

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
May 28, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem, Adam Reuter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Clerk, Tracey Lee, Police Chief, Chad Gruver, Alex Hinerichsen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion to approve the agenda was made by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes of 5/13/2024 meeting, amended building permit – Rick Sieverding, Gas Furnace rebate \$100, Central Air Cond. Rebate \$200, refrigerator rebate \$50, clothes washer rebate \$35, dishwasher rebate \$50 for Ray Wanzek, Class C Retail Alcohol License – Genos, was made by JT Thomson, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

INCUBATOR PROGRAM APPLICATION: Alex Hinerichsen submitted application for the Downtown Preston's Business Jump Start/Incubator Program for his proposed business, Preston Family Chiropractic. Alex will be graduating in a couple weeks and is looking at July 1 or mid-July starting date to lease the City's former Old City Hall building. There will need to be some changes in the current layout, which he will be drafting a floor plan and apply for interior reconstruction funding through the Downtown Incentive grant program. A contract will be required allowing the first year to be rent free and increasing accordingly for continuation of additional year(s). There were no other applications submitted, and there was no deadline indicated when it was posted. The one-year lease will begin at the start of the business opening. A motion to approve the application of Alex Hinerichsen for the City Hall Incubator Program was made by M. Petersen, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

RELEASE OF DOWNTOWN PAYMENT GRANT LOAN: Bruce Joens requested a release for the forgivable grant they received when they first purchased the house. They have satisfied the 5-year grant requirement of residency. Motion to approve the release was made by D. Meyer, seconded by JT Thomson. Abstain- A. Reuter. Motion carried.

McDonough Grant Application: Preston Growth and Development is looking for approval for Amanda Dupont of ECIA to apply for the McDonough Grant, which is due Friday May 30. They were proposing to apply for funding for a fence running parallel to the Two Good Park equipment to help prevent children from direct access to the highway and an outdoor hand washing area for the park bathrooms. The council inquired about the city's contribution and didn't commit to any additional funding outside of what has been budgeted for. They would like to prioritize what other things the city needs beyond park improvements for future grant applications. The council was not in favor of installing a fence. They would be acceptable to a sink or some kind of handwashing station but were concerned about vandalism if it was out in the open. The council was in favor of approving the grant application and if awarded, have additional discussions at that time. Motion to approve the application was made by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: Ganzer provided an explanation for the changes in revenues, transfers and expenditures of the proposed budget amendment hearing that will be held June 10th. Revenues included additional local grants of 18,000 for Main Street Square, 34,000 for unbudgeted collections for the new storm water utility and transfers in of \$90,000 for employee benefits into general fund and \$100,757 for loan payments out of debt service. Expenditures

included public safety, \$10,314 out of civil defense for radio services, \$13,385 for downtown incentive grants over original estimate and an equal number of transfers out. The amendment resulted in an excess in available cash of \$83,796. No action was needed, the resolution adopting the budget amendment will be after the public hearing June 10th at 6:00pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Amos Street Pre-Construction meeting was held May 23rd, Ganzer reported that Eastern Iowa Excavating proposed the start date of the project the 3rd week of June. They will take 2 weeks to complete the storm sewer and then bring in River City Paving. The total time for curb and gutter and paving will be 6-8 weeks. The city will provide notice to the public and residents located in the project area through social media and personal contact, especially those with limited access to other streets as the project gets closer.

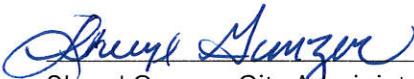
ADJOURNMENT

With no other business being held at this meeting, Reuter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by M. Petersen, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.



Adam Reuter, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk