

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
May 23, 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: Megan David, Preston Growth and Development; Marc Ruden, Origin Design; Police Chief Bill Miller; City Administrator Teresa Weinschenk.

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by A. Reuter to approve the consent agenda. R. Petersen seconded. Ayes: A. Reuter, R. Petersen, JT Thomson, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Includes City Council Minutes from 5/9/22.

IOWA ECONOMIC AUTHORITY COMMUNITY CONTEST: Megan David, a Preston Growth and Development member, requested approval from Council in regards to submitting a one-minute video on behalf of the City for the opportunity to win a free mural. M. David went onto say that the video needs to be submitted by June 21st. The thought is to video different events during the Preston Fireman's Celebration. The video will show local people, businesses and hometown spirit. The video needs to receive 500 likes to move onto the next step. Mayor Sieverding wondered where the mural will go? M. David said that it has not been discussed. There is no money involved and it does look like IEDA had the contest last year. Mayor and Council gave their approval to move forward with the video.

MCNEIL PROPERTY: Marc Ruden, Origin Design, reviewed the Preliminary Plat for the simple subdivision of the McNeil property. M. Ruden went onto explain that the Plat shows 60 ft. to the North of the five acres. It was decided to have it continue through for possible future development. This will also give access to the 3.14-acre (Lot 1) piece that could be sold as commercial property. M. Ruden said he is going to discuss adding an easement to the West of the property for future drainage needs with his civil design team. The Council is good with moving forward with the Simple Plat. M. Ruden will bring the final plat to the June 13th Council Meeting. M. Ruden also showed another plat which showed the division of the Lot 3 into residential lots. M. Ruden wondered how involved the Council wanted the engineers to get in the platting. Should they look into the fall for sanitary sewer, water and street? Council discussed and decided that Origin Design should do the platting and divide Lot 3 into a minimum of 2 residential lots adjacent to West Street, M. Ruden will look into whether it makes sense to divide into any more lots at this time without full subdivision design being completed. Keep the survey design perspective for future development. M. Ruden went on to say it is not much work on their part to plat out Lot 3 with the thought that the two lots to the east could be sold. JT likes the idea of only selling the front two lots, since utilities are easily accessible. There would be little City investment. Mayor Sieverding stated that M. Ruden can go forward with the platting and the decision of selling the lots can be made at a later date. M. Ruden stated that he has the direction and knows how to move forward.

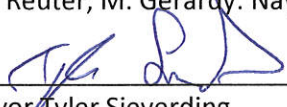
UPDATE ON TREE BOARD: JT Thomson stated that there is now an established Tree Board. There has been one meeting with members being, Marcia Camp, Dennis Bormann, JT Thomson, Ray Ernst and Dick Kunau. There is now an application and a list of approved trees, which will be added to. Marcia Camp is an asset to the group. There will be an application process and a list of approved trees. Trying to get a meeting scheduled with Molly from Trees Forever. The Board is a work in progress. Hoping that there can be money budgeted for the Tree Board to go towards getting more trees planted.

RESOLUTION 2022-37: Mayor Sieverding Police Chief Miller has completed the list of expectations and has qualified for his \$3,000 increase, which brings his salary to \$57,000 per year. Mayor and Council thanked Chief Miller for his hard work. M. Gerardy made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-37 increasing Preston Police Chief Miller's salary for completing the six-month probationary period. A. Reuter seconded the motion. Ayes: M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, JT Thomson, R. Petersen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chief Miller stated that he attended a meeting today (5/23) regarding the police radios. Don't really know much right now. JT Thomson stated it will be for the good.

With no other business Mayor Sieverding requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by JT Thomson. Seconded by M. Gerardy. Ayes: R. Petersen, JT Thomson, A. Reuter, M. Gerardy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.



Mayor Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:



Teresa Weinschenk, City Clerk/Administrator