

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2020

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Daniel M. Keller, Mayor
Todd Thomas, Council
Terry D. Larson, Council
Allyson Wadsworth, Council
I. Brent Dodge, Council

STAFF

Linda Acock, City Clerk
Kelly Mickelsen, City Treasurer
Tyrell Simpson, City Engineer
Shawn Oliverson, Economic Development
John Balls, Public Works Director
Dan McCammon, Police Chief
Lyle Fuller, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kathy Ray, Vic Pearson, Jessica Pearson, Duncan Campbell, Casey Judd, Colter Hollingshead via telephone

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

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 (April 27, 2020)
- B. Bills (May 11, 2020)
- C. Treasurer's Monthly Report (April 30, 2020)
- D. Swale Bond Refunds for Nathan Brog 185 North 4th East \$4125.00

It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Larson to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, which include Council Minutes of April 27, 2020, Bills through May 11, 2020, Treasurer's Monthly Report dated April 30, 2020 and a Swale Bond Refund for Nathan Brog at 185 North 4th East in the amount of \$4,125. This received unanimous approval.

Idaho
Youth
Football
Donation

Vic Pearson, on behalf of Preston's Southeast Idaho Youth Football program, came before the council to seek a donation from Preston City for equipment. He stated that generally, the donations have been from area businesses. With the financial hardships the COVID-19 pandemic has caused local businesses, it is not a good year to seek donations from businesses. He further stated that football is a contact sport, and to reduce the chance of injury, good equipment is necessary.

Jessica Pearson spoke of the importance of youth sports programs to keep the kids busy with positive activity, and the importance of good equipment.

Casey Judd added that, along with teaching football skills, the youth football program teaches the boys to take pride in our community and they represent Preston when they travel to play games.

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to make a donation to the Preston Youth Football Program, in the amount of \$3,000. This received unanimous approval.

Request
Funding
4 County
Alliance

Kathy Ray requested a \$2000. commitment from the City of Preston, to the CASI Four County Alliance, for fiscal year 2021.

It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Dodge to continue the funding for the Four County Alliance with a commitment of \$2,000. for the fiscal year 2021, and to authorize Mayor Keller to sign the Commitment Letter. This received unanimous approval.

Business
Licenses

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve a business license for the following:

Duncan Campbell	1353 East 800 South	(Maximus Energy)
Molly Johnson	195 South 2 nd East	(Molly's Salon)

This received unanimous approval.

Utility
Billing/
General
Ledger
Garbage

Treasurer Mickelsen explained that the auditors have had him write off balances owed in the garbage ledger account, in effort to close out the garbage fund. The write off was not done in the Utility Billing, so the accounts receivable still show approximately \$972. owed.

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This matter was tabled to allow for further research.

Discussion For Judicial Confirmation Hearings Attorney Fuller advised city council of a time-line for the Judicial Confirmation Public Hearing, Resolution Hearing, and Court Hearing, as follows:
First the City will need to hold a public hearing to consider whether the city should adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of the petition. This public hearing could be held on June 8, 2020.

If the city does determine to adopt the resolution, then the resolution can be passed on June 22, 2020.

After the resolution is passed, the city can file the Petition for Judicial Confirmation with the Court. This notice of filing will need to be posted at city hall, as well as published in the newspaper for 3 consecutive weeks.

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to instruct Clerk Acock to coordinate with legal counsel to publish the Notice of Public Hearing in a timely manner, so that the public hearing may be held on June 8, 2020. This received unanimous approval.

Splash Pad Reopening Councilmember Wadsworth explained that there would not be a splash pad reopening party this year, but, unless we receive an order not to open the splash pad, it will reopen on Saturday, June 6th.

Recreation Baseball Softball T-ball Councilmember Thomas stated that the baseball, softball and t-ball program is looking at starting the ball season on June 15th. It is starting later than usual, but should still be a great program.

Extra care will be given to sanitize all equipment.

May Meeting Schedule It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Dodge to cancel the May 25, 2020 city council meeting, in observance of Memorial Day. This received unanimous approval.

Transportation Plan Grant Engineer Simpson informed city council that the City of Preston has received a Transportation Plan Grant in the amount of \$50,000.
The Transportation Plan will be beneficial in identifying which roads are in most need of repair, traffic use, lights and signs needed and information for the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element.

Rodeo Lease Councilmember Dodge asked for discussion on renewing the lease with the Famous Preston Night Rodeo Committee for the arena at the fairgrounds. The rodeo committee is seeking funding for new arena seating, and the lease is an important factor for them to receive funds. The council briefly discussed an annual lease amount.

Councilmember Dodge will take the information discussed and continue to work with the Rodeo Committee and Franklin County to renew the lease.

Dept. Report Economic Development Specialist/Assistant Planner Oliverson, Treasurer Mickelsen, Engineer Simpson, Public Works Director Balls, and Chief McCammon reported on their various assigned designations.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Keller.

Linda Acock, Clerk

Daniel M. Keller, Mayor