

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2014

MAYOR & COUNCIL

F. Lee Hendrickson
Saundra Hubbard
Neal Larson
Travis Kunz
Todd Thomas

STAFF

Jerry Larsen, Clerk/Treasurer
John Balls, Public Works Director
Darek Kimball, City Engineer
Wendy Merrill, Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Merrill, Scott Workman, Murray Nichols, Robert Chandler, John Burg, Alexis Beckstead, Larry Hansen, Ron Smellie, Jordan Webb, Lance Hemsley, Matt Armstrong, Doug Porter, Todd Johnson, Randy Taylor, Shannon Nielsen, Bobbi Mickelson

Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Mayor Hendrickson.

Roll Call Roll Call of Councilmembers showed the following members present:
Hubbard, Larson, Kunz, Thomas.

Consent Calendar The consent calendar includes items which require formal Council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent calendar in order that it be discussed in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the City Council's agenda packet regarding these items.

- A. Council Minutes (December 9, 2013)
- B. Treasurer's Monthly Report (September 30, 2013)
- C. Treasurer's Quarterly Report (September 30, 2013)
- D. Treasurer's Monthly Report (October 31, 2013)
- E. Treasurer's Monthly Report (November 30, 2013)
- F. Bills (January 13, 2014)

It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Larson to approve the items listed on the consent calendar. This received unanimous approval.

Oath For Council Member Thomas City Clerk Larsen administered the "Oath of Office" to Todd D. Thomas for the office of councilmember of the City of Preston for a term of four years.

Oath For Council Member Kunz City Clerk Larsen administered the "Oath of Office" to Travis M. Kunz for the office of councilmember of the City of Preston for a term of four years.

Kunz Elected Council President Mayor Hendrickson called for the nomination for Council President. Councilmember Larson nominated Councilmember Kunz to serve as Council President for a two year term. Mayor Hendrickson called for a vote and the vote was unanimous for Councilmember Kunz to serve as Council President.

Council Assignments The following Mayor and Council assignments were made: Mayor Hendrickson will oversee Personnel, City Hall, Police Department, City Engineer and City Building Inspector. Councilmember Hubbard will oversee Planning & Zoning, and City Sponsored Events. Councilmember Larson will oversee Public Works Department, City Code Updates and Liaison to AIC. Councilmember Kunz will oversee Impact Area/Impact Fees, Liaison to SICOG and Envision Cache Valley. Councilmember Thomas will oversee Parks & Recreation, Rodeo Committee, Comprehensive Plan and District Transportation Coordination Council.

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- Motion To Reappoint Randy Harris
Mayor Hendrickson reappointed Randy Harris to a six year term on the Planning & Zoning Board.
- To Planning & Zoning
It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas that Planning and Zoning Commissioner Randy Harris, whose term expires January 28, 2014, have his term renewed another six years. This term expires January 28, 2020. This received unanimous approval.
- Motion To Reappoint Linda Hansen
Mayor Hendrickson reappointed Linda Hansen to a six year term on the Planning & Zoning Board.
- To Planning & Zoning
It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas that Planning and Zoning Commissioner Linda Hansen, whose term expires January 28, 2014, have her term renewed another six years. This term expires January 28, 2020. This received unanimous approval.
- Motion To Reappoint Terry Petterborg
Mayor Hendrickson reappointed Terry Petterborg to a six year term on the Planning & Zoning Board.
- To Planning & Zoning
It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas that Planning and Zoning Commissioner Terry Petterborg, whose term expires January 28, 2014, have his term renewed another six years. This term expires January 28, 2020. This received unanimous approval.
- Cedar Hodges
It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the request from Cedar Hodges for a leave of absence from the Planning and Zoning Board from December 27, 2013 through March 20, 2014. This received unanimous approval.
- Reappoint Coy Pratt & Reid Carlson To Recreation Board
Mayor Hendrickson reappointed Coy Pratt and Reid Carlson to the Recreation Board. It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to approve the reappointment of Coy Pratt and Reid Carlson to the Recreation Board, both for a term of three years. This received unanimous approval.
- Annual Audit
Matt Armstrong, from Deaton & Company, presented the fiscal year 2013 annual audit, explaining that all fund balances are in good shape and that Deaton & Company gives the City a clean audit opinion. It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the audit as presented. This received unanimous approval.
- Proposed Mink Farm Near 8th E. & Hwy. 91
Ron Smellie, from Webb Mortuary, 1005 South 8th East, voiced his concerns about a proposed mink farm near 8th East and Highway 91. He discussed concerns about odor, flies & insects, escaping mink, animal activists, the unattractiveness of a mink farm at the entrance into Preston City, and the impact this would have on the surrounding business district, school zone and residential areas. He was joined by other concerned business owners and residents of Preston City. Mayor Hendrickson acknowledged their concerns, and explained that since the property is located in the County, the City has no jurisdiction over the location of the proposed mink farm.
- Agreement To Move Light Pole
It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to have Mayor Hendrickson sign the Actual Cost Utility Agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department for improvements to US Hwy 91, requiring the relocation of the light pole at the intersection of State Street and US Hwy 91 to accommodate improving the radius of the curb at that location. This received unanimous approval.

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Outside City Limits Water Usage The Council discussed the issue of reading meters and charging outside City water users on a year round basis. Councilmember Thomas proposed raising the base rate for outside City limits water users during the winter months and continuing to read the meters during the winter, and/or the possibility of implementing high and low usage rates for outside City water users similar to the high and low rates used for commercial accounts. After Council discussion, and requests from some outside City water users to discontinue reading meters during the winter, it was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Hubbard to schedule a work meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss a solution to this matter. This received unanimous approval.

East Oneida Project City Engineer Kimball updated the Council on the progress of the East Oneida Street Reconstruction Project, stating that the project is moving forward on schedule.

Street Right Of Way At 1st W. & 3rd N. City Engineer Kimball reported he had contacted Don Kofoed regarding his options to vacate the City's right of way at 1st West and 3rd North, and that Mr. Kofoed will get back to him with his decision.

It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 P.M. This received unanimous approval.

Jerry C. Larsen, Clerk

F. Lee Hendrickson, Mayor