

City of Preston  
Regular City Council Meeting  
February 24, 2025

Mayor, Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Dylan Meyer, Matt Gerardy, JT Thomson, Adam Reuter.  
Absent: Matt Petersen

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Police Officer, Adam McPherson, Eric Tietjens and Marc Rudin – Origin Design.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Including minutes of last meeting. A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by JT Thomson, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

North Main Street – Engineer, Marc Rudin, Origin Design. Rudin was asked to give recommendations on the potential need for future resurfacing of North Main Street based on the County’s plans for road construction on Z34 north of Preston in 2025. The current overlay was done in 2019, and we have maintained the road by sealing any cracks. The normal time expectancy for this type of surface is around 10 years. The street is holding up very well considering all the traffic it gets. Origin provided reconstruction options in the past which also included upgrading the water and sewer lines. Re-estimated costs would be \$650,000 plus engineering costs. Rudin recommended seeing how the surface holds up after the road construction north of town prior to budgeting for any expenses.

Resolution 2024-21- Setting salary for Part-time Police Officer – Tony Urwin. Tony would be used to fill in shifts as needed. Tony is certified and experienced. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-21 was made by D. Meyer, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-22 – Setting salary for Reserve Officer – Gabe Datsun. Gabe is currently working for the county jail and would like to pursue a career in law enforcement. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-22 was made by JT Thomson, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

City of Maquoketa’s Communication costs: Sieverding asked for more discussion on how they dispatching services is charged to cities. Other cities have requested the Board of Supervisors address this on the County level as a tax levy as opposed to being provided by the City of Maquoketa. Ganzer noted that this is on the docket for legislation to move the responsibility to the county. Ganzer drafted a letter to the Board of Supervisors stating our concerns and the financial burden placed on the cities and asks them to consider exploring the option for utilizing the tax levy to help distribute the costs. Thomson provided thoughts regarding how the formula is currently handled. Sieverding noted that this is on the agenda for the mayor’s meeting that will be held on Wednesday. It was decided to move forward in sending the letter to the BOS.

28E Agreements – Fire Protection for Townships. The current agreements expired Jan 1, 2025. Ganzer reached out to the 4 Township Clerks and the City of Spragueville. Van Buren and Washington responded with updates and agreements have been drafted for approval by council then the trustees will approve at their next meeting. Deep Creek will provide the updated agreement to the City following their recent re-districting and Fairfield will be sent a letter to get any updates needed from them. Spragueville will discuss annual support costs at an upcoming council meeting.

A motion to approve 28E Agreement for Van Buren township was made by D. Meyer, seconded by JT Thomson. Motion carried.

A motion to approve 28E Agreement for Washington township was made by D. Meyer, seconded by A. Reuter. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tree Board Update: The Tree Board wanted to announce that they were awarded the DNR Tree Planting Grant of \$10,000! The board was told that there has been a freeze on federal funding, so they are uncertain when the first phase of planting may begin, hopefully yet this Spring. They put a letter together that they would like to be sent out in the utility bills, making people aware of the grant and plans for tree planting in the terraces next year. The tree permit application and tree planting guidelines have been updated. A reminder to all that a permit to plant trees is required and there is a list of approved trees allowed for planting in the terrace.

Electric Grant Update: The RFQs for qualified engineers have been mailed out and are listed on the Iowa League of Cities website. The deadline for return is March 21<sup>st</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to be discussed, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by M. Petersen, second by D. Meyer. Motion carried to adjourn the regular meeting with Budget Workshop to follow at 6:42 pm.



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Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk