

City of Preston

Regular City Council Meeting

August 28, 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, Matt Petersen, JT Thomson, Matt Gerardy

OTHERS PRESENT: City Administrator Sheryl Ganzer, Deputy Clerk Tracey Lee

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion to approve the consent agenda including Minutes of the last meeting, Gas Furnace rebate – Geno's \$100 and Refrigerator rebate – P. Trenkamp \$50, was made by A. Reuter, Seconded by R. Petersen. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-09 – Setting Salary for Gas Superintendent: Personnel committee met and discussed salary promotion Eric Tietjens to the position of Gas Supt. Tietjens has been performing the duties since August 7 after the retirement of David Michel. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 approving a salary increase of \$2.00/hour to \$24.00/hour retroactive to August 7, 2023, was made by M. Petersen, Seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

Resignation of Charles Miller: A letter of resignation was received from Charles Miller effective Sept. 5, 2023. A motion accepting the resignation was made by JT Thomson, Seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

Salaries of Municipal Offices: Increasing salaries for Mayor, currently at \$200/month and Council members, currently at \$35 per meeting were discussed. Besides the regular meetings, department heads all put in extra time and meetings and felt going to salary would compensation to include some of the extra time. Council would like to see the ordinance changed to Salary of council members be \$1500 per year and Mayor be \$3000 with bi-annual payout with effective date of 01/01/2024 following election. Ganzer will present 1st reading of new ordinance at the next meeting.

Other Business: Lead Operator: The Personnel committee plans to have informal interviews of City Employees and decide on who will be promoted to Lead Operator (formally Supervisor). Recommendation and Resolution setting salary will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Election: The Candidate filing period for taking out Election papers and being on the ballot in the November Election began Monday August 28 with deadline being Sept. 21st. Preston has 3 positions that will be on the ballot of Mayor and 2 council seats. Anyone wishing to run for Mayor or Council must submit both the Affidavit of Candidacy and the Nomination Petition form to the court house. Forms may be picked up at City Hall and will be available on the City's website.

Main Street Square: Sieverding informed council that he was approached by N. Kieffer regarding the placement of a rock as part of the project. The rock would be a nice addition to the space at no cost to the City. Council had no objections.

Fire Department Committee of Matt Petersen and Richard Peterson would like to have a meeting set up with Landon sometime middle Sept. Ganzer will reach out to Landon to help get this scheduled.

Adjournment: With no other business, Mayor Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by JT Thomson, Seconded by R. Petersen. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk