

*CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 14, 2022*

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Daniel M. Keller, Mayor
Todd D. Thomas, Council
Terry Larson, Council
I. Brent Dodge, Council
Chris Larsen, Council

STAFF

Linda Acock, City Clerk
John Balls, Public Works Director
Dan McCammon, Chief
Tyrell Simpson, City Engineer
Shawn Oliverson, Community Development
Kelly Mickelsen, City Treasurer
Lyle Fuller, Attorney

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

Mayor/
Council
Community
Comments

Councilmember Todd Thomas spoke briefly on the passing of former Councilmember Allyson Wadsworth. She was a true statesman. She voted for matters that may not have been popular or easy, but held strong to her values and what she felt was best for the entire community. We will always think of Allyson when we hear the words, "gray area", as was her motto, that ordinances, decisions, etc. should not be within the gray area. She was a good sport, talented and intelligent. Allyson is a good role model, a good example of a councilmember, citizen, mother, friend. Councilmember Todd Thomas suggested a flag pole at the South edge of the city, with a plaque dedicated to Allyson.

Councilmember Brent Dodge added that Allyson made great contributions to the City of Preston as a councilmember and citizen.

Councilmember Chris Larsen stated that he is learning more and more about how wonderful a person Allyson was, through different members of committees who have reached out to him and are willing to continue doing what they were doing, in her honor.

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 24, 2022)
- B. Bills (February 14, 2022)
- C. Treasurer's Monthly Report (January 31, 2022)
- D. Improvement Agreement Bond 50% Refund
Tom & Caitlin Schmidt 640 East 145 South \$6,000.00

It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Chris Larsen to approve all items within the Consent Calendar which include the Council Minutes of January 24, 2022, Bills through February 14, 2022, the Treasurer's Monthly Report dated January 31, 2022 and a Fifty Percent (50%) refund of the Improvement Agreement Bond to Tom and Caitlin Schmidt of 640 East 145 South, in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000). This received unanimous approval.

National
School
Counseling
Week
Feb 7-11

Ashley Geary, counselor at the Oakwood Elementary School, introduced a Proclamation, asking the Mayor and City Council to declare the week of February 7 through February 11, 2022 as National School Counseling Week.

Ms. Geary stated that school counselors work towards three goals. Though they might look different at each grade level, they are academics, social and emotional learning, and college preparedness.

Preston School District currently has five counselors. One at the Pioneer, one at the Oakwood, one at the junior high and two at the high school. The high school counselors also help at the Franklin County High School.

Oakwood Elementary School's principal, Kaylynn Hamblin thanked the mayor and council for recognizing school counselors. School counselors help make sure that student's emotional, as well as physical, needs are met. Ms. Geary has worked with the food bank to have the backpack

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program, which enables the chronically hungry children who may not have access to food, or food preparation, on weekends to take a backpack home on Thursdays, that is filled with easy preparation meals.

One effect of the COVID epidemic is that children feel anxiety and anxiousness more than in the past. It is good to have the counselors there to help walk the students through their added anxiety.

Clerk Acock read the Proclamation, declaring February 7-11, 2022 as National School Counseling Week.

Due to the dates of National School Counseling Week being just before the scheduled city council meeting, Mayor Dan Keller has signed the Proclamation. Therefore, it was moved by Councilmember Todd Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Chris Larsen to proclaim the week of February 7, 2022 through February 11, 2022 as National School Counseling Week, and to ratify Mayor Dan Keller's signature on said Proclamation. This received unanimous approval.

(a copy of the Proclamation follows Minutes)

Release Of Funds Craner Field Amanda Collins of the Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG), presented the Request for Release of Funds and Certification for the State of Idaho Community Development Block Grant through the Idaho Department of Commerce, for the Craner Field Park Improvement Project.

This release form will allow SICOG to start the bidding process, starting the project, getting vendors here and keeping the project on schedule. The document allows Commerce to prepare a full contract, so that vendors can be paid as the project progresses.

It was moved by Councilmember Todd Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Chris Larsen to approve the Request for Release of Funds and Certification, and to authorize Mayor Dan Keller to sign said request. The vote was as follows:

Councilmember Todd Thomas	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Terry Larson	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Brent Dodge	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Chris Larsen	<u>Aye</u>

The motion received unanimous approval.

Business Licenses It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Brent Dodge to approve business licenses for the following:

Austin Brackin & Ezra Roper (Preston Trailer Rentals)	105 East 4 th South	Preston ID
Matt Redd (Redd Hat Ventures, Sign Pro)	3205 North Mail	Logan UT
Eric Glen Ohling (Ohling Hormone Center)	713 South 4 th East	Preston ID
Kimberly Cannon (Olive & JO)	34 South State	Preston ID

Motion received unanimous approval.

Indemnification For Development Along Water Line Water Line Easements Robert Swainston of the Consolidated Irrigation Company, addressed concerns the irrigation company has over the growth within the city and county, and protecting their water lines. They would like to be notified of any development within Preston City, that is close to their transmission lines.

Brian Jensen of the Consolidated Irrigation Company, stated that they are interested in opening up communication with the irrigation company and Preston City, to protect the water lines.

It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Todd Thomas to assign City Attorney Lyle Fuller and City

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Engineer Tyrell Simpson to improve the building permit process to include language allowing notification to Consolidated Irrigation of development. This received unanimous approval.

Discuss Councilmember Chris Larsen asked that this matter be brought back
Planned before the council to discuss the impact on the city by lowering
Unit the parameters between Planned Unit Developments to Eight Hundred
Development Feet (800') from One Thousand Eight Hundred Feet (1,800').
Parameters

Council discussed having the Planning and Zoning Commission review the planned unit development parameters, along with other issues, holding a joint meeting with the planning and zoning commission, public hearings concerning the amendment, etc.

It was moved by Councilmember Chris Larsen and seconded by Councilmember Brent Dodge to have the Planning and Zoning Commission give consideration to the Planned Unit Development Code, specifically, the parameters, of planned unit developments, that was recently reduced from One Thousand Eight Hundred feet (1,800') to Eight Hundred feet (800') and make recommendation to City Council. This received unanimous approval.

Council & Councilmember Brent Dodge, Councilmember Terry Larson, Councilmember
Dept. Head Chris Larsen, Councilmember Todd Thomas, Police Chief Dan McCammon,
Report On Public Works Director John Balls, City Engineer Tyrell Simpson, and
Assigned Community Development Specialist Shawn Oliverson gave brief reports on
Designations each of their assigned designations.

Executive It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by
Session Councilmember Chris Larsen to enter into Executive Session to discuss
Personnel, as allowed in Idaho Code 74206(1)(b). The vote was as
follows:

Councilmember Todd Thomas	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Terry Larson	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Brent Dodge	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Chris Larsen	<u>Aye</u>

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Entered Executive Session at 6:30 P.M.

It was moved by Councilmember Chris Larsen and seconded by Councilmember Brent Dodge to exit Executive Session at 7:12 P.M. This received unanimous approval.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M. by Mayor Dan Keller.

Linda Acock, Clerk

Daniel M. Keller, Mayor