

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING/WORK SESSION MINUTES
Webster City, Iowa August 9, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

The City Council met in a Public Meeting/Work Session on August 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall upon call of the Mayor and the advance agenda. Council Members were present at City Hall with the meeting being called to order by Mayor John Hawkins.

Iowa Code Section 21.8 outlines the guidelines to hold an electronic meeting when there are valid concerns that an in-person meeting is "impossible or impractical".

Due to the COVID-19 concerns and social distancing recommendations, this meeting was Open to the Public with limited capacity and by electronic means utilizing the Zoom Platform. Details were provided in using the Zoom platform either by joining through the web portal or by calling in to view or participate.

1. ROLL CALL. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Hawkins and roll being called there were present John Hawkins, Mayor, and the following Council Members: Matt McKinney, Brian Miller and Logan Welch. Katelin Hartmann was absent. Also present were City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez, City Clerk Karyl Bonjour, and representatives from the Riverview Day Care Staff and Board of Directors and the Webster City Day Care Staff and Board of Directors.
2. It was moved by Miller and seconded by Welch to approve the agenda.
ROLL CALL: Hawkins, McKinney, Miller and Welch voting aye.
3. Mayor John Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Katelin Hartmann joined the Public Meeting/Work Session via Zoom at 6:02 p.m.

4. The purpose of the Work Session was to discuss the current Day Care Agreements and Day Care needs in Webster City. Discussion was held on the possible merger of the two facilities with Pros and Cons weighed in by all in attendance. For this to be successful, need buy in from both entities and Mayor Hawkins informed that the City would be there for support on costs for Capital needs to get building in good condition. It was suggested that an audit be done on the Webster City Day Care building to assess immediate needs and long-term repairs. The possibility of building one new facility versus fixing up either of current buildings was also mentioned. Seeking information from Day Care facilities in surrounding communities or cities our size who have built new or are maintaining their current facility and obtaining the following was discussed: Cost of facility (if new); what funding sources were used; general operating costs and rates charged. The City will proceed with researching possible comparisons and report back to the Day Care Boards. The Riverview Day Care Board plan to meet to discuss further and will also report back to Council on their thoughts.

5. It was moved by Miller and seconded by McKinney that Council adjourn.
ROLL CALL: McKinney, Miller, Welch, Hartmann and Hawkins voting aye.

The August 9, 2021 Public Meeting/Work Session stood adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

John Hawkins, Mayor

Karyl K. Bonjour, City Clerk