

City of Preston  
Regular City Council Meeting  
March 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: Matt Petersen, Matt Gerardy, Adam Reuter, JT Thomson, Rich Petersen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Landon Ruchotzke; Chief Miller; Teresa Weinschenk, City Administrator.

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by M. Petersen, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried. Approval of minutes, Liquor License Garage Bar and Grill.

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TANKER: Ruchotzke stated that he has found another tanker for \$128,000. M. Petersen stated at the committee meeting that it was agreed that the City would support \$100k and that the Fire Department was going to use donation money to pay the other truck loan off at the bank. Ruchotzke stated that the department was planning on paying the loan off, but thought the payoff was about \$13,000. It was decided that Ruchotzke is going to send a couple of guys to look at the 2006 Freightliner Tanker and at the next FD meeting see how much the FD will put towards the unit. Weinschenk will check into the Fire Marshal's Revolving Loan Fund.

LOIS HOFFMAN BUILDING PERMIT: M. Gerardy explained that there was a house fire and that the old house will be coming down and the new house will go in the same location. It will extend a little in the back, but it meets all the setback requirements. M. Petersen made a motion to approve the building permit for Lois Hoffman. JT Thomson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RICK SIEVERDING/BRENDA HEIAR BUILDING PERMIT: Weinschenk stated that it has been staked out and that the new house meets the City setbacks. A. Reuter made a motion to approve the building permit for Rick Sieverding and Brenda Heiar. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

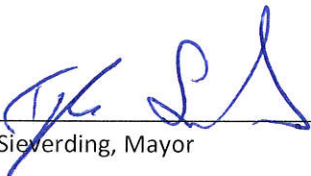
AMERICAN RESUCUE PLAN FUNDING (ARPA): Weinschenk presented Council a spreadsheet which shows the City receiving \$143,406.28. Council has already approved and paid \$12,337 for the Maquoketa Dispatch Council. Weinschenk is proposing ARPA funds be used for the following: Preston's share of the Town Hall Renovation of \$50,804, new windows for Old City Hall \$9,255. We also need to visit with the Catholic Church regarding the ditch which is another \$20,000. M. Petersen gave a "Thank You" to everyone that has volunteered and assisted with the painting and cleanup of Town Hall. This leaves \$51,010.28 remaining. Eligible expenses would be continuing work on Town Hall, Public Safety (Police and Fire). Mayor Sieverding wondered if a decision needs to be made tonight. Weinschenk stated no that the report is due April 30<sup>th</sup>, it would be good to have the funds designated towards projects. Mayor and Council will think this over and we will discuss more at the budget workshop.

RESOLUTION 2022-79: JT Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-79, approving the employment of Conor Gruver for the part-time summer position for \$14 per hour. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Weinschenk mentioned that the City received \$400 from the Master Gardner's grant for flowers that will be used in the downtown and parks. Caroline Bredekamp wrote the grant for the City. The budget workshop is Monday, April 3, 2023 starting at 5:30pm. Chief Miller stated that testing for the applicants will be on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will start the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> with a select group and then the Police Committee will interview. Scheduled to get the new radios in the squad cars in April. Chief Miller has been testing one of the new radios and it is working well. David Michel reported that on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> while removing snow, the arm on the tractor broke. Weinschenk has contacted the Norm at Associated and a claim has been opened. Michel gave Council the options for replacing and repair. The Mayor and Council agree that getting the practically new bucket from Kunau's would be the way to go.

With no other business, Mayor Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn and move to the Town Hall. Motion to adjourn was made by JT Thomson. Seconded by R. Petersen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING AT TOWN HALL: M. Petersen made a motion to reconvene the meeting. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor and Council reviewed the renovations and were pleased with the work that has been done. The new paint has brightened up the place along with the new bathrooms. Weinschenk is to look into the following: painting of the windows in the kitchen, a new stove, smoking receptacle on the front of the building, ripped screen and no screen on kitchen windows, the two back exit doors. Mayor and Council would also like to see the front door painted and the entrance freshened up. JT Thomson made a motion to adjourn. M. Petersen seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



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Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Teresa Weinschenk, City Administrator