

City of Preston

Regular City Council Meeting

July 24, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Absent: Matt Petersen

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief, Bill Miller, Joe Christiansen, Dennis Driscoll, Amanda Sullivan, City Administrator, Sheryl Ganzer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda as submitted was made by M. Gerardy, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the previous meeting, and gas furnace rebate-Jamis Farrell by JT Thomson, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: A motion to open the Public Hearing for the sale of Lot 5, McNeil Subdivision #2 to Joseph and Nicole Christiansen was made by A. Reuter, seconded by JT Thomson. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: S. Ganzer reported that there had been no public comment received. J. Christiansen confirmed and it was agreed that the purchase price included the access to connect to City utilities with responsibility for cost to him would be from the property line to the house. Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by JT Thomson, seconded by R. Petersen. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-03: Authorizing Sale of Property Locally known as 134 N West St. to Joseph and Nicole Christiansen. Motion to approve resolution was made by JT Thomson, seconded by A. Reuter.

ROLL CALL: R. Petersen, M. Gerardy, JT Thomson, A. Reuter. Motion carried.

DOWNTOWN INCENTIVE: The award of the Downtown Incentive Grant for Amanda Sullivan, DBA Jackie's Ice Cream was tabled at the last meeting to gain more information on the eligibility questions. Mayor Sieverding explained that there are different circumstances in relation to other Incentive Grants that have been awarded in the past. Being a rental property vs owned, plus the incubator building was not available. He said that this is in the best interest of Preston to provide this incentive to help get a new business to the downtown which meets the goals of council. Also in question were lease requirements. In absence of a lease, S. Ganzer presented a grant pay-back agreement option that includes that if the business closes or moves within 2 years a portion of the grant would be paid back. Sullivan agreed to the terms of the agreement. It was also noted that since the business is in the Urban Renewal Area, the grant dollars are paid out of TIF money, in which the city will be reimbursed. M. Gerardy made a motion to approve the grant award including the pay-back agreement as originally submitted and approved by committee in the amount of \$7525.00. Motion seconded by JT Thomson. Motion carried.


RESOLUTION 2023-04: Platt of Survey-Pork Chop's Subdivision. A Platt of Survey was submitted for approval from Duane Jacobs for the division of land that is located within the 2-mile radius of Preston. A motion to approve the resolution was made by JT Thomson, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-05: Setting salary of the Sanitation Superintendent. Resolution includes approved employment of Dennis Driscoll and setting hourly wage at \$20 per hour with effective start date of July 31, 2023. Also included was approving increase in wage to \$21 per hour following 6-month performance review and completion of training qualifications. Motion to approve resolution was made by M. Gerardy, seconded by JT Thomson. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DRA GRANT: In response to the 2023 Core Grant Application for the "Main Street Square" project to establish the area next to Christiansen Coffee as a pop-up park area for the beautification and useful purpose of public space leading into the Downtown, the City was invited to the meeting to be held Tues. July 25th to find out if our organization was awarded funds toward this project. This was good news and will look forward to the outcome.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Mayor Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by M. Gerardy, seconded by R. Petersen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Mayor Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk