

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 14, 2017**

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MAYOR & COUNCIL

Mark W. Beckstead  
Todd D. Thomas  
Terry D. Larson  
Bradley J. Wall  
Allyson Wadsworth

STAFF

Linda Acock, City Clerk  
Kelly Mickelsen, City Treasurer  
Mark T. Owens, City Engineer  
John Balls, Public Works Director  
Ken Geddes, Police Chief  
Tyler Olson, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuck Chesney, Sandra Hubbard, Linda Hansen, Dave Fryar, Dirk Bowles, Robert Swainston, Boyd Burbank, Scott Palmer, Scott Archibald, Eric Allred, Sandy Allred, Michael Peterson, LeeAnn Peterson

Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Mark Beckstead.

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. City Council Minutes (July 10, 2017 & July 31, 2017)
- B. Bills (July 31, 2017)

It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Wall to approve the Council Minutes of July 10, 2017 and July 31, 2017, as presented. The vote received unanimous approval.

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to accept the bills of July 31, 2017. The vote was as follows:

Councilmember Thomas	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Larson	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Wall	<u>Abstain</u>
Councilmember Wadsworth	<u>Aye</u>

Motion passed by majority vote.

Public  
Hearing  
Health  
Benefits  
To Mayor &  
Council

Mayor Beckstead called for the following public hearing for the purpose of giving consideration to providing the Mayor and City Council access to health, dental and vision benefits in the same manner as city employees, as follows:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on August 14, 2017, before the City of Preston Mayor and City Council at the hour of 5:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, at the city hall located at 70 West Oneida St., Preston, Idaho, to give consideration to providing the Mayor and City Council access to health, dental and vision benefits in the same manner as city employees.

All person present will be given the opportunity to be heard. Written comments or objections may be submitted to the City Clerk at the above stated address, and the same will be considered if received prior to said public hearing.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017

s/ Linda Acock, City Clerk

Publish in the Preston Citizen July 26, 2017

After giving guidelines for holding public hearings, Mayor Beckstead asked Clerk Acock to give a brief synopsis for the public hearing.

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Clerk Acock stated that Preston City employees have opted to change insurance administrators to the Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Agency, known as iii-A. The iii-A administration offers cost savings on insurance premiums, bundles the health, vision & dental into one instead of dealing with two separate companies, yet the employees still have good, low deductible insurance coverage. One of the benefits offered from the iii-A group is that the health, dental and vision coverage is offered to the elected officials as well. In order for the Mayor and Council to take advantage of the offer, the decision has to be made 75 days before an election. The city chose to do this and hold a public hearing to hear public testimony.

Mayor Beckstead asked if there was anyone present to provide comment against allowing the Mayor and Council to receive the health insurance benefits.

Sandra Hubbard stated that providing the mayor and council health insurance could cost the city \$100,000 more, and that the taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for the Mayor and Council to receive these benefits. Health benefits should only be given to the full-time employees working forty (40) hours per week. No benefits should be taken away from the employees to give to themselves.

There being no further comments in opposition, Mayor Beckstead asked for neutral comments. There being none, Mayor Beckstead asked for comments favoring the Mayor and Council receiving health insurance benefits.

Scott Palmer stated that the city is being responsible by saving money with the iii-A program, and that they Mayor and Council do deserve benefits as well.

Mayor Beckstead asked for further public testimony. There being none, he asked if the clerk's office had received any written testimony. There being none, it was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to close the public hearing. This received unanimous approval.

Ordinance  
2017-11  
Mayor &  
Council  
Benefits

After brief discussion amongst the council, Councilmember Larson introduced Ordinance 2017-11, an ordinance providing for the mayor and council to receive benefits in the same manner as city employees.

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Wall to dispense with the rules requiring the reading of ordinances on three separate days, and ordered the ordinance to be read once in its entirety. The vote was as follows:

Councilmember Thomas	<u>Naye</u>
Councilmember Larson	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Wall	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Wadsworth	<u>Aye</u>

Motion passed by majority vote.

City Clerk Acock read Ordinance #2017-11 once in its entirety.

It was moved by Wall and seconded by Councilmember Larson to approve Ordinance 2017-11 and authorize Mayor Beckstead to sign said ordinance. The vote was as follows:

Councilmember Thomas	<u>Naye</u>
Councilmember Larson	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Wall	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Wadsworth	<u>Aye</u>

Motion passed by majority vote.

Franklin  
County  
Dispatch  
Fee

Franklin County Commissioners, Dirk Bowles, Boyd Burbank and Robert Swainston, along with Franklin County Sheriff David Fryar presented their request for additional dispatch fees from Preston City, to defray the costs of hiring dispatch workers.

City council assured the Franklin County Commissioners that they would research the 2018 FY budget to see how much they could increase the dispatch fees paid to Franklin County.

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Resolution #100 Safety Signal #101 Highway Project      It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve Resolution #100, Flashing Safety Signal Equipment and Resolution #101, Federal Aid Highway Project A019(815). for curb, gutter, and asphalt work at 4<sup>th</sup> S and 1<sup>st</sup> E. This received unanimous approval.  
A copy of Resolution #100 and #101 follows minutes.

Deferral Agreement      It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wall to approve the following Deferral Agreement, and authorize Mayor Beckstead to sign said agreement. This received unanimous approval.

Austin & Jessica Hollingsworth      550 North 8<sup>th</sup> East

Accept 10<sup>th</sup> West Valley Agronomics      It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Wall to acknowledge the completion of the seal coating and accept 10<sup>th</sup> West Street, and release the subdivision bond Valley through the surety holders of Merchants Bonding Company, in the amount of \$173,600. This received unanimous approval.

Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance      Chief Ken Geddes introduced a drafted department directive, for the abandoned vehicle ordinance. He suggested that the ordinance was a good, strong, enforceable ordinance, and that maybe the city would be better served if the ordinance stay the same, yet change the way it is enforced. The directive will allow the police department to work the citizens, to resolve the issues before a Notice of Removal is given. This matter will be placed on the August 28<sup>th</sup> agenda, for discussion.

Vicious Animal Ordinance      The council briefly discussed the Vicious Animal Ordinance, and the removal of specific breeds within the ordinance. No formal action was taken on this matter.

Staff Report      City staff reported on their various assigned designations.

Executive Session      It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel, as allowed by Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b). The vote was as follows:

Councilmember Thomas	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Larson	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Wall	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Wadsworth	<u>Aye</u>

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Entered Executive Session at 7:53 P.M.

Returned from Executive Session at 9:10 P.M.

Adjourn      Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 P.M. by Council President Todd Thomas.

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Linda Acock, Clerk

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Mark W. Beckstead, Mayor