

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 14, 2020**

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**MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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

**STAFF**

Linda Acock, City Clerk  
John Balls, Public Works  
Tyrell Simpson, City Engineer  
Shawn Oliverson, Economic Development  
Dan McCammon, Chief of Police  
Lyle Fuller, City Attorney (via phone  
for executive session)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Robert Swainston, James Mullen, Colter Hollingshead, Dixon Beckstead,  
Aspen Jensen, Ashley Lowe-Anderson, Abby Lyon, Sam Jeppsen

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

Community Message At the onset of the meeting, Mayor Keller asked Councilmember Wadsworth to give a brief community message. Councilmember Wadsworth offered a sincere thanks to those who have volunteered their time and talents. She is proud to call Preston home. She reminded everyone that it is important to shop locally and support our local businesses and then wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Presentation To PHS Girl's Soccer Team 2020 State Champions City Council presented keys to the city to the state champion Preston High School Girl's Soccer team. Aspen Jensen, Abby Lyon and Ashley Lowe-Anderson were in attendance to receive the keys. Councilmember Thomas stated that the city is proud of the team's accomplishments.

Presentation To PHS Cross Country Team 2020 State Champions City Council presented keys to the city to the state champion Preston High School Cross Country team. Sam Jeppsen was in attendance to receive the keys on behalf of the team and coaches. Councilmember Larson congratulated Mr. Jeppsen and the entire cross country team.

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 (November 23, 2020)
- B. Bills (December 14, 2020)
- C. Treasurer's Monthly Report (November 30, 2020)
- D. Swale Bond Refund 220 West 2<sup>nd</sup> South Dixon Beckstead  
\$1,713.75
- E. 50% Cut Permit Bond Refund 220 West 2<sup>nd</sup> South Dixon Beckstead  
\$50.00  
50% Cut Permit Bond Refund 431 Eagle Way B J Hemmert  
\$333.50
- F. Improvement Bond Refund 220 West 2<sup>nd</sup> South Dixon Beckstead  
\$10,629.00

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Dodge to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, which include Council Minutes of November 23, 2020, and Bills through December 14, 2020, Treasurer's Monthly Report dated November 30, 2020, a swale bond refund, a cut permit refund and an improvement bond refund to Dixon Beckstead at 220 West 2<sup>nd</sup> South for a total amount of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two dollars and Seventy-Five cents (\$12392.75) and a cut permit refund to B J Hemmert at 431 Eagle Way in the amount of Three Hundred Thirty-Three dollars and Fifty cents (\$333.50) This received unanimous approval.

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**Wastewater Improvement Project Submitted** Colter Hollingshead, Keller Associates, presented a projected Cost report for the Preston City Wastewater Improvement Project, to present to the USDA-RD.

**Project Cost to USDA-RD** They have finished the pilot study, and are calculating results. Preliminarily, they had hoped that the city would be able to upgrade using the sand filter method. After the pilot study, it is clear that the membrane system will be the better choice for Preston.

Mayor Keller reminded everyone that this project does not affect property taxes at all. The charges will go to the sewer users. The city is giving serious consideration to all grants available.

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Keller Associates to pursue loans through the USDA-RD, in the amount of Thirty-Four million dollars (\$34,000,000), anticipating that the membrane system will be the system required for the improvements at the wastewater treatment facility. This received unanimous approval.

**Business Licenses** It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Larson to approve a business license for the following:

**P. Judd**  
**K. Gifford** Paul Judd 7 East Oneida Eden Holding & Development Company  
Ken Gifford 596 Fairway Pl Peak Iron Fitness

The motion received unanimous approval.

**Street Improvements 650 East 8<sup>th</sup> South** Shane Selley had asked that the street improvements at 650 East 8<sup>th</sup> South be placed on the City Council Agenda. He texted Councilmember Larson and had this matter removed from the agenda, as he had a conflict in scheduling.  
**S. Selley**

No action was taken on this matter.

**Council & Dept. Head Report on Assigned Designations** Councilmember Thomas, Councilmember Wadsworth, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Dodge, Public Works Director Balls, Chief McCammon, Economic Development Specialist/Assistant Planner Oliverson and Engineer Simpson reported on their various assigned designations.

**Executive Session** It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Dodge to enter into Executive Session to discuss Possible Litigation, as allowed in Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) and Personnel, as allowed in Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b). The vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Enter Executive Session: 5:58 P.M.

Exit Executive Session: 6:35 P.M.

**Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M. by Mayor Keller.

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Linda Acock, Clerk

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Daniel M. Keller, Mayor