

City of Preston

Regular City Council Meeting

February 28, 2022

Mayor Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL Present: JT Thomson, Richard Petersen, Matt Gerardy, Adam Reuter. Absent: Matt Petersen

OTHERS PRESENT: Tricia Wagner and Matt Specht, ECIA; Police Chief Bill Miller; City Administrator-
Teresa Weinschenk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by A. Reuter,
Seconded by JT Thomson. Ayes: R. Petersen, Matt Gerardy, Adam Reuter, JT Thomson. Motion carried
unanimously.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by R. Petersen to approve the consent agenda with item number
E. removed. JT Thomson seconded. Ayes: A. Reuter, R. Petersen, JT Thomson, Abstain, Matt Gerardy.
Includes City Council Minutes from 2/14/22 and Class C Liquor License for The Garage Bar and Grill LLC.,
Resolution 2022-29 to approve the State of Iowa Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus
(CDBG-CV) Duplication of Benefits Policies and Procedures, Approve building permit for Matt Gerardy.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: JT Thomson made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Preston Community
Development and Housing Needs Assessment. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Motion carried
unanimously. Tricia Wagner, ECIA read the following: Community Development and Housing Needs
Analysis for City of Preston

Community Development and Housing Needs of LMI Persons

1. Undertake efforts to increase recreational opportunities and safe public gathering spaces of LMI citizens.

2. Support stormwater improvements.

3. Support wastewater improvements to comply with NPDES Permit.

4. Maintain and improve streets.

5. Rehabilitate owner-occupied housing.

6. Encourage homeownership in the City.

7. Continue to provide supportive services to lower income residents.

Other Community Development and Housing Needs

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2. Support stormwater improvements.

3. Support wastewater improvements to comply with NPDES Permit.

4. Maintain and improve streets.

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Planned or Potential Activities to Address Housing and Community Needs

1. Apply for CDBG-CV funds for expansion and improvement of public facilities.

2. Apply to IEDA CDBG and other funding sources for water and sewer improvement projects.

3. Apply to IEDA/IFA for Home Ownership Assistance programs.

4. Apply to IEDA Housing Program for owner-occupied rehabilitation programs.
5. Work with Jackson County Economic Alliance and ECIA to locate new business and expand existing industry to create employment opportunities.
6. Work with area homeowners and contractors to develop new housing in the City's Harvest Heights housing development
7. Work as a community to improve appearance of the County in general.

This assessment was approved at the Preston City Council Meeting on February 28, 2022

Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

Weinschenk stated that there were no public comments. M. Gerardy made a motion to Close the Public Hearing. A. Reuter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2022-27: A motion was made by JT Thomson to approve Resolution 2022-27 approving the City of Preston Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment and seconded by A. Reuter. Ayes: Matt Gerardy, Adam Reuter, JT Thomson, Rich Peterson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

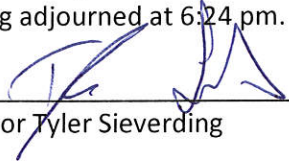
OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: A. Reuter made a motion to Open the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus for the City of Preston Public Facilities/Public Spaces Project. JT Thomson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Tricia Wagner, ECIA went through some predefined questions and provided answers. The total cost of the project is \$89,427. The CDBG-CV Grant will pay 80% with the City of Preston paying 20%. Preston will pay \$17,885 with a maximum of \$20,000. The grant will be submitted March 15, 2022. Preston will know if the grant will be awarded in 2-4 weeks. If Preston receives the grant the improvements to the Town Hall as the Community Center will include: reconfiguring the kitchen area to allow for social distancing while preparing meals and replacing the kitchen windows; converting the bathroom to be both accessible and safer by installing a touch-free door, lighting, toilet, and soap and towel dispensers; a water heater to provide hot water for hand washing; new air exchange and dehumidifier for cleaner air; fixing air leaks in the exterior walls; and replacing the roof. JT Thomson wondered how long we have to get the improvements done. Tricia stated that we have until May 31, 2023. Matt Specht, ECIA stated that it is about a year after the grant is awarded. Mayor Sieverding and Council agree that the work needs to be done. Weinschenk stated that there were no comments from the public. JT Thomson Made a motion to close the Public Hearing. M. Gerardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2022-28: JT Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-28 approving the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus for the City of Preston Public Facilities/Public Spaces Project. R. Petersen seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

BODY CAMERAS FOR THE PRESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Bill Miller presented two quotes to the Mayor and City Council proposing the purchase of new body cameras for the department. Currently the department has one body camera that is working. Chief Miller went onto explain that he received updated quotes from Keltek for purchasing two cameras or three cameras. Chief Miller is recommending the purchase of three cameras. This would be the latest generation of cameras with three years warranty and is compatible with the equipment in the car and the computers. Weinschenk stated that \$10,000 was put in the budget under capital expenditures for a payment on a new patrol car. It was decided not to purchase a car so what we are asking for is to use the budget dollars for the body cameras which are an estimated cost of \$9,120.80. JT Thomson stated that cameras have become just as important as having a gun. R. Petersen wondered how long before we have the new cameras. Miller stated that he will get them ordered and Keltek will install. M. Gerardy made a motion to approve


purchasing three body cameras for the Preston Police Department. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With no other business Mayor Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by M. Gerardy. Seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.



Mayor Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:



Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator