

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 14, 2020**

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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  
Dan McCammon, Police Chief  
Preston Rutter, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Swainston, Reginald Hyde, Eric Rentsch, Danielle Rentsch,  
Sharon McLing, David Kunze, Quinn Corbridge, Susan Atkinson

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 (August 24, 2020)
- B. Bills (September 14, 2020)
- C. Treasurer's Monthly Report (August 31, 2020)
- D. Swale Bond Refund (Ande Phillips 765 S 4<sup>th</sup> E \$5,600.00)

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Dodge to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, which include Council Minutes of August 24, 2020, Bills through September 14, 2020, the Treasurer's Monthly Report for August 31, 2020, and a swale bond refund for Ande Phillips at 765 South 7<sup>th</sup> East in the amount of five thousand six hundred dollars (\$5600). This received unanimous approval.

Final  
Plat  
SS&S  
Minor  
Subdiv.

Engineer Simpson presented the final plat for the SS&S Estates Minor Subdivision at 722 South State.

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve the final plat for SS&S Estates Minor Subdivision at 722 South State. This received unanimous approval.

Business  
Licenses

Economic Development Specialist/Assistant Planner Oliverson reported on the following business license applications and made recommendation for approval.

It was moved by Councilmember Dodge and seconded by Councilmember Larson to approve a business license for:

David Wadman	2929 S. 925 W. Odgen UT	Wadman Corp.
Eric Rentsch	615 W. Oneida Preston ID	Monkey Rentsch
Timothy Savage	1679 E. 1100 S. Clearfield UT	In-Line Roofing
Jared Ray	5577 E. Sugar Creek Preston ID	Liberty Machine

This received unanimous approval.

Water Line  
DEQ Loan  
Payment

Mayor Keller explained that there is eighty-two thousand three hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$82,357) in the 2020 budget that, unless there is any objection from city council, he would like to instruct Treasurer Mickelson to pay towards the DEQ Loan for the water line. This will save approximately ten thousand six hundred twenty-one dollars (\$10,621) in interest and shorten the length of the loan.

Council agreed that it is good business to pay the debt down, and no objections were presented.

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ADA Rest-Rooms & Walking Path at Craner Field

Engineer Simpson advised that he has reached out to contractors to get estimates on repairs needed to the Craner Field restrooms to get them ADA compliant. The contractors have not yet responded.

Engineer Simpson has prepared cost estimate for a walking path along the outside parameters of the field, for a six foot (6') asphalt path at approximately thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000). To make the walking path continuous, the parking lot would also need to be paved.

Council discussed asphalt costs in the fall vs. asphalt costs in the spring, the layout of the walking path, bidding out the work, and funding grants.

Councilmember Thomas also gave a list of projects he is looking into for the Craner Field, which included widening the path at each end of the walking path. He'd like to convert the ball diamonds back to dirt this fall, so they are ready to go next spring. He'd like to raise the height of the flag pole, and have it lit. The Craner Field sign to be freshly painted. And, a dog park in the northwest corner of the park.

Main Street Road Discussion

Mayor Keller explained that on August 25<sup>th</sup> there was an accident on main street. Fortunately no one was seriously injured, but there is a signage issue that needs to be addressed. He asked Chief McCammon to explain the details of the accident.

Chief McCammon stated that a semi-truck was headed south, at the State Street and Oneida intersection, waiting to make a right hand turn. He was in the southbound lane, but not next to the curb. A car pulled to the right of the semi-truck to turn right. The semi-truck turned right, and caught the sedan with his trailer. The sedan was sighted for unsafe passing on the right.

Council discussed signage that should be made available to drivers to let them know that the far right is in fact a bicycle lane, and that the single lane could be used for making right hand turns, especially for the large trucks, rv trailers, farm trailers, etc.

CARES Act Property Tax Relief & L2 Form

Mayor Keller updated the council on the progression of the Idaho Cares Act Property Tax Relief program. The city has allocated two hundred twenty-eight thousand seventy-eight dollars (\$228,078) on the proposed L2 Form that will be property tax relief for the citizens of Preston City.

Council discussed pros and cons of participating in the Idaho Cares Act Property Tax Relief Program.

It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth to opt out of the Idaho Cares Act Property Tax Relief Program. Motion died for lack of second.

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Dodge to accept the L2 Form as presented, and authorize Mayor Keller to sign the L2 Form. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed by majority vote.

Larson Excused

Councilmember Larson was excused at 6:01 p.m.

Discuss Pump House

Engineer Simpson reported on estimated pump costs and repair costs to the pump house by the Glendale Reservoir. The pump house is connected to the spring owned by the Eastside Water District. Years ago, there was an option, where, if Preston City needed water, they could pump water from Preston Eastside's spring. To install a new pump, reconstruction of the building, and pipe, the estimated cost is seventy-one thousand dollars (\$71,000).

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Franklin County Commissioner Robert Swainston, who is also a board member with Consolidated Irrigation, explained that Consolidated Irrigation owns the spring, and a smaller portion of the spring is owned by Eastside Water Users. The fact that the City of Preston is a stockholder in Consolidated, is why it can be used by Preston City.

The agreement expired years ago. The last time the spring was used, was years ago in the "Wayne Bell Administration." There was a break on Gerald Cole's property and the pump house was used to pump water to the City.

Mayor Keller pointed out that he was the Franklin County Assessor when the water line broke, and there was enough water to fill the tanks and provide water to the City of Preston during the emergency.

Department Head Report On Assigned Designations      Engineer Simpson, Economic Development Specialist/Assistant Planner Oliverson, Public Works Director Balls, and Chief McCammon gave brief updates on their assigned designations.

Adjourn      Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M. by Mayor Keller.

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Linda Acock, Clerk

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Daniel M. Keller, Mayor