

City of Preston  
Regular City Council Meeting  
December 8, 2025

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: Matt Gerardy, Dylan Meyer, Matt Petersen, Adam Reuter. Absent: Leesa Budde.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk, Chad Gruver, Police Chief, Landon Ruchotzke, Fire Chief, Josh Boldt, City Manager – Maquoketa.

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Including minutes of the last meeting, financial reports, payment approval of paid and unpaid claims, utility reports, monthly police report, Electric water heater rebate-M. Petersen – 25.00, Class C Retail Alcohol License – Roy's Hideaway. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

Payee	Description	Amount
TOTAL COMFORT H & C	FURNACE/AC UNIT CITY HALL-PD	14,952.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TRAC SEATS FOR SXS	228.09
KEENEY WELDING	GUN BRACKET FOR 2023 DODGE	31.32
AT&T MOBILITY	PD PHONES/HOT SPOTS	279.43
PRESTON TELEPHONE CO	NOVEMBER 2025 PHONE SERVICE	897.37
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	RADIO FOR COMMUNICATIONS	961.08
LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS	BUILDING/PROPERTY OWNER DOOR HANGERS CASE	
UNIFORM DEN INC	FILES	231.00
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORP	FLASHLIGHT	67.54
VC3 INC.	SHIELDWARE (2) RMS SOFTWARE	775.00
STALKER RADAR CONCEPTS	ITnBox SUPPORT	887.25
RIVER VALLEY ENERGY	RADAR FOR 2025 DODGE	2,569.00
IOWA MUN WORKERS COMP.	669.8 GAL UNLEADED @ 2.604/GAL	1,744.16
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	INSTALL 6 25-26	818.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	NOVEMBER 2025 UTILITIES	11,077.03
MILES LUMBER AND HARDW	12V CHARGER/RAMPS/STEEL JACK	559.97
PRESTON READY MIX CORP.	CABLE TIES X-MAS LIGHTS	39.97
WELLMARK BC/BS	ROAD ROCK-STREETS	61.56
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	DEC 2025 HEALTH INSURNACE	9,629.21
PRESTON TELEPHONE CO	OCTOBER 2025 UTILITIES	186.33
TASTE OF HOME BOOKS	OCTOBER 2025 PHONE SERVICE	81.99
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	1 BOOK	42.08
BREDEKAMP, CAROLINE	13 BOOKS	256.75
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	REIMB HALLOWEEN SUPPLIES	417.33
DIAMOND VOGEL PAINT	ANTIFREEZE/SIPHON PUMP	66.94
CEDNTER	4 CAN PAINT - PICNIC TABLES	248.80
PRESTON TIMES	ADS WARRIOR - FARRELL HALLOWEEN	144.00
BOYD, SHEILA	MAPS & FLYER PARK AND REC	425.00

SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	2000 PRESTON CITY MAPS	657.66
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	12 3X5 AMERICAN FLAGS	359.65
PLASTICS UNLIMITED	FY25/26 TAX REBATE 1 OF 2	10,116.50
LYNCH DALLAS P.C.	REAL ESTATE-312 W GILLET KILBURG PROPERTY	280.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP SHERYL	60.00
LEE, TRACEY	MILLAGE ECIA FALL CLERK MEETING TRACEY	67.20
PRESTON TIMES	2025 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	498.60
MAQUOKETA STATE BANK	NOVEMBER 2025 MAINTENACE FEE	48.79
JACKSON COUNTY AUDITOR	NOV 2025 CITY-SCHOOL ELECTIONS	803.00
CHRISTIANSEN, JOE & NICOLE	SIDEWALK REPL GRANT DAVIS ST	1,250.00
MAQUOKETA STATE BANK	FIRE DEPT LOAN 82150 DEBT SERV	302.63
UMB BANK N.A.	G.O. INTEREST PMT-HARVEST HTS.	9,453.75
TREASURER/SALES & USE TAX	WATER EXCISE TAX	1,259.64
CHEM RIGHT LABORATORIES INC.	WATER SAMPLE LAB FEE	22.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC.	DRINKING WATER ANALYSIS	149.00
HAWKINS INC	130 AZONE	689.06
CASELLE LLC	SUPPORT JAN-JUNE 2026	4,430.00
EASTERN IOWA PLUMB & HEATING	1/2 REPAIRS MITCHELL STREET	427.84
ELECTRIC PUMP	NEW TRANSDUCTOR MAIN LS	1,715.81
ELECTRICAL ENG. & EQUIP.	SERVICED 3 GENERATORS/MILEAGE	3,380.00
GATOR GRAPHICS	TRUCK DECALS-TIMS	125.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SRF SERVICE FEE	4,055.00
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	PSF - R. ERNST	135.09
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MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELEC COOP	SECURITY LIGHT NOV 2025	9.47
PER MAR SECURITY SERVICES	MONITORING SERV-12/25-2/26	145.29
WPPI	NOV 2025 POWER PURCHASE	35,990.93
CULLIGAN OF CLINTON	LIGHT PLANT WATER COND	37.85
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	MEDIACOM LETTER POSTAGE	25.38
CITY OF PRESTON	AC/FURNACE REBATE CITY HALL	1,338.00
EASTON VALLEY CSD	ENGLISH DEPT BOOKS - WPPI	1,000.00
JOHNSON, RON	AC/GAS FURNACE REBATE	250.00
MAQUOKETA STATE BANK	ELECTRIC INTEREST 81456	21,260.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC	DRUG TEST T. MOREHEAD	42.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	OCT 2025 COMMODITY INVOICE	5,578.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	NOV 2025 RESERVATION INVOICE	15,513.04
PEFA INC.	OCT 2025 PEFA COMMODITY INV	-6,574.48
PEFA INC.	OCT 2025 PEFA COMMODITY INV	6,574.48
PEFA INC.	NOVEMBER 2025 PEFA COMMODITY INVOICE	15,829.08
DRISCOLL, DOUG	GAS WATER HEATER REBATE	25.00
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	HRA ADMINISTRATION SERVICE	42.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	NOVEMBER2025 LIFE INSURANCE	372.63

ORIGIN DESIGN	GOAL MEETING/CITY MAP UPDATE	2,040.60
TREASURER/SALES & USE TAX	LOCAL OPTION TAX	2,517.43
CLINTON CO SOLID WASTE	NOV 2025 REFUSE	5,102.08
ACCESS SYSTEMS	LEASE PMT SHARP COPIER	137.43
1ST AYD CORPORATION	PULL DOWNS/GARBAGE BAGS	299.14
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC	LEASE PAYMENT - POSTAGE MACH	196.65
		195,853.63

APPROVED EXPENDITURES BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	46847.09
DEBT SERVICE FUND	9756.38
ROAD USE TAX FUND	1250
INSURANCE RESERVE	0
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	0
WATER FUND	7320.9
SEWER FUND	15822.96
ELECTRIC FUND	66651.75
GAS FUND	41115.71
GARBAGE FUND	7088.84
STORM WATER FUND	0
PAYROLL NOV 2025	44663.62

NOV 2025 REVENUE BALANCES

GENERAL FUND	384,944.66
ROAD USE TAX FUND	255,235.55
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TAX	130,355.91
EMERGENCY	43,770.81
TIF	64,334.99
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	32,764.35
DEBT SERVICE FUND	-129,828.91
WATER FUND	860,167.81
SEWER FUND	598,258.28
STORM WATER FUND	94,441.29
ELECTRIC FUND	1,000,632.03
GAS FUND	655,304.34
GARBAGE FUND	92,244.17

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET AMENDMENT: A motion was made to open the public hearing by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried.

Ganzer reported there had been no comments received at city hall, and no comments were received from the meeting. An explanation for the changes included the transfers from Electric into Econ. Development for the building purchase and unbudgeted cost for replacement of the Heat/A/C until for City Hall/Police. A motion was made to close the public hearing by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-08: Approving the Proposed Amendment #1 to the FY25-26 budget: A motion to approve was made by M. Petersen, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-09: Approving Joint Public Service Agreement for Dispatching Services and Fundin Agreement By and Between Jackson County, the City of Maquoketa, City of Bellevue, City of Preston and City of Sabula pursuant to Chapter 28E of Iowa Code – Josh Boldt, City Manager, Maquoketa:

Boldt presented the need for the agreement for dispatching services between the Cities of Maquoketa, Bellevue, Preston and Sabula with Jackson County. The purpose is to set terms related to management, oversight and costs between parties. The managers, administrators and clerks of said cities met and agreed to present the agreement to include that the City of Maquoketa would initially remain responsible for the day-to-day operations of dispatching services. The funding agreement includes the city's share in the costs and expenses of dispatching services for FY25/26 to be invoiced in Dec. or Jan. and the same amount for FY26/27. A table was presented with 2 exhibits. 1- utilizes Jackson County Property Values as determined by the Jackson County Assessor on January 1, 2025, where Maquoketa remains managing agency as a permanent agreement and picks up the small cities in Jackson County other than Miles and Spragueville, which will be included in Preston's share, also included in Exhibit 2- which utilizes 2020 US Census population data and Jackson County Property Values with equal weight. This includes the transfer from City to County as the managing agency on July 1, 2029. The agreement states that one option will be selected by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, as the funding model or plan for this Agreement and that all City Parties have committed and approve both options with the Jackson County Board of Supervisors having the final right to select the funding agreement. Following discussion and questions, a motion was made to approve Resolution 2025-09 by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried.

WELLMARK RENEWAL 2026: Ganzer reviewed the renewal of the same plan that came in with a 6.36% increase in health insurance which would be an annual increase of \$6,779.52. The health insurance budget was also reviewed. A motion to approve the 2026 Wellmark renewal as presented was made by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Gerardy. motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Ganzer noted that in years past the City Council only met once in December, therefore if that is the case this year, if all were in agreement, the next meeting would be January 12, 2026. A motion was made to approve setting the next meeting for Jan 12<sup>th</sup> by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICES: Ganzer administered the oath of office of newly elected officials for Council At-Large, Adam Reuter, Matthew Gerardy and Matt Petersen. The oath for Leesa Budde will be held another time prior to Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. We welcome them all and thank them for serving another term.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fire Department flooring – Landon Ruchotzke explained that the tile flooring in the hall is bubbling up. A quote was reviewed from Feller Flooring for an epoxy finish of approximately \$12,540, with the FD covering part of the cost. Council would like to meet at station to look at the flooring and discuss other department priorities.

Annual Publication Request – Preston Times. A letter of request from Preston Times was received for the annual publication for a legal county newspaper for 2026. Council agreed to continue our legals publication with the Preston Times, a registered member of the Iowa Newspaper Association.

Property Acquisition: Meyer commented that he would like the council to start thinking about plans for the new building. It was noted to add this to the agenda in upcoming months and follow up with Marc Rudin with making plans for the site.

With no other updates or further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.



Adam Reuter, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



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Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk