1,910.00
ELECTRICAL ENG. & EQUIP.	SECURITY LIGHT	\$9.24
MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	APR 2023 POWER PURCHASE	\$14,156.24
WPPI		

ALLIANT ENERGY	QTR 1-2023 ADMIN FEE	\$3,000.00
CULLIGAN OF CLINTON	LIGHT PLANT WATER CONDITIONING	\$36.24
FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO.	CUTOUTS/ARESTERS/INSULATORS	\$466.25
BIERMAN, LIBBY	WPPI PUBLIC POWER SCHOLARSHIP	\$500.00
BUDDE, LEESA	CLOTHES WASHER REBATE	\$35.00
SMITH, BRENA	CLOTHES WASHER REBATE	\$35.00
STASHAL, LUKE	WPPI PUBLIC POWER SCHOLARSHIP	\$500.00
ZEIMET, RYLIE	WPPI PUBLIC POWER SCHOLARSHIP	\$500.00
ERNST, RAY	WORK SHOES REIMB	\$165.84
RIVER VALLEY ENERGY	94.9 GAL DIESEL @ 3.19/GAL	\$9,872.73
JACKSON CO. REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER	DRUG SCREEN - TIM	\$22.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	APR 2023 RESERVATION INV	\$7,000.93
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	MAR 2023 COMMODITY INV.	\$9,709.54
PEFA INC.	APRIL 2023 PEFA COMM INV.	\$3,250.47
ASSENMACHER, DALE	GAS WATER HEATER REBATE	\$25.00
PETERSEN, STEVE AND CAROLYN	GAS FURNACE REBATE	\$300.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO INC	MAY 2023 LIFE INS.	\$283.38
OLY'S GARAGE	COOLANT	\$29.72
WESTSIDE AUTO REPAIR	OIL CHANGE - 2003 GMC	\$66.00
HWY 64 DIESEL	COOLANT LEAK REPAIR-GARB TRUCK	\$893.76
TREASURER/SALES & USE TAX	SALES & OPTION TAX	\$3,701.40
WASTE AUTHORITY OF JACKSON COUNTY	APR 2023 TIPPING FEES	\$6,289.00
CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE		
AGENCY	RECYCLING - APRIL 2023	\$255.15
IOWA ASSOC. OF MUN. UTIL.	ISEP APR-JUNE 2023	\$699.00
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	HRA ADMINISTRATION SERVICE	\$42.00
	Total	<u>\$266,748.03</u>

APPROVED EXPENDITURES BY FUND:

GENERAL FUND	\$129,960.46
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0.02
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$158.11
INSURANCE RESERVE	\$0.00
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	\$0.00
WATER FUND	\$20,568.90
SEWER FUND	\$16,853.21
ELECTRIC FUND	\$58,832.88
GAS FUND	\$27,786.86
GARBAGE FUND	\$13,342.89

APRIL 2023 REVENUES:

GENERAL FUND	\$375,329.26
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$611,726.83
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TAX	\$45,527.79
EMERGENCY	\$19,794.23

TIF	\$69,442.67
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	\$27,661.02
DEBT SERVICE FUND	-\$24,394.67
WATER FUND	\$495,742.93
SEWER FUND	\$493,260.50
ELECTRIC FUND	\$581,887.95
GAS FUND	\$733,231.14
GARBAGE FUND	\$116,251.69

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE STATUS OF FUNDING FOR THE CDBG-COVID19 PRESTON COMMUNITY CENTER:** JT Thomson made a motion to open the public hearing. M. Petersen seconded the motion. Ayes: JT Thomson, M. Petersen, A. Reuter, R. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Amanda Dupont, ECIA, has been overseeing the project which is 100% complete. The City of Preston applied for and was awarded a \$77,816 Community Development Block Grant to provide funding to make facility improvements to the Preston Community Center/Town Hall. ECIA was the grant facilitator and Kitchen & Bath Solutions (Kevin Nemmers) was the contractor. The project has been 100% completed as of May 8, 2023. A site visit is scheduled for Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> with Sarah Plowman (IEDA), Amanda Dupont (ECIA) and Teresa Weinschenk (City of Preston). M. Petersen made a motion to close the Public Hearing. R. Petersen seconded. Ayes: M. Petersen, A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2022-82 APPROVING FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO JACKSON COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE (JCEA):** This is a five-year commitment with the first-year financial commitment being 2023/2024 and an amount of \$12,500. It will increase by \$500 each year with year four at \$14,000 and five at \$15,000. JCEA has played a big part in helping Preston achieve projects. JCEA is a great partner and resource to have. JT Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-82 as presented. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**AGREEMENT TO TERMINATE CONTRACT FOR MILES POLICE SERVICE:** Mayor Sieverding has visited with Mayor Ernst regarding the Preston Police Department discontinuing the contract with Miles. The agreement was provided by our City Attorney, Lynch Dallas. A motion was made by M. Petersen to approve the Agreement to Terminate Contract for Police Serve to Miles. JT Thomson seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Reuter, JT Thomson, M. Petersen, R. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2022-83 approving Chief Bill Miller as a non-exempt employee:** This is being discussed due to current staffing. M. Petersen stated that this makes sense and Chief Miller is fine with the change. It also makes it easier for the time being. M. Petersen made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-83 approving Chief Miler’s status from salary to hourly at the current rate of pay. JT Thomson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING:** The budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is amending for both revenues and expenditures. A motion was made by A. Reuter to set the Public Hearing to amend the current budget for May 22, 2023. M. Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CITY POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF THE TREASURE TROVE:** The City is supporting the application for the asbestos inspection. The estate is offering the building to the City for \$2,000. The City does not have

costs for tear down. Mayor and Council would like to see how the asbestos inspection goes. There also needs to be more discussion before we move forward with this purchase.


APPROVE APPLYING FOR THE DRA GRANT: This would be for the Pocket Park concept by the east side of old City Hall. This is the first thing you see when turning into the downtown. See what we come up with for ideas and how the funding goes with the grant. JT made a motion to approve applying for the DRA Grant. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GARBAGE TRUCK DISCUSSION: Mayor and Council discussed the priority of getting a garbage truck vs. other equipment. Also wondering what budget it will come out of. Request that Eric Tietjens attend the next meeting and discuss further.

OTHER BUSINESS: CITY SIGN: It would be a 4x8 black metal sign mounted on a formed concrete stone. Mayor and Council would like to see a mockup or get community involvement.

INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR NEW HIRE: We received 10 applications. It was decided to interview four top applicants on Thursday (5/11) and go from there.

With no other business, Mayor Sieverding asked for motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by R. Petersen, seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

  
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Mayor, Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:

  
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Sheryl Ganzer, Deputy Clerk