

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 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

Councilmember Wadsworth was excused.

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 (December 13, 2021)
- B. Bills (January 10, 2022)
- C. Treasurer's Monthly/Quarterly Report (December 31, 2021)
- D. Encroachment/Cut Permit Bond Refund for Dixon Beckstead at 220 West 2nd South in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)
- E. Encroachment/Cut Permit Bond 50% Refund for Cody Ralphs, Blue Sage Planned Unit Development in the amount of Four Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$417.00)

It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Brent Dodge to approve all items within the Consent Calendar which include the Council Minutes of December 13, 2021, Bills through January 10, 2022, the Treasurer's Monthly/Quarterly Report dated December 31, 2021, an Encroachment/Cut Permit Bond Refund to Dixon Beckstead 220 West 2nd South in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and an Encroachment/Cut Permit Bond 50% Refund to Cody Ralphs Blue Sage Planned Unit Development in the amount of Four Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$417.00). This received unanimous approval.

Allyson
Wadsworth
Speech &
Presentation

Mayor Keller read a written message from Council President Allyson Wadsworth, thanking the community for allowing her to serve them as a councilmember for the City of Preston. She stated that she will miss working with the Mayor, Council, city staff, and mostly, the entire City of Preston. Allyson congratulated Todd Thomas and Chris Larsen, giving them her full support. A medical condition has prevented her from participating the past few months. She took a moment to thank everyone who has supported her. It is greatly appreciated and it has been an honor to serve the city and its residents.

Councilmember Todd Thomas expressed pride in Allyson. He and Allyson are friends and co-workers. Allyson is talented and intelligent, and has served Preston City very well.

Councilmember Terry Larson stated that he and Allyson have been friends for fifty years. She has served Preston City with integrity. She always had the city's best interest at heart.

Councilmember Brent Dodge shared that three ways to describe Allyson is Christ-like, encouraging, and a gatherer of people. He has cherished the time he has served with her.

Franklin County Commissioner, Robert Swainston, stated that it was always a pleasure to work with Allyson. She is congenial and committed.

Mayor Dan Keller stated that another word to describe Allyson is tough. She studied and she researched matters. Her decisions are based on fact and she is her own person. He thanked Allyson for her service to Preston City, and stated that he will definitely miss working with her

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on city council. Mayor Dan Keller then presented a framed photograph with Council President Allyson Wadsworth and Governor Brad Little as a thank you to Allyson for her service.

Administer Oath T. Thomas City Clerk Acock administered the "Oath of Office" to Todd D. Thomas for the office of council of the City of Preston for a term of four years.

Administer Oath C. Larsen City Clerk Acock administered the "Oath of Office" to Chris Larsen for the office of council of the City of Preston for a term of four years.

Recess Meeting was recessed at 5:16 for a brief reception. Meeting reconvened for the new administration at 5:29 P.M. Mayor Dan Keller officiating.

State Of The City Address Mayor Dan Keller presented his State of the City Address. He reported that the City of Preston is in outstanding condition. The financial position is in excellent shape and the employees are doing conscientious work.

(A copy of Mayor Dan Keller's State of the City Address follows Minutes.)

Larson Elected Council President Mayor Dan Keller called for the nominations for President of the City Council.

Councilmember Todd Thomas nominated Councilmember Terry Larson to serve as Council President for a one year term. Councilmember Brent Dodge seconded the nomination. 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 vote was unanimous for Councilmember Terry Larson to serve as Council Preston for the year 2022.

Appoint-ments Mayor Keller made the following appointments:

Clerk Linda Acock, City Clerk
It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Todd Thomas to confirm the appointment of Linda Acock as Preston City Clerk. This received unanimous approval.

Treasurer Kelly Mickelsen, City Treasurer
It was moved by Councilmember Todd Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Brent Dodge to confirm the appointment of Kelly Mickelsen as Preston City Treasurer. This received unanimous approval.

Attorney Lyle Fuller, City Attorney
It was moved by Councilmember Brent Dodge and seconded by Councilmember Chris Larsen to confirm the appointment of Lyle Fuller, Law office of Fuller & Fuller, as Preston City Attorney. This received unanimous approval.

Council Designation Mayor Dan Keller assigned the following designations to each councilmember:
Councilmember Todd Thomas - City Tourism & Heritage, Liaison to Planning and Zoning, Liaison to Parks & Recreation and liaison to SICOG
Councilmember Terry Larson - City infrastructure, City Impact Area, liaison to Airport Committee, liaison to Envision Cache Valley, liaison to Association of Idaho Cities.
Councilmember Brent Dodge - City economic development, City comprehensive plan, Preston Area Chamber of Commerce, liaison to Rodeo Committee, liaison to Preston Community Foundation.
Councilmember Chris Larsen - City public relations, liaison to County Commissioners, City code updates, City beautification, City Broadband service upgrades.

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Recreation Center Discussion Concept Plan Councilmember Todd Thomas briefly explained that the city has approved an expenditure to Booth Architecture for conceptual drawings for a recreation center at the Craner Field. Ted Booth came to Preston and visited the site. He is present at the meeting to answer questions and get ideas for the design of the center.

Ted Booth stated that they have worked on rough plans for the city's recreation center, starting with creating space for basketball courts, offices, restrooms, etc. From there, they will add or remove to fit the needs of Preston. Mr. Booth has looked at the property, and with placement of the building, and it being a metal building, they can plan for growth and expansion.

SICOG Grant Admin Contract & Finding Of No Significant Impact Amanda Collins, of SICOG, presented the Environment Assessment that was done on the Craner Field. The grant process is now ready for signing the Grant Administration Contract between the City of Preston and Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG) and the combined Public Notice for the Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment and the Notice to Intent to Request for Release of Funds. The notice should appear in The Preston Citizen on February 4th.

Craner Field It was moved by Councilmember Todd Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Chris Larsen to proceed with the grant process, and authorize Mayor Dan Keller to sign the Grant Administration Contract and the combined Public Notice. 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.

(A copy of the documents follows Minutes)

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

Casey Judd	421 E Eagle Way	(Judd Property, LLC)
Leah Thompson & Jessey Jones	2 North State	(Thorasdatter Design)
Hailey Stolp	558 W 8 th S	(ES Solar)

Motion received unanimous approval.

Lift Cap Comp. Time Public Works Director Balls explained that, with the recent snowfall, and a line break on State Street, there are a few of the men in his department that have exceeded the forty hour maximum compensatory hours. He asked the council to consider temporarily lifting the cap.

It was moved by Councilmember Todd Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Brent Dodge to temporarily lift the forty hour cap on compensatory time, effective December 31, 2021, for a period of sixty (60) days from January 10, 2022. This received unanimous approval.

Idaho Water Users Assoc. Membership It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by Councilmember Todd Thomas to join the Idaho Water Users Association, and authorize payment of membership fees in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250). This received unanimous approval.

County Commission Report Franklin County Commissioner, Robert Swainston explained that the noise, etc. of construction at the court house, during the next two years, has made it necessary for them to look at different venues for court. He asked that the council consider allowing the courts to use the council room for court hearings.

After discussion, it was determined that this matter will be on the January 24, 2022 meeting agenda as an action item.

Executive It was moved by Councilmember Terry Larson and seconded by

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Session Councilmember Brent Dodge to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, as allowed by Idaho Code 74-206(1) (f) and to discuss personnel, as allowed by Idaho Code 74-206(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 6:45 P.M.

Councilmember Terry Larson was excused at 7:40 P.M.

It was moved by Councilmember Todd Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Brent Dodge to exit Executive Session at 7:44 P.M. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed by majority vote.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M. by Mayor Dan Keller.

Linda Acock, Clerk

Daniel M. Keller, Mayor