

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
April 28, 2025
Mayor, Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Dylan Meyer, Adam Reuter. Matt Gerardy
Absent: Matt Petersen – 1 Vacant

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk, Eric Tietjens, Lead Operator

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Ganzer received a request of correction of the 4-14-2025 minutes to include Parking Lot – Westside Park funding “has not “been fully secured as originally stated and to strike the approval of Wendling Quarries until final quotes are determined. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the last meeting with changes submitted by D. Meyer, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-27: A motion to approve hiring Carson Fuegen and setting salary of \$14.00 per hour was made by A. Reuter, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

DONATION of FENCE: Sieverding explained that Matt and Tammy Petersen graciously donated a fence for Peppermint Park to be erected on the east side of the sidewalk by the playground area. A motion to approve the fence was made by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE PARK PARKING LOT: Ganzer explained that after getting final quotes and reviewing current funding on hand, the Westside Park Improvement funds could be approximately \$5000 short for doing the full row of parking. The committee is requesting the council consider funding from the city. Ganzer showed the council that the road use funds could support the project as it is within the current budget. All agreed; they would not want to hold up the completion of the project. A motion was made by D. Meyer to provide remaining funds needed up to \$5000. Motion seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BUDGET AMENDMENT: Ganzer reviewed the proposed budget amendment for FY24/25. Increases in expected revenues included Option Tax, Police Charges for Service with acquisition Miles and the School, FD Roof insurance claim and interfund loan for new squad car totaling 255,328. Increase in expected expenditures for police salaries and benefits, new roof for fire station, loan payment from public works, library new a/c unit and park expenses and general increases in insurance premium totaling 409,014. Public hearing with approval by resolution will be held at the next meeting.

STREET REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: Tietjens reviewed the proposal for seal coating for \$25,177 and noted the price would be reduced by about 6,000 with the elimination of doing a stretch of road. Two estimates for crack sealing were reviewed for 3 streets. The low bid was from Eastern Iowa Asphalt for \$11,217. Two estimates were received for street patching on North Mitchell Street, with lowest bid of 10,261 from County Line Concrete. Tietjens requested approval to proceed with the proposed work. All agreed to proceed getting the work lined up with the lowest bids.

CEMENT REPLACEMENT – 2 Estimates were reviewed for new cement around the bathrooms at Two Good Park. Tietjens requested work be done by County Line Concrete. He was directed to see if work could be completed prior to the celebration and hold off building until after July 1. 2 Estimates were also reviewed for cementing an approach in front of the city shed. CLC had the low bid of 6,470 which cost will be split between all utility departments. The council was all good going forward with lowest bid for both projects.

TOWN HALL DOOR REPLACEMENT: An estimate to for new door and installment was provided by Casel Construction in the amount of \$3600. Mayor and council would like to explore options for doing more than just the door, including making improvements to the entrance. Decision is table until next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

An update on the sidewalk replacement requests were reviewed. Council would like to have a 2nd reminder letter sent including a deadline of Jan. 1 2026 to make efforts to replace sidewalks. Funding through the sidewalk replacement program is available to those who make an effort towards making the repairs. If nothing is done, proceed with a property lien on taxes.

Following discussion on nuisance properties, it was confirmed that ECIA will attend the next meeting to present the program.

Clerk's Municipal Institute scholarship was awarded to Tracey towards attending and completing the program. Congratulations.

Skid Loader quote for a new one was received as requested at last meeting. The price includes a warranty which council would like to see what that entails and with funding not available until after July 1, they'd like to hold off committing to one. The topics will be kept on agenda and updated at each meeting.

Only one RFQ was returned for the Grid Resiliency Grant Project for the design engineering and construction services for the Electric system upgrade. Amanda Dupont – ECIA grant writer asked if we'd like to try and go out again for RFQs or go with the one we received. The Electric committee will review with Ray and make determination.

The second regular meeting in May falls on Memorial Day, that meeting will be held on Tuesday May 27th as in prior years.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to be discussed, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by A. Reuter, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.



Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk