

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING/WORK SESSION MINUTES
Webster City, Iowa January 24, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

The City Council met for a special Public Meeting/Work Session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa at 6:00 p.m., on January 24, 2022, 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 in Council Chambers the following Council Members: John Hawkins, Megan McFarland, Matt McKinney, Brian Miller and Logan Welch.

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.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by McFarland to approve the agenda.

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

Mayor John Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL AGENDA

a. It was moved by Welch and seconded by McFarland to Accept the Resignation of Council Member Brian Miller effective February 8, 2022.

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

The City Clerk will move forward with notification of appointment to fill the vacancy. Council will plan to make the appointment at the February 21, 2022 regular scheduled City Council Meeting.

b. It was moved by McFarland and seconded by McKinney that the Agreement between the City of Webster City, Iowa and Hamilton County, Iowa for the purpose of establishing an election precinct composed of such incorporated and unincorporated areas established within a single County be approved.

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

It was moved by Welch and seconded by McFarland that the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-1850 and Article 1, Section 2-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 2019, pertaining to City Council Precincts and adopting the City Redistricting Plan be approved.

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

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Welch that the Second and Third Reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-1850 and Article 1, Section 2-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 2019, pertaining to City Council Precincts and adopting the City Redistricting Plan be waived.

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

It was moved by Miller and seconded by McFarland that Ordinance No. 2022-1853, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-1850 and Article 1, Section 2-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 2019, pertaining to City Council Precincts and adopting the City Redistricting Plan be passed and adopted.

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

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City Clerk Bonjour explained the first plan submitted to the Secretary of State was rejected and the suggested changes have been made. The changes mainly included adding the annexed areas the City recently acquired into the (boundaries) plan. The new plan needs to be approved by Council and re-submitted to the Secretary of State for approval. Second and Third readings needed to be waived to meet the timeliness of re-submittal.

c. **WORK SESSION - Discussion on Day Care in Webster City.**

Council Member Brian Miller, and also a current member of the Webster City Day Care Board, opened the work session by sharing that the Webster City Day Care is currently at a place financially that they aren't going to be able to make payroll. Others who spoke on the Day Care topic were Melissa Juhl, who works out of the Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc., Office in Remsen, Iowa representing Child Care Resource and Referral; Hillary Lang, current director of the Day Care Center; and other Council Members. Ongoing expenses as well as Capital Project Expenses, Grants and possible solutions/assistance were discussed. Juhl felt a better summary of the financial status of the Center would be available for Council to review by the regular City Council Meeting scheduled for February 21, 2022. In the interim, Council took the following action and will revisit and place this item on the agenda for the February 21, 2022 regular City Council Meeting.

It was moved by Welch and seconded by McKinney that the City of Webster City provide a \$10,000 Bridge Grant to Webster City Day Care to cover payroll costs, startup accounting services and other costs incurred short-term to keep the Center operational.

ROLL CALL: McFarland, McKinney, Miller, Welch and Hawkins voting aye.
Financial information will need to be provided for the City's review, prior to the regular City Council Meeting on February 21, 2022 for the item will be placed on the agenda for further discussion/consideration of funding.

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

ROLL CALL: McFarland, McKinney, Miller, Welch and Hawkins voting aye.
The January 24, 2022 Special Public Meeting/Work Session stood adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

John Hawkins, Mayor

Karyl K. Bonjour, City Clerk