

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
June 26, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Absent: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Tietjens, David Michel, Police Chief Bill Miller, Jesse Kilburg-Kilburg Equipment, Sheryl Ganzer, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Sieverding made a change in order of agenda, moving items 10 and 11 around. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by M. Gerardy, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made to approve the consent agenda by M Gerardy, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried. Includes minutes of previous meeting and Class B Liquor license for Dollar General.

GARBAGE TRUCK: Jesse Kilburg of Kilburg Equipment reported to council on condition of existing garbage truck. Based on life expectancy of 10-13 yrs., the truck has been on the road for 10 years, he gave description and costs on what the worst-case scenario could potentially take to maintain and replace items that will need to be done. The floor is getting weak and will need replaced, the hopper liner is warped, may need replaced, Cart tipper is showing rust jacking, painting of truck would be needed along with other maintenance items. Total repairs needed to keep the truck in service for next 3 years could be \$40,775.00. The trade in value of the truck as it sits today is \$90,000. Council took advantage of exiting the meeting to go look at the City's truck and see where the repairs are needed. Kilburg also had a new 2023 Freightliner on site for council to look at. The new truck has a larger 25-yard capacity and dual lifts. The cost of the new truck would be approximately \$160,000 after \$90,000 trade in. Kilburg also has an additional new truck coming in approximately 3 months with the same capacity. The new truck was taken to the city shed to see if it fits. Meeting resumed at City Hall. Council agreed to wait and hear back from Kilburg on the size of the other new truck option and make the decision to move forward at that time.

SANITATION SUPERINTENDENT: Applications for the new position of Sanitation Superintendent/Electric Utility trainee were reviewed by the personnel committee following the June 12th meeting. Personnel committee recommended changing the job title and removing the Electric and hiring strictly for the Sanitation position. Council directed S. Ganzer to send letters to the first applicants explaining the change and seeing if they would still be interested. Council set a starting salary range of \$18-\$20 per hour. City will review applications again after July 10th council meeting.

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR SALE OF LOT: Sieverding commented that there is an interested party that would like to purchase a lot in the McNeil Subdivision #2 and would like to move forward by setting Public Hearing. Motion to set Public Hearing for the sale of Lot 5 in the McNeil Subdivision #2 for July 10, 2023, was made by JT Thomson, seconded by A. Reuter. Roll Call: R. Petersen, M. Petersen, M. Gerardy, JT Thomson, and A. Reuter – Ayes. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- RCTP Grant. Preliminary results from ECIA showed that Preston was not awarded any funding for the street patching project on Mitchell St. Sieverding stated that the project was still budgeted for and would like direction from council to move forward. Council agreed to reach out to CLC Concrete on completing the project with communication with the Fire Department regarding street closing.
- TREE ON E. School St. Attempts to locate property line pins failed. Michel's results in measuring to determine if tree was in the City right of way could not be certain. Council discussed making an offer to share costs with property owner and to get direction from established tree board and report back to council.
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CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK/TREASURE POSITION: A motion to go into closed session(s) in accordance with Chapter 21.5(1) i of the State Code of Iowa, which reads as follows: "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." was made by JT Thomson, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

Motion to rise from closed and reconvene in open session. Made by M. Petersen. Seconded by JT Thomson. Motion Carried.

INTERVIEW CONCLUSION: Motion was made by M. Petersen to hire Sheryl Ganzer for the position of City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer with a starting salary of \$67,000, with a \$1000 performance review in 6 months and annual raises to be at minimum of \$70,000 in 2 years. Motion was seconded by JT Thomson. Roll Call: R. Petersen, M. Gerardy, A. Reuter, M.

Petersen, JT Thomson- Ayes. Nays 0. Discussion to proceed with next step was made. R. Petersen made a motion to list an ad for Deputy Clerk as an hourly position with a pay range between \$18 - \$25 per hour, based on experience. Motion seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Mayor Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by M. Petersen, seconded by R. Petersen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Mayor Tyler Sieverding



ATTEST: Sheryl Ganzer, Deputy City Clerk