

City of Preston
Budget Workshop & Meeting
February 13, 2019

Mayor Pro-Tem Sieverding called the budget workshop and meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Amanda Sullivan, Tyler Sieverding, Patti Hoffman, and Richard Petersen. **ABSENT:** Matt Petersen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council member R. Petersen inquired the status of a new city attorney. Mayor Betts reported at a council meeting he had visited with Trista Biese. Trista needed to check to see if there was a conflict of interest before accepting the position. The council also discussed a firm from Cedar Rapids. But it's unknown of the results of Trista Biese. Council member Hoffman suggested to possibly put it on the next agenda. Council member Hoffman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, it was seconded by council member Sullivan. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

OTHER BUSINESS – At Monday nights meeting the council discussed purchasing a replacement firewall for the clerk's office. The council question if we could get from someone else. Brenda explained the council the only way we can get it from another source is if they became the City's IT person. Brenda stated that if the city moved forward with a cyber security service at that time, they would replace the firewall again. So therefore, the city needed to decide whether they spend the 1689.00 and decide later on the cyber security service or wait until they decide on who their cyber security service would be. Council member Hoffman feels the city needs to be protected and by waiting until the city decides on cyber security service, the city software could be jeopardized. Council member Hoffman made a motion to purchase the replaced firewall from Iowa Technologies, seconded by council member Sullivan. Ayes 3, Nays R. Petersen.

Health ins. deduction – At Monday night's regular meeting, Sheryl presented a dollar amount for employee's health insurance deduction. Council member Hoffman asked for figures for a comparable plan's cost for a deductible reflecting what the employee's exposure is now of \$1500/\$3000 and that the City's Partial Self-Funding exposure was irrelevant due to this being the 1st year and a cost scale won't be seen for 3 years depending on claims percentage. She asked to also establish a flat 15% employee share as guideline for future renewals. With the comparable plan presented the deduction amount for single is \$100.48/monthly, family – \$235.19/monthly. Council member Hoffman suggested in good faith to deduct \$5.00 from single (\$95.48/mo.) & \$10.00 from family (\$225.19/mo). Council member Sullivan questioned self-funding verses what the city had before. She explained they was unfamiliar to her. Council member Hoffman explained the policy and how it was going to save the city money once established. Council member Hoffman made a motion to approve the 15% employee cost with a deduction of \$5.00 for single, and \$10.00 for family, it was seconded by council member Sieverding. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

BUDGET WORKSHOP - Council split up in groups to discuss future projects and the cost of those projects.

ADJOURNMENT – Council member Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, council member Sullivan seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Tyler Sieverding

ATTEST:

Brenda L. Tebbe, City Clerk/Trea.