

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
February 23, 2026

The City Council of the City of Preston, State of Iowa met in regular session in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 West Gillet Street, Preston, Iowa, at 6:00 P.M. on the above date. Mayor, Tyler Sieverding was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL of the following named Council Members was taken:

Present: Adam Reuter, Leesa Budde, Dylan Meyer, Matt Gerardy, Matt Petersen

Absent: None

Vacant: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Marc Rudin, Origin Design, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk, Sheryl Ganzer City Administrator/Clerk, Kyle & Hallie Petersen, Police Chief, Chad Gruver.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by D. Meyer to approve the consent agenda including minutes of last meeting, Gas Furnace Rebate - \$100 – Gerardy Outdoor Power and Clarification of invoice provided. Motion seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2025-14: RESOLUTION SETTING DATES OF A CONSULTATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED 2026 AMENDMENT TO THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE PRESTON URBAN RENEWAL AREA IN THE CITY OF PRESTON, STATE OF IOWA. Consultation meeting on March 5, 2026 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Public Hearing on March 23, 2026 in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 P.M. Council Member Adam Reuter moved to approve the adoption of said Resolution. Council Member Matt Gerardy seconded the motion to adopt. ROLL CALL : AYES: Adam Reuter, Matt Petersen, Matt Gerardy, Dylan Meyer, Leesa Budde. NAYS : None.

DISCUSSION ON LOTS – Kyle and Hallie Petersen addressed the council to request consideration of the purchase of lots 25 and 26 in Harvest Heights Subdivision with the intent of constructing one home centered in the 2 lots. The restrictive covenants require all lots to be used only for single-family or two-family dwellings. After much discussion including square footage, timeline, tax base revenue and costs to amend the covenant, the council tabled the item until the next regular council meeting. Ganzer will contact the City Attorney, and a work session will be had to discuss this further next week.

DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – Marc Rudin, Origin Design. In October a goal setting session was held to determine what capital projects were set as priorities. Rudin and his team provided projects estimates on the projects including Gillet Street – Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter and Streets. The estimate was a starting point of the maintenance items needed and didn't include a whole street scape renovation – Cost \$341,740. Industrial Lane and 1st Street Improvements – Part of industrial area street replacement with curb and gutter- Cost \$1,208,130. Merrill Street Reconstruction including Merrill from Farley to School and Degroat from Merrill to Amos – updated estimate \$793,460 and DeGroat and Farley including Main to Merrill – updated estimate \$241,745 – Total Project Combined - \$1,400,938. School Street Sidewalk – School to Faith and Storm Sewer at Church - \$332,815 Alternate Sidewalk from West Street to Park Entrance \$36,365. Options on West Area Storm Sewer ranging from \$671,885 to \$1,208,691. The Council will have a future work session to grade the projects & decide plans for the projects.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Review Council and Department Updates – Ganzer, Gruver and Utility Dept heads provided updates for review in council packets.
- Summer Help – It is undecided whether to advertise for Summer Help, the utility staff will share input at next meeting.
- Jr. Firefighters Program – Ganzer explained that she has been in contact with Work Comp and Ruchotzke will provide a copy of the Jr. Firefighters program for their review to determine what record keeping and other requirements are needed.
- Budget Workshop – A workshop will be held directly following the regular meeting 2/23.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to be discussed, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Gerardy. motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.



Tyler Sieverdin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk