

City of Preston

Regular City Council Meeting

April 25, 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, Matt Petersen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Driscoll, St. Joseph Church; Marc Ruden, Origin Design; David Michel, Preston Public Works; Police Chief Bill Miller; City Administrator-Teresa Weinschenk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by JT Thomson, Seconded by M. Petersen. Ayes: R. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, JT Thomson, M. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by A. Reuter to approve the consent agenda. M. Gerardy seconded. Ayes: M. Petersen, A. Reuter, R. Petersen, JT Thomson, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Includes City Council Minutes from 4/11/22 and 4/18/22.

DRAINAGE DITCH BY ST. JOSEPH CHURCH: T. Weinschenk explained to Mayor and Council that the drainage ditch by the church was discussed during the street committee review. Weinschenk met with Gary Trenkamp, church representative, about the quote from Anstoetter Construction for \$148,000 to place a tube through the ditch and cover. Trenkamp stated that the church could not afford that and could we look at alternatives. The alternative that we see other towns utilizing is a concrete ditch. The quote we received from County Line Concrete to do this work is \$39,992. Dennis Driscoll stated that the church has discussed this option and would like to do it. The church is willing to pay 50% of the cost. M. Petersen is concerned how it would look and is this really taking care of the problem. M. Ruden stated that IIW (Origin Design) put together a quote with options in 2007. JT Thomson is in favor of doing this, but feels the City needs something in writing from the church. M. Petersen would also like to have a drawing, more detailed quote including seeding and estimated time frame of when it can be done from County Line Concrete. Driscoll stated he will get something in writing from the church, Michel's stated that he will get with County Line Concrete. Weinschenk will send Mayor and Council the Street and Sidewalk priority list and the list from the Goal Setting session. Item is tabled until the May 9, 2022 Council Meeting.

HARVEST HEIGHTS: Marc Ruden, Origin Design informed Mayor and Council that Clinton Engineering will be tearing out the damaged portion and getting the concrete poured before May 1, 2022. Ruden has been in communications with Brandon, BWC. Ruden also stated that the grass seed seems to be coming in nicely. At this time, he would suggest holding off on reseeding. It is looking good.

SPONSORED PROJECT AT HARVEST HEIGHTS: Waiting on comments from the Sponsored Project Group (DNR etc.). It looks like it will be approved early June and go out for bid July/August. Complete the project the second half of summer. M. Petersen wondered if Ruden is optimistic that the project can be done this year? Ruden stated yes. No further discussion.

MCNEIL PROPERTY: Marc Ruden, Origin Design, reviewed the storm water project that will go from the McNeil property over through the Industrial Park to the creek. This will not only take the storm water from West Street, but also help in the Industrial Park. Ruden stated that the developer can start without

the storm water project being completed, however one cannot be done without the other. Ruden also stated that a simple plat which would divide the property into three sections would move more quickly than trying to create a subdivision in the southern piece of the property. It was also decided that on the North end of the property to leave room for a street to get into the rectangular piece. Ruden spoke with Sheila Lee at the IDOT and she said that a traffic study would need to be done to grant access for a road off from highway 64. Ruden stated that a traffic study can cost anywhere from \$5,000 - \$30,000. Ruden stated to do a full subdivision it would be a 120-day process. A simple subdivision (three lot subdivision) would be a 60-day process. Council agreed that Ruden should move forward with the simple subdivision plan for the developer.

**CITY LOT ON FARLEY STREET:** Weinschenk stated that she has been approached by Nicole Christiansen, Christiansen Coffee, she is interested in the lot on Farley Street to put a drive thru coffee shop. JT Thomson and M. Petersen both support selling it if we can get a business in there. They do not want to sell it to someone to add greenspace to their backyard. Weinschenk will get with Maquoketa State Bank in regards to the property and discuss with Nicole Christiansen.

**CITY LOGO:** Weinschenk presented four different logos that were created by the University of Iowa students through the IISC program to the Mayor and City Council. There were also different tag lines and branding ideas. Council made the decision on which one is the winner with some modifications being made to the logo. Weinschenk will notify the instructor on which one was selected. An announcement to residents and businesses will be forthcoming.

**UPDATE ON TREE BOARD:** JT Thomson stated that there has been one meeting with JT Thomson, Ray Ernst and Dick Kunau. Two more board members are needed. It was discussed asking Dennis Bormann is he would be interested. Thomson stated that they will be getting the members together and looking at doing something like Bellevue's Tree Board and then adding onto it. At this time there is no tree planting in the City right of way (terrace). There will be an application process and a list of approved trees. There will be another meeting scheduled with Molly from Trees Forever.

**PRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:** A motion was made by JT Thomson to approve Jean Zumwalt to the Library Board, replacing Jenn Schmidt. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen, M. Petersen, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Mayor Sieverding thanked Jenn Schmidt for serving on the board and to Jean Zumwalt for accepting the position.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Weinschenk requested a meeting with the Personnel Committee. It was decided to meet on May 16, 2022 at 6pm City Hall Council Chambers.

Chief Miller stated that the Sheriff's Office will be using the gun range in May. Received a couple of quotes for buildings, but will be getting a quote for an outdoor shelter from Gerardy Outdoor Equipment. Have already received a price on the concrete. Chief Miller has been working with Jackson County Deputies Heiar and Gruver on this project.

With no other business Mayor Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by M. Petersen. Seconded by R. Petersen. M. Petersen, R. Petersen, JT Thomson, A. Reuter, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

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Mayor Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:

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Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator