

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 12, 2021**

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MAYOR & COUNCIL

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

STAFF

Linda Acock, City Clerk  
Dan McCammon, Chief of Police  
Kelly Mickelsen, Treasurer  
Shawn Oliverson, Community Development  
Tyrell Simpson, City Engineer  
Lyle Fuller, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Swainston, Robert Kooren, Leo Robertson, Haley Judd, Jer  
Barnard, Jenn McCammon, Berni Winn, Kris Beckstead,

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 (June 28, 2021)
- B. Bills (July 12, 2021)
- C. Treasurer's Monthly Report (June 30, 2021)
- D. Swale Bond Refund Millissa Schiffman 140 E. 1100 N. \$1,675.00
- E. Swale Bond Refund Shad Moser 749 E. 800 S. \$1,950.00

Councilmember Larson noted that he was not in attendance at the June 28, 2021 meeting, and would abstain from casting vote in the matter of the June 28, 2021 Minutes. He then moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thomas.

The vote was as follows:

To approve the City Council Minutes of June 28, 2021,

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

Motion passed by majority vote.

The motion to approve the Bills to July 12, 2021, the Treasurer's Monthly Report dated June 30, 2021, a Swale Bond Refund to Millissa Schiffman at 140 East 1100 North in the amount of \$1,675.00, and a Swale Bond Refund to Shad Moser at 749 East 800 South in the amount of \$1,950.00, passed by unanimous vote.

Business  
License  
J. Wheeler

It was moved by Councilmember Dodge and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to approve a business license for Joshua Wheeler 469 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho (Wheeler Electric Inc.). This received unanimous approval.

Sidewalk To  
Restroom  
At Rodeo  
Grounds

The Rodeo Committee would like to have a handicap accessible sidewalk that goes from the East exits of the arena to the city's new restrooms. This would consist of about 240' of sidewalk. Mayor Keller has proposed to the Rodeo Committee that they get a commitment from Franklin County to pay one-third of the costs, the Rodeo Committee pay one-third of the costs, and Preston City will commit one-third of the costs.

After council discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Wadsworth and seconded by Councilmember Thomas, to have the Rodeo Committee inquire on the additional cost to have the sidewalk be six feet instead of five feet, and that Preston City will participate in the costs of the sidewalk from the east exits of the rodeo arena to the restrooms, at one-third of the cost, with a maximum cap of the city's participation at four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). This received unanimous approval.

Rodeo Days  
Sidewalk  
Vendors

The Rodeo Committee has advised city council that the Benson Park, which is owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will not be available for use by the vendors of the sidewalk sale/craft faire during rodeo days.

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Council discussed alternative locations for these vendors, specifically, the alleyway behind the businesses, between Oneida and 1<sup>st</sup> South.

It was moved by Councilmember Dodge and seconded by Councilmember Larson that, during the rodeo weekend, close off the East side parking of the alleyway behind the business for vendors and leave the west side of the parking for businesses. The vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Keller cast the tie breaking vote, in favor of the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Preston Youth Football Donation      Haley Judd, on behalf of the Preston Youth Football League, came before council to request a donation from the City of Preston.

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to give a two thousand dollar (\$2,000) donation to the Preston Youth Football League. This received unanimous approval.

State Insurance Refund      Clerk Acock explained that the City of Preston did not receive a State Insurance Refund for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. In years past, the Mayor and City Council have given this refund to the employees as incentive to work safely.

Merit Money      It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to award merit money, in the amount of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) to all city employees, as the Employee Salary Resolution allows. This received unanimous approval.

County Commission Report      County Commissioner Robert Swainston reported that work on the airport is going to start at the end of July. The airport will be closed down for ninety days.

The remodel work at the County Courthouse is moving forward.

Council & Dept. Head Report On Assigned Designations      Public Works Director Balls, Engineer Simpson, Community Development Specialist Oliverson, Chief McCammon, Treasurer Mickelsen, and Councilmember Thomas reported on their various assigned designations.

Councilmember Thomas stated that the city ball diamonds are in need of diamond dust at all the ball diamonds in the parks. Travis Despain, the Kiwanis Club, and the Lion's Club have all volunteered to pay one-fourth of the cost of two truck loads of the diamond dust. The total estimated cost of this endeavor is \$3,600.00, making it \$900.00 per entity.

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Dodge to purchase diamond dust, with the city participating in the costs, paying the total net cost, and Travis DeSpain, The Kiwanis Club and the Lion's Club, each reimbursing Preston City one-fourth of the costs.

Budget Workshop 2021-2022      A budget workshop was held to discuss the airport, street repairs, utility rates, property tax increases and salary adjustments for the FY 2021-2022 budget.

Executive Session      It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel as allowed in Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a) and 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.

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Enter Executive Session: 7:02 P.M.

Exit Executive Session: 7:59 P.M.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M. by Mayor Keller.

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Linda Acock, Clerk

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Daniel M. Keller, Mayor