

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Webster City, Iowa March 19, 2018**

The City Council met in regular session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa at 5:30 p.m. on March 19, 2018 upon call of the Mayor and the advance agenda. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Hawkins and roll being called there were present John Hawkins, Mayor in the chair, and the following Council Members: Matt McKinney, Brian Miller, Jim Talbot and Logan Welch.

It was moved by Welch and seconded by Talbot to approve the agenda  
ROLL CALL: Hawkins, McKinney, Miller, Talbot and Welch voting aye.

Mayor John Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PETITIONS – COMMUNICATIONS – REQUESTS**

None brought forth.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Council Member Miller encouraged previous vendors or those interested in becoming a vendor for the Farmer's Market, to attend the Farmer's Market Meeting scheduled for March 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**MINUTES AND CLAIMS**

It was moved by Miller and seconded by McKinney that the following motion and Resolutions be approved and adopted collectively:

1. That the meeting Minutes of March 5 and March 6, 2018, be approved.
2. That Resolution No. 2018-038 approving Payroll for the period ending March 3, 2018 and paid on March 9, 2018 in the amount of \$140,188.01 be passed and adopted.
3. That Resolution No. 2018-039 approving Bills paid in the amount of \$886,620.65 be passed and adopted and the Fund List be approved.

ROLL CALL: McKinney, Miller, Talbot, Welch and Hawkins voting aye.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

1. Greg Fritz, CEO of NIMECA (North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association) gave a power point presentation on a proposal of a 2018 CTS (Combined Transmission System) Improvements Agreement which would be between members of NIMECA on Transmission ownership. NIMECA is asking for feedback from Council on the agreement and to consider entering into the agreement with the other members. This will likely come before Council as an agenda item to act upon in the future.

Council Member Talbot expressed concern that majority of risk falls on Algona and Webster City if they choose to join members in the agreement, compared to a Risk versus Reward scenario.

2. It was moved by Miller and seconded by McKinney that the Second Reading of a proposed ordinance, an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 1996, by amending Chapter 85 Title II Community Protection, Division 2 Enforcement: Animal Protection and Control be approved.

ROLL CALL: Miller, Talbot, Welch, Hawkins and McKinney voting aye.

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It was moved by Welch and seconded by McKinney that the Third Reading of a proposed ordinance, an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 1996, by amending Chapter 85 Title II Community Protection, Division 2 Enforcement: Animal Protection and Control be waived.

ROLL CALL: Talbot, Welch, Hawkins, McKinney and Miller voting aye.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Welch that Ordinance No. 2018-1814, an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 1996, by amending Chapter 85 Title II Community Protection, Division 2 Enforcement: Animal Protection and Control be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: Welch, Hawkins, McKinney, Miller and Talbot voting aye.

3. It was moved by Welch and seconded by Talbot that the removal of the medians on the final design of the Superior Street and Fair Meadow Drive Intersection project be approved.

ROLL CALL: Talbot and Welch voting aye.  
Hawkins, McKinney and Miller voting nay.  
Motion failed.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by McKinney that Concept C, as presented with no changes on the final design of the Superior Street and Fair Meadow Drive Intersection project be approved.

ROLL CALL: McKinney, Miller and Hawkins voting aye.  
Talbot and Welch voting nay.  
Motion passed.

Prior to the vote on the above motions, Connie Evans and Becky Kepler presented Council over 500 signatures in favor of the removal of the medians at this intersection. Mayor Hawkins and Council Member Miller stated that the survey conducted was not appropriate given the lack of factual information and consideration of the safety issues the medians address. Further discussion was held by Council Members regarding the safety of the intersection, being fiscally responsible for additional costs to the City and on the planned improvements in the option already approved by Council at the March 5, 2018 regular council meeting. Connie Evans, Becky Kepler, Barb Kaye, John Hemingway, as well as all Council Members spoke on the above agenda item.

4. It was moved by Welch and seconded by McKinney that Resolution No. 2018-040 accepting and approving the Minor Subdivision Plat of Sahai's Second Addition in Webster City, Iowa, be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: Miller, Welch, Hawkins and McKinney voting aye.  
Talbot voting nay.

City Manager Ortiz-Hernandez explained this was the land being secured for the future Wastewater Treatment Plant site. City Attorney summarized the reason for platting the land. Council Member Talbot questioned if other land owned by the City in that area could be used versus purchasing more land. Connie Evans questioned Council if there was still a need for a new Wastewater Treatment Facility.

5. It was moved by Miller and seconded by Welch that request from Community Vitality Director to attend Regards to Rural 2018-Rural Development Initiatives Conference in Eugene, Oregon to be held May 18-20, 2018 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Talbot, Welch, Hawkins, McKinney and Miller voting aye.

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Lindsay Henderson, Community Vitality Director, was present to answer questions regarding the Conference. She also informed Council that Corn Belt will reimburse the City for 50% of the total cost of the Conference.

6. It was moved by Welch and seconded by Talbot that Resolution No. 2018-041 authorizing entering into a Business Online Banking Agreement and an ACH Origination Agreement with First State Bank, Webster City, Iowa in connection with the City of Webster City, Iowa Checking Accounts be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: Welch, Hawkins, McKinney, Miller and Talbot voting aye.

Dodie Wolfram, Finance Director, was present to summarize the Agreements and informed Council that City Attorney Chizek had also reviewed the Agreements.

7. It was moved by McKinney and seconded by Welch to set Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School Commons for the next Town Hall Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Hawkins, McKinney, Miller, Talbot and Welch voting aye.

Topics to be presented: Darcy Swon of inTandem Marketing will give an update on the status of rebranding for the City and representatives of University of Iowa for Sustainable Communities will also be present to summarize their role with the City of Webster City.

8. It was moved by Miller and seconded by Welch that June 8, 2018 from noon to 4:00 p.m. and June 9, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. be set for the annual Clean Up/Drop Off Event at the Webster City Middle School Parking Lot.

ROLL CALL: McKinney, Miller, Talbot, Welch and Hawkins voting aye.

The same format will be followed as in the previous year.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS,  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

It was moved by Welch and seconded by Miller that the following items (1-4) be approved collectively:

1. That the February 2018 Financial Reports including the Finance-Treasurer Report, Bank Reconciliation Report, Investment Summary, FSB ICS-Savings, Public Fund Account, FSB Statement, Utility Cash Statement and Receipts be accepted and placed on file.

2. That the February 2018 City Manager Reports which include Electric, Wastewater, Water, Electric Year-to-Date, Water Year-to-Date and Code Enforcement be accepted and placed on file.

3. That the February 2018 Police Department Report be accepted and placed on file.

4. That the February 2018 Fire Department Report be accepted and placed on file.

ROLL CALL: Miller, Talbot, Welch, Hawkins and McKinney voting aye.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REORTS**

None brought forth.

**OTHER REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

None brought forth.

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It was moved by Miller and seconded by McKinney that Council meet in Closed Session to discuss the purchase/sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property, as provided by Chapter 21.5 j. of the Code of Iowa.

ROLL CALL: Talbot, Welch, Hawkins, McKinney and Miller voting aye.

The Council went out of Regular Session at 7:09 p.m.

The Council took a five minute recess.

The Council went into Closed Session at 7:14 p.m.

The Council returned to Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Talbot that Council adjourn.

ROLL CALL: Welch, Hawkins, McKinney, Miller and Talbot voting aye.

The March 19, 2018 regular City Council Meeting stood adjourned at 7:50 p.m.