

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2018

MAYOR & COUNCIL

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

STAFF

Linda Acock, City Clerk
Kelly Mickelsen, City Treasurer
Tyrell Simpson, City Engineer
Shawn Oliverson, Economic Development
John Balls, Public Works Director
Mike Petersen, Chief of Police
Tyler Olson, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuck Chesney, Heather Parkinson, Scott Palmer, Berni Winn, Jay Kirkbride, Bailey Beckstead, Steven R. Fuller, Casey Judd, Robert Hugo

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

Action Items Added To Agenda It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to amend the agenda, to show action items that was inadvertently left off the October 8, 2018 agenda that was posted. This received unanimous approval.

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 (September 24, 2018)

 B. Bills (October 10, 2018)

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve the Minutes of September 24, 2018, after a minor typographical error is corrected, stating that Council President Thomas called the meeting to order, and to authorize payment of the bills of October 10, 2018 as presented. This received unanimous approval.

Business License Craftsman Homes It was moved by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve a business license for Jeremy Higley 239 North 2200 East Preston, Idaho for Craftsman Homes, Inc. This received unanimous approval.

Business License Mountain Ridge Doodles It was moved by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to deny a business license for Jamie Hollingsworth 542 West 8th South Preston, Idaho, for Mountain Ridge Doodles. The application is for a commercial animal boarding kennel, which is an allowed use only in the Industrial Zone. This received unanimous approval.

Business License Revive Carpet Care It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Wall to approve a business license for Colby Seamons 285 North State Preston, Idaho for Revive Carpet Care LLC. This received unanimous approval.

Business License Nice Rides It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve a business license for Jay Kirkbride 104 East 4th South Preston, Idaho for Nice Rides LLC. This received unanimous approval.

Infra-Structure Committee Report Steven Fuller, spokesperson for the Preston City Infrastructure Committee, reported on the committee's finding and recommendation. The task given to the committee is to evaluate the City of Preston's water delivery needs and upgrade, or replacing, the City's sewer system.

Mr. Fuller stated that the committee has determine three urgent problems that need serious consideration, the city's water delivery system, the city's lack of a secondary water source, and the sewage treatment plant.

The city's 18 miles of water delivery system, from Bergquist Springs to the City storage tanks, is approximately fifty years old and has reached its useful life. If the water line fails for any reason, the residents of Preston City would be without water for an indeterminate time period.

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The city's lack of a secondary water system poses hazard to the residents, for reasons that should the city lose the primary source of water, there is no water supply for its residents, again posing hazard. As well, there is no supplemental water to allow for the city's growth.

The city's sewage treatment plant does not meet current DEQ regulations, particularly the phosphorous levels downstream of the treatment plant. DEQ has given Preston City approximately seven years to upgrade and/or rebuild to meet regulations.

The committee did not prioritize the projects, because all three projects are of great importance. However, Mr. Fuller explained that all three projects will be costly. He and the committee are recommending that The City of Preston raise the water and sewer rates immediately, and obtain as many grants and loan forgiveness programs to finance the projects, in an effort to act, and not merely react, to prevent a crisis.

Council thanked Mr. Fuller and the Preston City Infrastructure Committee. This matter shall be placed on future city council agendas for priority and costs reports.

Refund Swale Bond Simper 450 E Brookside It was moved by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to refund the swale bond, in the amount of \$2,000., to Gary and JoAnne Simper at 450 East Brookside Drive. This received unanimous approval.

Large Truck Lease, Loan Purchase Public Works After council discussed purchasing, obtaining a loan, or leasing a public works truck, it was moved by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve a fully amortized five year lease for an International chassis, bed and plow for the public works department. This received unanimous approval.

Request To Waive Sign Permit Fee Preston The Preston Rotary Club has donated a marquee sign to the school district, and is asking that Preston City Council consider waiving the sign permit fee.

School Dist It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to waive the sign permit fee for a sign for the Preston School District. This received unanimous approval.

Policy For Bankcard Payments Over \$300. Council discussed the current bankcard payments over \$300. policy. City Clerk Acock was instructed to check with Xpress Bill Pay, to inquire if there is a way to set up a code to charge a fee for Online bankcard payments.

Council Report Designation Council members gave brief updates on their various designated assignments.

Executive Session It was moved by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, as allowed by Idaho Code 74-206 (f) and real property, as allowed by Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (c). The vote was as follows:
Councilmember Thomas Aye
Councilmember Larson Aye
Councilmember Wall Aye
Councilmember Wadsworth Aye

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Entered Executive Session at 7:00 P.M.
Returned from Executive Session at 7:38 P.M.

Resolution #110 Retaining Special Counsel For Filing Lawsuit Against Opioid Manufacture Attorney Olson introduced an agreement from Keller Lenkner law firm bringing a lawsuit against the large pharmaceuticals for the potential violations of law in the marketing, sale, and distribution of opioids.

Council recognizes that the opioid addiction has become a crisis, and there is heightened strain on local services due to the opioid crisis.

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember

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Wall to pass Resolution #109, A resolution of the City of Preston, Idaho, to authorize the retention of special counsel for the purpose of filing a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and/or distributors, and to authorize Mayor Beckstead to sign said resolution. This received unanimous approval.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M. by Mayor Beckstead.

Linda Acock, Clerk

Mark W. Beckstead, Mayor