

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESTON CITY COUNCIL
for purpose of **BUDGET WORKSHOP**
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6, 2019 @6:00 PM

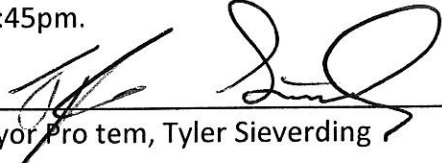
The Wednesday special meeting of the Preston City council was called to order by Mayor, Pro-tem, Tyler Sieverding.
ROLL CALL taken – Matt Petersen, Richard Petersen, Patti Hoffman. Absent – Amanda Sullivan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Hoffman made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop Agenda. Seconded by M. Petersen. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City Gas Superintendent, David Michel addressed council on budget items needed for the Gas Utility. He is down to 4 meters and would like to use current budget of \$4000 this year and budget \$4700 for 2019/2020 FY. The possible action to approve the purchase 30 meters and ERTs (capped at \$5500) will go on the next regular council meeting for approval. They discussed new homes being constructed on West Street, connection fees and costs. Currently customers only pay for the pipe and wire for connecting to gas. Tyler is going to look into what other cities charge for hook up fees and report back. Salaries and contribution in lieu of taxes to General Fund were also addressed.

Council members then split up and took various department line items and made recommendations for increases/decreases. Items flagged for more information were; Garbage – Recycling trailer. Electric – Health insurance, Shirmco Ins. contract & engineering fees payment, and Alliant electric contract. Streets - Sweeping, cost to contract out. Water/Sewer – whether more meters are needed.

Hoffman made motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Petersen. A second budget workshop is set for Wed. Feb 13, 2019. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.



Mayor Pro tem, Tyler Sieverding



ATTEST: Sheryl Ganzer, Deputy City Clerk