

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – TOWN HALL MEETING
Webster City, Iowa April 30, 2018

The City Council met for a Town Hall Meeting at the Middle School Commons, Webster City, Iowa at 7:00 p.m. on April 30, 2018, upon call of the Mayor and the advance agenda.

1. 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.
2. It was moved by Talbot and seconded by McKinney to approve the agenda.
ROLL CALL: Hawkins, McKinney, Miller, Talbot and Welch voting aye.
3. Mayor John Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also in attendance were City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez and City Clerk Karyl Bonjour. A total of five individuals were there to present on topics on the agenda, as well as approximately 32 other community members in attendance including Anne Blankenship from the Daily Freeman Journal.

4. Lindsay Henderson, Community Vitality Director for the City of Webster City provided an Update on Rebranding/Marketing for the City of Webster City. She presented highlights of the many stakeholders group discussions held recently and presented results of those discussions. She informed that the “identity” piece for Webster City has not been completed yet and stated the City Website will be completed by June 30, 2018.

5. Nick Benson, Program Director of the University of Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC), and Travis Kraus, Assistant Director for the IISC were present to provide information on this program in connection with University of Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities Grant recently awarded to the City of Webster City. They explained that this program is a campus wide community engagement initiative focused on partnering with University of Iowa students and faculty with Iowa communities to complete real-world projects related to sustainability. Also present from the IISC were Leslie Finer, Director of Arts and Humanities and Michelle Sillman, Marketing Director/Communications Specialist.

Community Vitality Director Henderson then explained the benefits of this partnership between the IISC and Webster City and outlined several of the projects being considered at this time. Further information can be obtained by contacting Henderson at City Hall, (515) 832-9151.

6. At this time Mayor Hawkins asked those in attendance for any questions, concerns or comments they may have. An inquiry was made on the recent nomination of Webster City for the Opportunity Zone designation announced by the State. Henderson spoke on the nomination, but informed that many details are still being worked out and she will share more information once it is provided.

7. It was moved by Miller and seconded by Talbot that Council adjourn.
ROLL CALL: McKinney, Miller, Talbot, Welch and Hawkins voting aye.
The April 30, 2018 Town Hall Meeting stood adjourned at 8:15 p.m.