

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2022

MAYOR & COUNCIL

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

STAFF

Linda Acock, City Clerk
John Balls, Public Works Director
Shawn Oliverson, Community Development
Dan McCammon, Chief
Tyrell Simpson, City Engineer
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
Message**

Mayor Dan Keller began the meeting by thanking the Elk's Lodge and other agencies that donate their time and energy to make sure the flags are put out on holidays. It makes the city look beautiful.

Mayor Keller also stated that later in the meeting the council would be discussing the current rise in vandalism, and ways to stop the destruction of property.

**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 27, 2022)
- B. Bills (July 11, 2022)
- C. Swale Bond Refund Darin Hess 94 E 1100 N \$3,700.
- D. Cut Permit Refund Craig Golightly 50 N 2nd W \$220.

It was moved by Councilmember Brent Dodge and seconded by Councilmember Chris Larsen to approve the Preston City Council Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2022. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed by majority vote.

It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Brent Dodge to approve the Bills through July 11, 2022, a Swale Bond refund for Darin Hess at 94 East 1100 North in the amount of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$3,700) and a 50% Cut Permit refund to Craig Golightly at 50 North 2nd West in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$220). This received unanimous approval.

**Business
Licenses**

It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Chris Larsen to approve a business license for the following:

Cameron Christensen 953 West 700 North Logan UT (Platinum Solar)
Thomas Maughan 105 West 2nd South Preston ID (Handy Mon Tom's)

This received unanimous approval.

**2021
Annual
Audit
Report**

Treasurer Kelly Mickelsen reported that the annual audit for budget year 2020-2021 has been completed by Deaton & Company.

Deaton & Company has found that The City of Preston is in good shape financially, and has given a clean audit report.

It was moved by Councilmember Todd Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Brent Dodge to accept the accounting firm's audit statement for fiscal year 2020-2021. This received unanimous approval.

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State Insurance Refund Clerk Acock stated that, in years past, the city qualified for an insurance refund, which was divided among the employees, as incentive to work safely. Again, in 2021, the city did not qualify for the refund.

Merit Money It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Todd Thomas to award merit money in the amounts of \$460.00 to each full-time employee who has been employed with Preston City for over a year, \$230.00 to each part time employee who has been employed with Preston City for over a year, and \$38.00 per month of employment for the two full-time employees who have been with Preston City for less than a year. This received unanimous approval.

Vandalism Council discussed vandalism in the city park and at the restrooms in the alley at 50 East on Oneida. Council also discussed cameras at Craner Field.

Chief Dan McCammon explained that his department is working on the purchase of additional cameras for the city park and restroom. He is researching a grant for additional cameras to be installed at Craner Field.

It was moved by Councilmember Todd Thomas and seconded Councilmember Brent Dodge by to have Chief McCammon get bids for cameras at Craner Field. This received unanimous approval.

Franklin County Commissioner Robert Swainston stated that the commissioners have discussed joining with Preston City in offering a reward for the arrest and prosecution of those involved in the vandalism.

It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Todd Thomas to offer a Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) reward, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) from Franklin County and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) from Preston City, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone found vandalizing any Preston City or Franklin County property, and move forward with an ordinance modification to Preston City Municipal Code 2.04.030

Council & Department Head Report Councilmember Brent Dodge, Councilmember Chris Larsen, Councilmember Todd Thomas, Community Development Specialist Shawn Oliverson, City Engineer Tyrell Simpson, Public Works Director John Balls, and Chief Dan McCammon reported on their various assigned designations.

3% Property Tax Budget Forgone Amount It was moved by Councilmember Todd Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Chris Larsen to increase the property tax budget amount for foregone taxes with the 2022-2023 fiscal budget, as allowed by Idaho Code. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion is a tie vote. Mayor Dan Keller broke the tie vote with a Nay vote, thereby denying the motion by majority vote.

Budget To Increase Water & Sewer Connection It was moved by Councilmember Brent Dodge and seconded by Councilmember Todd Thomas to budget an increase of the water and sewer connection fees from Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for a 1" water connection and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for a sewer connection, to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for a 1" water connection and Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for a sewer connection. The motion received unanimous approval.

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Budget To Raise Utility Rates 5% It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Brent Dodge to budget to increase the utility fees 5%, which will take effect October 1, 2022, and to instruct Clerk Linda to compile a new License and Fee Schedule & Water and Sewer Rate Schedule Resolution. This received unanimous approval.

Budget Workshop The council discussed having the increase on water & sewer rates be a separate line item, to watch the growth of the amounts for future years. They discussed an increased donation from Franklin County for recreation. And, discussed the purchase of a road grader.

Executive Session It was moved by Councilmember Chris Larsen and seconded by Councilmember Todd Thomas to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, as allowed by Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f). 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 majority vote.

Entered Executive Session at 7:18 P.M.

It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Todd Thomas to exit Executive Session at 7:37 P.M. This received unanimous approval.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M. by Mayor Dan Keller.

Linda Acock, Clerk

Daniel M. Keller, Mayor