

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 12, 2016**

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Bird, Chris Groll, Bernie Winn, Becky Cox, Clayton Gefre, Kathy Ray, Susan Lorenz, Lyle Fuller, Mark Davis, Charles Shoemaker, Lynn Garner, Dolly Larson

At the onset of the meeting, Councilmember Larson declared a conflict of interest in the matter of the Council Decision on the Request for Variance from Dolly Larson. 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 22, 2016)
- B. Bills (September 12, 2016)
- C. Treasurer's Monthly Report (August 31, 2016)

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

It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Larson to accept the bills of September 12, 2016, as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Business  
License

The following business license was presented:

Ildemaro G. Granadino 130 West 1<sup>st</sup> South (Preston Tree Svc)

It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the above business license. This received unanimous approval.

Income  
Survey  
SICOG

Susan Lorenz, SICOG, stated that there are approximately 313 homes that have been randomly chosen for the income survey. They will be meeting with volunteers on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for training.

Citizen  
Participa-  
tion Plan  
SICOG

As part of the grant application for the water line replacement project, the city will need to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan.

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wall to adopt the Citizen Participation Plan, as required for the Block Grant, and authorize Mayor Beckstead to sign said Agreement. This received unanimous approval.

(Agreement follows Minutes)

Fair  
Housing  
Resolution  
#94

Susan Lorenz introduced Resolution #94, Fair Housing Resolution.

It was moved by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Larson to pass Resolution #94, Fair Housing Resolution, and authorize Mayor Beckstead to sign the Resolution. This received unanimous approval.

(Resolution follows Minutes)

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Idaho Gem Grant For Fiber Optics At Industrial Park      Kathy Ray, Four County Alliance of Southeast Idaho, advised the Council that the Idaho Gem Grant for fiber optics at the Industrial Park has been granted to Direct Communications. The grant shall be awarded at \$24,760 for the trenching, installation of fiber and connections, \$500 for grant writing and administration of the grant, \$500 for the purchase and installation of a sign, and \$6,240 of in-kind trench and backfill by the City of Preston. Work is scheduled for completion by the end of November.

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the Idaho Gem Grant for fiber optics at the Industrial Park. This received unanimous approval.

Sewer Video & Cleaning Southeast Quadrant      Engineer Mark Owens advised the Council that the southeast quadrant of the city has turned into much more work and cleaning than anticipated, and Val Kotter & Son has requested a 10% increase to their original bid. There seems to be excess amounts of dirt, steel, and other various items in these sewers. Val Kotter and Son has left work in the southeast quadrant unfinished because of the excess time taken, and weather.

This matter was brought to Council for discussion and advisement. An invoice will be presented at a later date. As per discussion, it was determined that due to the excess cleaning involved in the southeast quadrant, a 10% increase may be warranted, but that the Council would like to hold Val Kotter and Son to that amount when they are able to complete the southeast quadrant next spring/summer season.

Hospital Progress      Alan Bird, Franklin County Medical Center Administrator, came before the Council to offer a progress update on the hospital. He stated that he likes to reach out to the county and city on a quarterly basis. The future outlook for Franklin County Medical Center is a positive one.

Airport Plane Parking & Asphalt      Councilmember Larson stated that he has met with the airport committee and advised that they are expanding the airplane parking and would be seeking monies from Preston City to help with asphalt and increased parking.

There has been money budgeted for airport capital improvement. Franklin County will invoice Preston City for asphalt and increased parking.

Reinstate Vacation Cap      It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Wall, effective November 1, 2016, the vacation cap as written in the City of Preston Personnel Manual shall be reinstated. This received unanimous approval.

Recreation Proposal Groll Family Fitness      Chris Groll of Groll Family Fitness, and Mark Davis of Club Marketing came before City Council with a proposal for the City of Preston to convert the Groll Family Fitness Center into a community recreation center.

After discussion, Mr. Groll and Mr. Davis were advised to put together spread sheets, maintenance costs, member history, gain/loss information, etc. and make formal presentation.

Council-Member Report On Assigned Designations      Councilmember Larson stated that the proposed City/County Impact Area has reached a standstill. The city plans to hold an open meeting to answer questions and misconceptions regarding the concept of the area of impact.

Councilmember Wadsworth reminded all the council that the articles for the newsletter needs to be to the city clerk by September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Wall stated that the Festival of Lights is on track, they've made assignments for the parade, entertainment, etc.

Council Decision Request For Variance Dolly Larson      Due to conflict of interest, Councilmember Larson abstained from discussion, comment and voting in this matter.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing for the request for a variance submitted by Dolly Larson at 228 East 1<sup>st</sup> South for a garage within the side yard setbacks. Said setbacks will be 2½ feet from the west property boundary.

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Attorney Tyler Olsen advised that the Planning and Zoning Board had determined a hardship, and the Board is recommending approval of the variance.

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve the variance request for a garage, encroaching in the side yard setbacks, at 228 East 1<sup>st</sup> South. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed by majority vote.

State	It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember
Insurance	Wall to approve the disbursement of the State Insurance refund check
Refund &	in the amount of \$2,585 to be distributed amongst the employees and,
Merit	as well, to award merit money, as the Employee Salary Resolution
	allows, to the department supervisors in the amount of \$1000, and to
	award merit money, as the Employee Salary Resolution allows, to each
	department in the following amounts: Clerk's Office \$640; Police
	Department \$2020; Public Works Department \$2,880; Engineer's
	Department \$180; and Treasurer's Department \$420. Department
	supervisors are to distribute these amounts to their employees, based
	on employee evaluations and performance. This received unanimous
	approval.

Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. by Mayor Beckstead.
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Linda Acock, Clerk

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Mark W. Beckstead, Mayor