

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 25, 2021

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Daniel M. Keller, Mayor
Todd D. Thomas, Council
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
Kelly Mickelsen, Treasurer
Dan McCammon, Chief of Police
Lyle Fuller, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Swainston, Berni Winn, Dave Cole, Darin Dransfield, Dixon Beckstead, Michelle McNeely, Brooke Allen, Tim Golightly, Preston Rutter, Quinn Corbridge, Fred Titensor, Janel Boehme, DavaKaye Beckstead, Tamara Harris, Cody Swainston, Natasha Siepert, Vicki Wanner, Christa Pitcher, Kolton Hobbs, Todd Goodsell

Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Keller. He then asked Councilmember Larson to give a brief community message.

Councilmember Larson wished everyone a happy new year. He advised that a few COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted by Governor Little. He is grateful that the city's elected officials are a non-partisan group and can take the best interest of the City of Preston to heart, and not be tied to party-line voting. He advised, especially in this time of political upheaval, that we not take offense when none is intended.

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 (January 11, 2021)
- B. Bills (January 25, 2021)
- C. Treasurer's Monthly/Quarterly Report (December 31, 2020)

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, which include Council Minutes of January 11, 2021, Bills through January 25, 2021, and the Treasurer's Monthly/Quarterly Report dated December 31, 2020. This received unanimous approval.

Franklin
County
Medical
Center
COVID-19
Vaccination

Darin Dransfield, Franklin County Medical Center Administrator, gave a brief update on the medical center's vaccination efforts. He stated that five hundred Franklin County residents have received their first round of shots, with one hundred fifty of those having had both shots. There have been very few, very mild, reactions to the vaccination. Phase II starts February 1, 2021, allowing more individuals to receive the vaccination.

Planning
And Zoning
Progress

Fred Titensor, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, explained that the Planning and Zoning is working on updates to the Comprehensive Plan, parking ordinances, multi-family housing ordinances, adding an accessory dwelling unit ordinance, the animal rights ordinance and the general map of the city. Since the ordinances, map, and Comprehensive Plan are bundled, they are about two months from presenting these to City Council for public hearings.

Mayor Keller asked why the individual ordinance couldn't be presented for separate public hearings.

Attorney Preston Rutter explained that the ordinances are tied with the Comprehensive Plan and that Idaho Statute states that the ordinance must be in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Chamber Of
Commerce

Michelle McNeely, 2021 President of the Chamber of Commerce introduced the members of the Chamber of Commerce Board, Preston Rutter, Vice-President, Tamara Harris, Secretary, Kolton Hobbs, Treasurer, Cody Swainston, Social Media, Natasha Siepert, Todd Goodsell, Brooke Allen, and Shawn Oliverson.

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Preston Rutter presented the direction of the Chamber of Commerce, stating a hope to network throughout the community, promote the economic and commercial interest of the Preston area, and a greater social media presence.

Decision Request For Variance Dixon Beckstead Mayor Keller explained that Dixon Beckstead, owner of 220 West 2nd South, has requested a Variance to create two lots, both less than 12,500 square feet, and to vary from the 3:1 lot ratio. Planning and Zoning held a public hearing on January 13, 2021 to take public testimony and review the ordinances relating to the variance request. Planning and Zoning's decision is to recommend to city council, denial of the request. The matter is now before city council to either concur, or reverse, the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Attorney Fuller advised that the council will make their provisional decision, according to Idaho State Code, and then the attorney will create a Reasoned Statement, for the Council's review, confirmation and final decision. After the Reasoned Statement has been approved by the City Council, the applicant shall have fourteen days to request reconsideration.

It was moved by Councilmember Dodge and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to ratify the decision of the Planning and Zoning, which is to deny the variance request. Per Municipal Code Section 17.30.020, Standards for Variance, this does not meet the variance standard. A variance shall not be considered a right or special privilege, but may be granted to the applicant only upon showing an undue hardship. Denial of this request does not result in unnecessary hardship. In addition, the granting of a variance shall not materially be a detriment to the neighborhood. A variance is not recommended or granted on the grounds of convenience or profit. City Council will concur with the Planning and Zoning's recommendation for denial of the Variance Request. This received unanimous approval.

Final Plat Minor Subdivision Councilmember Dodge declared conflict, and stated he would abstain from discussion and decision in this matter.

4th South & State Engineer Simpson presented the final plat for the 4th South and State Minor Subdivision, located at the intersection of 4th South and State Street, owned by Tim and Natalie Golightly. He has reviewed the final plat, everything seems to be in order, and recommended approval of the final plat.

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve the final plat for the 4th South and State Minor Subdivision. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed by majority vote.

Business Licenses It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the following business licenses:

Dulcet Hearing LLC	37 South State Preston ID	(Miracle-Ear)
Virginia Edlefsen	525 Bannock St. Malad ID	(Aspen Air Design)
Crystalyn Spackman	562 Aspen Cir. Preston ID	(Crystalyn Beauty)
Krista Hooley	276 East 11 th North Preston ID	(Hair By Krista)

The motion received unanimous approval.

Airport Runway Grant FY 2021 Mayor Keller introduced the Application for Federal Assistance, FY 2021, Airport Improvement Program Grant, Project No. 3-16-0030-006-2021. This is a joint effort with Franklin County for improvements to the airport runway lighting, reconstruction of the taxiway, and extension of the runway.

Franklin County Commissioner Robert Swainston stated that the county commissioners have approved the grant, and authorized signatures.

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It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to authorize Mayor Keller to sign the FY 2021 Airport Improvement Project Grant. This received unanimous approval.

Executive Session It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to enter into Executive Session to discuss Possible Litigation, as allowed in Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f). 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: 6:11 P.M.

Exit Executive Session: 6:53 P.M.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M. by Mayor Keller.

Linda Acock, Clerk

Daniel M. Keller, Mayor