

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
October 28, 2024
Mayor, Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present: Dylan Meyer, Jason Thomson, Matt Petersen, Adam Reuter, Matt Gerardy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk, Police Chief, Chad Gruver

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes from previous meeting, Police report, Sidewalk replacement – Bette Petersen - \$640 and amended building permit – Gary Roling was made by D. Meyer, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

UTILITY UPDATES: Ganzer provided a report outlining needs, progress reports potential budget considerations for all the utilities. Electric - in need of new transformers as utility poles are replaced. Water included Lead Service Line report, Hydrant flushing and Water main break repairs. Sewer included completed Jetting and budget items for sewer cameras, fuses for generators and new line at the lagoon. Gas included a new service line to the EV green house. Garbage – need to appoint a new board member to the Waste Authority by December – will look for volunteer to take the position. Councilman Petersen is working with Tietjens and gave an update on the city maintenance program. The first steps to develop a program that will include annual inspections of equipment and record keeping along with prioritizing supplies and equipment needs.

Schmidt building update: Ganzer provided a draft letter to send to property owner requesting a building permit and gain knowledge of what the intentions are for the building. As it sits currently, it is considered to be dangerous based on the manner of what it's sitting on. The council gave the go-ahead to send a letter.

Jackson County Wind Turbine Ordinance update: Ganzer attended the public meeting of the county zoning board meeting. The draft ordinance regulating placement of wind turbines was addressed including changes and the addition of a setback for scenic byways of 5 miles and property line setbacks of 1500 ft. Several people from the audience addressed the board with concerns. Ganzer presented resolution options to request setback requirements of 3 and 5 miles from all city limits. The council agreed they would like to see the same 5 mile setback as scenic byways be included in the resolution. In addition to Jackson County, the city will also consider passing the same resolution for Clinton County as we are located near the border.

Resolution 2024-10 – Requesting Jackson County Implement Wind Turbine setback requirements of 3 miles from all City limits was read. A motion to approve the resolution was made by M. Petersen, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-11 – Requesting Clinton County Implement Wind Turbine setback requirements of 3 miles from all City limits was read. A motion to approve the resolution was made by JT Thomson, seconded by A Reuter. Motion carried.

Setting the Date for the next Council Meeting: The regular meeting was scheduled for November 11, which is Veteran's Day. A motion was made by M. Petersen to change the date of the meeting to Tuesday, November 12th. The motion was seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ordinance Enforcement Update – Gruver explained that the property owner on E Gillet St. has addressed the list of items that was sent in the nuisance letter. The owner’s intention is to get it to a state where it can be sold.

Peppermint Park – slow, children a play signs were discussed, and the council would like to see 2 permanent signs placed based on the recommendations of city police and staff.

Westside Park update: Nancy Kieffer provided an update on the hard surface handicapped parking spots that her and Tietjens came up with. Kieffer is soliciting quotes and is working with Caroline to look for grant options. The update also included update for the tree planting project and will be determined by the funds received from grants and donations.

2005 Ford Pickup: Quotes were provided for the option of replacing the dump box with a flat bed. Petersen commented that the truck is 20 yrs old, and the frame is rusted out and indicated that it would be bad money spent. He recommended securing the box and using the truck as it is, until replacement options are reviewed.

Amos Street final walk-through was postponed as originally planned and is scheduled for Oct 30th at 9:00 am. A contract payment for the retainer will then need approval in November. The retainage amount is \$24,421.28. The \$25,000 RCTP grant money has been received.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to be discussed, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by D. Meyer, seconded by JT Thomson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6 :49 pm.



Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk