

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 22, 2016

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
Tyler Olson, City Attorney
Mark T. Owens, City Engineer
John Balls, Public Works Director
Ken Geddes, Chief of Police

OTHERS PRESENT:

Derek Hobbs, Sandra Hubbard, Chuck Chesney, Bailey Beckstead, Berni Winn, Randy Henrie, John Brough, Darek Kimball, Zach Corbride, Dolly Larson, Steven Fuller, Austin Hobbs, Randy Hobbs

At the onset of meeting, Mayor Beckstead announced that item 5B of the agenda, Council Decision on Request for Variance for Dolly Larson, would be removed from the agenda. Council Meeting was then called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor 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. Council Minutes (August 8, 2016)
- B. Bills (August 22, 2016)
- C. Treasurer's Monthly Report (July 31, 2016)

It was moved by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Larson to approve the Council Minutes of August 08, 2016 as written. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the bills of August 22, 2016, as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for month ending July 31, 2016. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public
Hearing To
Consider
Fee
Increase
City Water
Rates

Mayor Beckstead called for the following public hearing for the purpose of giving consideration to a fee increase in the city water rates.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEE INCREASE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing shall be held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Preston, Idaho, on the 22nd day of August, 2016 at the hour of 5:15 P.M., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, at the City Hall located at 70 West Oneida Street, Preston, Idaho, for the purpose of receiving and hearing public comments on proposed fee increase for water, all of which fees shall be increased by more than five percent (5%) of the amount of the fee last collected for the reasons that said increase is necessary to continue adequate maintenance, repair, and improvements to the water system. Base rates will be increased by \$10 per month for water.

Further explanations of reasons for the increase in fees will be provided at said public hearing.

All persons present will be given the opportunity to be heard. Written comments or objections may be submitted to the office of the City Clerk, 70 West Oneida Street, Preston, Idaho, 83263.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2016

s/ Linda Acock, Preston City Clerk

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After giving guidelines for holding public hearings, Mayor Beckstead asked if any written comment had been presented. There being none, he then opened the hearing to public testimony.

John Brough stated that he understands a need to repair the water lines, but would rather all money be used to reduce the debt than using any towards building reserves. It was explained to Mr. Brough, that the city needs to remain solvent and keep reserves for any future emergencies, etc.

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Beckstead closed the public hearing and opened discussion amongst the Council.

Councilmember Larson suggested that the Council consider not raising the rates of the businesses.

Councilmember Thomas agreed with Councilmember Larson stating that businesses currently pay a higher rate, and by not increasing their base amount, it levels the rates all around.

Councilmember Wall stated that he is concerned about the effect the rate increase will have on the vulnerable citizens of Preston City, those that are on very limited income, etc.

Councilmember Wadsworth expressed that she too is concerned for the businesses and vulnerable citizens, but that everyone is being equally affected. It is an equal cost to replace the pipe, and get water to the city.

Mayor Beckstead stated that, of all the businesses and vulnerable citizens within the city, only two business owners and three citizens have attended the public hearings and meetings to offer comment regarding the fee increase, and wonders if the majority is truly being represented. He feels that people understand the increase in fees is badly needed.

After discussion and deliberation, it was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to increase the base rate of residential water class 1 and class 4 by \$10. per month. To not increase the base rates of business water class 2 and class 4, and, per agreement, increase the outside city limits class 5 and class EA by 1½ times the residential rate. Said rates shall go into effect on October 1, 2016. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed by majority vote.

Resolution 91, Fee Schedule & Water, Sewer, Garbage Rate

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Resolution 91, A Resolution of the City of Preston, Idaho, Compiling a License and Fee Schedule and Water, Sewer, Garbage Rate Schedule, and set the effective date as October 1, 2016. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed by majority vote.
(Resolution follows Minutes)

Public Hearing Annual Approp. Ordinance

Mayor Beckstead gave the public hearing guidelines. He then asked if any written comments had been received. There being none, he called for anyone present to discuss the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.

Saundra Hubbard asked for a brief interpretation of the Festival of Lights budget.

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Derek Hobbs asked that his portion of the Festival of Lights budget be reallocated to \$4,000. for his wage and \$6,000. toward lights and supplies, etc. He doesn't want an increase in this budget, but does want a slight reallocation.

John Brough brought up items within the budget, line by line, for clarification. He again stated that the water fees need to be used for fixing water lines, and that the city shouldn't put money towards the reserves. He also stated that if the city is in need of raising rates, they shouldn't be putting money into economic development and other such things.

There being no further comments, Mayor Beckstead closed the public hearing.

Ord #2016-2 Councilmember Thomas introduced Ordinance 2016-2, City of Preston Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Annual
Approp.
Ordinance

It was moved by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth 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. This received unanimous approval.

City Clerk Acock read Ordinance #2016-2 once in its entirety.

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to allocate \$4,000 for wages and \$6,000 for lights and supplies in the Festival of Lights budget, and to approve Ordinance #2016-2. 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.
(Annual Appropriation Ordinance follows Minutes)

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve the Resolution Regulating Salaries and Benefits for fiscal year 2017. 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.
(Resolution Regulating Salaries follows Minutes)

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to approve the County Commissioner Budget Certification for the fiscal year 2017, and to authorize Mayor Beckstead to sign the same. 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.
(County Commissioner Budget Certification FY 2017 follows Minutes)

Bids For Water Line Replacement City Clerk Acock opened bids received for the following advertisement:

2016 WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
CITY OF PRESTON, IDAHO
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT TITLE: 2016 Water Line Replacement Project

Separate sealed BIDS for the 2016 Water Line Replacement Project will be received by Preston City, at 70 W Oneida, Preston, ID 83263, until 4:00 p.m. local time on August 22, 2016, and then at said

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office publicly opened and read aloud during City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The work involves replacement of approximately 2225 feet of an existing water line. The existing 16" waterline will be removed and an 18" PVC water line will be installed in place of the existing line. It is the intent of these documents to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete installation shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements. The project is to be completed by November 15, 2016.

A detailed description of the projects, the Project Manual, Drawings and Exhibits may be obtained at the following locations:

- City Clerk's Office, City of Preston, 70 West Oneida St., Preston 83263
- J-U-B Engineers, Inc., 1047 South 100 West Suite 180 Logan, Utah 84321

A Pre-Bid Conference and walkthrough for the project will not be held. However, prospective contractors are strongly encouraged to visit the site(s).

Preston City Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of Preston City Corporation.

Date: July 27, 2016
s/Linda Acock, Preston City Clerk

Dates Advertised: August 3, 2016
August 10, 2016

Bids received were as follows:

<u>Mesquite, Inc.</u>	\$134,455.00
<u>Whitaker Construction</u>	\$188,885.00
<u>Knife River Corporation - Northwest</u>	\$199,625.00

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, which at this time is Mesquite, Inc., in the amount of \$134,455.00, upon the bid review and approval of Attorney Olson and Engineer Owens. This received unanimous approval.

Ord #2016-3
2016
Bond
Election

Councilmember Thomas introduced Ordinance 2016-3, an ordinance providing for the acquisition and construction of improvements to the domestic water system and calling for an election for the submission to qualified electors of the City of Preston of incurring an indebtedness and issuing revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to dispense with the rules requiring the reading of ordinances on three separate days, and ordered the ordinance to be read once by title only. This received unanimous approval.

City Clerk Acock read Ordinance #2016-3 once, by title.

It was moved by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to adopt Ordinance 2016-3, and proceed with the bond election process. 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.

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Cooperative Agreement State Of Idaho US-91 The State of Idaho and City of Preston have created a Cooperative Agreement for the design and construction of sidewalk and drainage on Highway US-91 at the Preston Junior High School. The State has requested help in fixing the drainage and flooding problem along US-91 between 4th East and 8th East.

Preston City has agreed to provide manpower, materials and equipment to fix the sidewalks and drainage. The State of Idaho will provide traffic control during the work, assist with the manpower and equipment, and reimburse funds up to \$10,000.

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Wall to approve Resolution 93, to enter into the Cooperative Agreement with the State of Idaho, and to authorize Mayor Beckstead to sign into said agreement. This received unanimous approval.

Waive City's Portion of Building Permit At 47 S 1st W It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wall to waive Preston City's portion of the building permit fees for Franklin County's new ambulance building at 47 South 1st West. This received unanimous approval.

Vicious Dog Ordinance Discussion about Preston City's Vicious Dog Ordinance was continued. Attorney Olson and Chief Geddes will obtain more information.

Adjourn It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. This received unanimous approval.

Linda Acock, Clerk

Mark W. Beckstead, Mayor