

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
March 23, 2026

The City Council, the governing body of the City of Preston, State of Iowa, met back in regular session in the Preston Council Chambers at 6:15 p.m. Present was Mayor, Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Dylan Meyer, Adam Reuter, Leesa Budde, Matt Gerardy
Absent: Matt Petersen, Vacant: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk, Kelley Brown, JCEA, Kyle and Halle Petersen, Tim Morehead, Water/Sewer 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: Including minutes of the last meeting, Class C Retail Alcohol License Renewal – Garage Bar and Grill, Gas Water Heater Rebate – Caroline Behn - \$25 and February Police reports. Motion to approve consent agenda was made by D. Meyer, seconded by A. Reuter, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026 AMENDMENT TO THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE PRESTON URBAN RENEWAL AREA: A motion to open the public hearing was introduced by D. Meyer, seconded by L. Budde. Ayes: Budde, Meyer, Reuter, Gerardy, Nays – None, Absent – Petersen. Mayor Sieverding asked for report from Jackson County Economic Alliance Director, Kelley Brown. Included in the council packet and placed on file was the meeting summary with respect to the consultation meeting that was duly held as ordered by the Council with the affected taxing entities to discuss the proposed Amendment. Mayor asked if any written comments had been filed with the City Clerk, Ganzer reported that none were received. There were no oral comments from the public present. Brown gave a brief review of the 10-year extension of the Urban Renewal Plan, which included adding two additional areas to the Urban Renewal Plan. This provides additional options and incentive opportunities to use TIF. A motion to close the public hearing was made by D. Meyer, seconded by L Budde. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-18: "RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN AREA OF THE CITY TO BE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BLIGHTED AREA, AND THAT THE REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, OF SUCH AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; DESIGNATING SUCH AREA AS APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS; AND ADOPTING THE 2026 AMENDMENT TO THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE PRESTON URBAN RENEWAL AREA" was introduced and motion to approve the resolution be adopted was made by D. Meyer, Seconded by A. Reuter. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gerardy, Reuter, Meyer, Budde. Nays: None, Absent: Petersen. Adoption carried.

ORDINANCE 2026-01: Consideration of Ordinance 2026-01 for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for the 2026 Amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for the Preston Urban Renewal Area. Motion to introduce and approve the 1st reading of said ordinance was made by D. Meyer, Seconded by M. Gerardy. Roll Call – Ayes: Meyer, Reuter, Budde, Gerardy, Nays: none, Absent: Petersen. Motion carried. A motion to introduce and approve to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 2026-01 was made by D. Meyer. Seconded by M. Gerardy. Roll Call – Ayes: Reuter, Gerardy, Meyer, Budde, Nays:

- None. Absent: Petersen. Motion Carried. A motion to Adopt Ordinance 2026-01 was made by D. Meyer, seconded by: M. Gerardy. Roll Call: Ayes: Budde, Reuter, Gerardy, Meyer. Nays: None. Absent: Petersen. Ordinance Adopted March 23, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-16 – A motion was introduced by L. Budde to approve Resolution 2026-16: Setting the Public Hearing for Adopting the Code of Ordinance for April 13, 2026 at 6:00pm. Seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FULL BUDGET ADOPTION: A motion to approve setting the date for the Public Hearing for the FY26/27 Full Budget Adoption for April 13, 2026 at 6:10pm was made by A. Reuter, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

SPRING TREE PLANTING: The \$10,000, 2-year Grant funding from the DNR Forestry Grant for 2026 & 2027 is scheduled to begin this Spring. Marcia Camp provided council with an update on plans for Spring planting and prepared an order of 16 trees from Wagner Nursery. Council was asked to consider approval of the order for April 1st that will be reported to DNR for 2nd quarter reporting. A map of tree planting locations was also provided. A motion was made to approve the tree order in the amount of \$3,340.19 by A. Reuter, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nuisance Properties – Goerdts Inspection Services. Goerdts provided copies of the next phase of letters to address properties determined to be in violation of the Property Maintenance Ordinance. Ganzer will also request an update on status of the first phase properties to review progress.

Special Meeting – A workshop for discussion on Lots and the Water/Sewer Budget will follow upon adjournment of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to be discussed, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by D. Meyer, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:35pm.



Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk