

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 22, 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, Kris Beckstead, Darin Dransfield, Richard Westerberg, Laradene Murphy, Heidi Kirkbride, Xochi Frankman, John Buker, Rochelle Oliverson, Samantha Robinson, Shayna Johnson

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 (February 8, 2021)
- B. Bills (February 22, 2021)
- C. Treasurer's Monthly Report (January 31, 2021)

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, which include Council Minutes of February 8, 2021, Bills through February 22, 2021, and the Treasurer's Monthly Report dated January 31, 2021. This received unanimous approval.

Citizens
Of The
Year
Award

Mayor Keller explained that he and the council had made a decision to name a citizen of the year, for 2020. Through their discussion, it was clear that for the year 2020, it should be Citizens of the Year, as each of the employees of the Franklin County Medical Center have worked tirelessly this past year, going above and beyond their duties, and the council wants to acknowledge the entire staff. He then asked Hospital Administrator, Darin Dransfield to introduce those in attendance to receive the award.

Mr. Dransfield thanked Preston City for the recognition of the medical center's 300+ staff members and had those present introduce themselves and the department they work in.

Councilmember Dodge presented, on behalf of Preston City and its citizens, the 2020 Citizens of the Year to Franklin County Medical Center, and recognized their labor of love throughout the year.

Councilmember Larson added sincere gratitude for all of the staff of the Franklin County Medical Center. As he looked through the names on the plaque, he recognized second and third generation names. It speaks volumes to the service that they give to the community. Many have skills that could take them elsewhere, and could make more money, but they choose to live here, to work and serve in this community. The City of Preston is grateful for their service and each and every employee of the Franklin County Medical Center.

Rodeo
Committee
Report

Kristen Beckstead, on behalf of The Famous Preston Night Rodeo Committee, invited everyone to drive by the rodeo grounds, where you can feel the excitement of the growth that is going on. They are in hopes that this stage of the upgrades will be done by High School Rodeo in May. She further stated that about 60% of the arena is being done with this stage, and further money raising efforts will be done to finish the other portion. The capacity will be increased to 6,443 with better, more comfortable seating.

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Reasoned Statement Variance Request 220 W 2nd S D. Beckstead City Attorney Lyle Fuller introduced the Reasoned Statement for the Variance Request for Dixon Beckstead at 220 West 2nd South. He explained to the council that when the city makes a decision for a variance, especially to deny a variance, the state and city code requires a written statement to the applicant.

After review of the document, it was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Dodge to approve the Reasoned Statement, in the matter of a Variance Request by Dixon Beckstead for property at 220 West 2nd South, and instruct Clerk Acock to mail a copy of the statement to Mr. Beckstead. This received unanimous approval.

Business Licenses Economic Development Specialist/Assistant Planner Oliverson introduced the following business licenses:

Shayna Johnson at 784 North 8th West (The Studio on 8th). This is a home based business, with required State of Idaho permits. Ms. Johnson was present to provide proof of the state permits. Economic Development Specialist/Assistant Planner Oliverson recommended approval of the business license.

Mike and Twila Bridges at 10 East 4th South (ABCseamless) This is in an established commercial building, but is in a Residential Zone. Economic Development Specialist/Assistant Planner Oliverson recommended approval of the business license with the condition that if the Bridges wish to convey the property in the future, it be rezoned so that the use conforms to the zoning.

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Dodge to approve the business license for Shayna Johnson at 784 North 8th West, and for Mike and Twila Bridges at 10 East 4th South, with the condition that, although this is a grandfathered commercial use, the Bridges continue with a rezone request to zone the property so the zoning conforms to the use. This received unanimous approval.

Executive Session It was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Larson 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: 5:23 P.M.
Exit Executive Session: 5:42 P.M.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 5:42 P.M. by Mayor Keller.

Linda Acock, Clerk

Daniel M. Keller, Mayor