

City of Preston
Regular City Council Meeting
July 28, 2025

Mayor Pro Tem, Adam Reuter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present: Matt Petersen, Leesa Budde, Dylan Meyer, Adam Reuter. Absent: Matt Gerardy

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk and Police Chief Chad Gruver, Fire Chief

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Including minutes of last meeting, Refrigerator Rebate - \$50 – Doug Driscoll, Gas Furnace Rebate - \$100 – Shari Johnson, Class B Retail Alcohol License – Oly's Garage and Class B Retail Native Wine License – Hartig Drug. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Meyer, seconded by Petersen. Motion carried.

Mayor Sieverding entered and conducted the rest of the meeting at 6:10pm.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-01 – An Ordinance adding Title III – Chapter 22, Property Maintenance to the code of Ordinances of the City of Preston, Iowa. The purpose is to ensure that properties within the City are maintained to protect and promote health, safety and welfare of the residents and public. And to adopt the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Preston, the 2021 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, or most current edition as prepared by the International Code Council, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures in Preston. Amendments to the code, Chapters 1 – 7 as outlined in the full Community Protection – Chapter 22 Property Maintenance Ordinance that is available at City Hall or City Website at www.prestoniowa.com. A motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025-01 was made by Meyer, seconded by Petersen, Roll Call: Ayes – M. Petersen, D. Meyer, A. Reuter, L. Budde, Nays – 0.

GOERDT INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT: Ganzer presented the contract for review that was drafted by the City Attorney and reviewed by Terry Goerdt, Independent Contractor, to provide assistance in property maintenance inspections at the cost of \$45.00 per hour for the period of 1 year and renewed annually with a 3% - 5% increase. The contract will be on the agenda at the next meeting following the adoption of Ordinance 2025-01.

ELECTRIC SERVICE – 125 N West St: M. Petersen updated the rest of the council that the Electric Committee had determined a plan for the most effective and monetarily best option to run the electric to the west side of West Street. A meeting will be scheduled to determine how much farther the service may be run and to finalize an agreement with the property owner before supplies can be ordered. A motion was made by D. Meyer to approve the electric utility at 125 N West Street at the Electric Committee's discretion. Second, by L. Budde. Motion carried.

SEH PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT: To complete the Grid Resilience Grant application budget costs estimates are needed. SEH sent a Pre-engineering letter proposal for a lump sum payment to provide this service at a cost of \$9400. Ganzer and Budde noted that this service will be needed going forward regardless of if we get the grant or not, and that applications are being encouraged by the IDEA. A motion was made by Budde to approve the service agreement for SEH. Second by Meyer. Motion carried.

QUITCLAIM DEED 32 E GILLET ST. – Ganzer reported that she was contacted by the County Assessor that a Warranty Deed showing the city owned the west 6ft of lot 13 at that location. It was verified with the city staff that

there is not a storm water drainage area running through that property. Ganzer sent the Warranty Deed to be reviewed to the City Attorney. Council would like to confirm by making a one-call to be sure there are no other utilities or communication lines prior to agreeing to a quitclaim. Decision table.

SALE OF DIGGER DERRICK: M. Petersen explained that a meeting was held to determine if repairs needed to the vehicle would be worth doing in comparison to the number of times it is used. It was found not to be worth fixing. Staff are asked to come up with a price to bring back to council and open it up for bid. D. Meyer made a motion to sell the Digger Derrick seconded by Reuter. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Hosted Server Agreement – Currently WPPI hosts the city’s software on their server at no charge. They will no longer have the required license to continue beyond March 2026. Ganzer received a proposal from Civic Systems at a cost of \$300 per month and is looking to see if any other options are available.
- Town Hall Door Replacement – Sieverding asked for this to be discussed now that we are in our new budget year. The city is getting prices on doors and would like community input on ideas of what type of door, glass size and color options in addition to the entrance upgrades and lighting improvements.
- Driveway culvert – 423 N Main. The water/sewer committee met with staff and property owners to determine a solution to storm water. Staff will work on the existing drain across the road.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Meyer, seconded by Budde. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk