

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Webster City, Iowa July 5, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

The City Council met in regular session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa at 6:00 p.m. on July 5, 2022, upon call of the Mayor Pro Tem and the advance agenda. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Logan Welch and roll being called there were present in Council Chambers Mayor Pro Tem Logan Welch and the following Council Members: Abbie Hansen, Megan McFarland and Matt McKinney. Mayor/Council Member John Hawkins was absent.

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 McFarland and seconded by Hansen to approve the agenda.

ROLL CALL: Hansen, McFarland, McKinney and Welch voting aye.

Mayor Pro Tem Logan Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PETITIONS – COMMUNICATIONS – REQUESTS

None brought forth.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Dave Perin addressed Council regarding a transformer at the former Perin Industries located at 1942 Industrial Park Road. He is requesting that the transformer be left at the building and not charge for the transformer. Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez, City Manager, explained that the three-phase transformer was installed and funded by the City under an Economic Development Agreement with Dave Perin's son, Jonathan Perin, when he formed Perin Industries in 2018. Jonathan Perin's company is no longer in operation and in bankruptcy process. The economic development agreement provided for a forgivable loan contingent on Perin Industries employing a minimum number of machine operators at given wage over a ten-year period as projected by Jonathan Perin. Given that Perin Industries is no longer in business, it is in default of the economic development agreement. In the event of default, the City would disconnect and recover the transformer. City Manager reminded Council that Iowa's constitution prohibits gifting of public funds with certain exceptions under an economic development agreement. Council requested item be placed on a future meeting agenda for further discussion with City Attorney.

MINUTES, CLAIMS, REPORTS AND LICENSES

It was moved by McKinney and seconded by Hansen that the following items be accepted and placed on file, or approved and adopted collectively:

- a. That the meeting minutes of June 20, 2022 be approved.
- b. That Resolution No. 2022-101 approving Payroll for the period ending June 18, 2022 and paid on June 24, 2022, in the amount of \$194,586.98 be passed and adopted.
- c. That Resolution No. 2022-102 approving bills paid in the amount of \$678,074.78 be passed and adopted.
- d. That the Fire Department Report for May 2022 be accepted and placed on file.
- e. Council Committee Reports – None brought forth.
- f. Other reports and recommendations – None brought forth.

ROLL CALL: McFarland, McKinney, Welch and Hansen voting aye.

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GENERAL AGENDA

a. It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Hansen that Resolution No. 2022-103 Establishing Fees for Services beginning July 5, 2022 be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: McKinney, Welch, Hansen and McFarland voting aye.

b. Discussion was held on Legislative House File 2130 relating to registered all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles. In the recently signed File, Cities can no longer charge permit fees, which will require the City to amend the current Ordinance. Staff is looking for guidance from Council on whether to continue with registration of such vehicles or cease this process since fees can no longer be collected. The City is no longer charging for the ORV Permits to be in compliance with the new legislation. City Staff will seek more details on the new guidelines set by the State and bring the amended Ordinance with the changes back to Council.

c. It was moved by Hansen and seconded by McFarland that Request from Local Initiative For Transformation (LIFT) WC to close the 700 Block of Second Street (Des Moines to Alley), including the intersection of Second and Des Moines Street to the East, to allow beer/wine within street closure, and assistance from City Departments on the use of barricades, tables, trash cans, on August 6, 2022 (Saturday) from 12 noon to approximately 10:30 p.m. for the LIFT WC 2022 Summer Block Party be approved.

ROLL CALL: Welch, Hansen, McFarland and McKinney voting aye.

City Manager Ortiz-Hernandez informed that the City is staying consistent on the request to have the City of Webster City named as additional insured on any entity or vendor that will be selling beer/wine along with these specific temporary street closures for special events.

It was moved by McKinney and seconded by McFarland that Council Adjourn.

ROLL CALL: Hansen, McFarland, McKinney and Welch voting aye.

The July 5, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting stood adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Logan Welch, Mayor Pro Tem

Karyl K. Bonjour, City Clerk