

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Public Meeting – Joint Work Session
City Council, Hamilton County Board of Supervisors,
Park and Recreation Advisory Commission and Wilson Brewer Historic Park Committee
November 28, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Webster City, Iowa

The City Council met in a special Joint Work Session with members of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission and members of the Wilson Brewer Historic Park Committee at the Council Chambers in City Hall, Webster City, Iowa at 6:00 p.m., on November 28, 2022.

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor John Hawkins and roll being called there were present Mayor John Hawkins and the following named Council Members: Abbie Hansen, Megan McFarland, Matt McKinney and Logan Welch.

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

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

Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Roll Call was taken by Assistant Parks and Recreation/Public Grounds Supervisor Breanne Leshner with the following members present: Allison Appel, Chris Kehoe, Zoami Sosa and Tyrone Wohlford. Member Ann Kness was absent.

Also present were Hamilton County Supervisors Rick Young, Jerry Klobberdanz and Dan Campidilli. Members present from the Wilson Brewer Historic Park Committee were Gary Groves, Kim Anderson and Doug Bailey (arrived at 6:20 p.m.) Wilson Brewer Historic Park Committee Members not in attendance were Ketta Lubberstedt-Arjes and Lindsay McCormick-Welch.

Others present were City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez, Assistant City Manager Biridiana Bishop, City Clerk Karyl Bonjour and Parks and Recreation Director Larry Flaws and several members of the public.

3. The purpose of the joint work session was to discuss the future of Wilson Brewer Historic Park. Concerns of the legalities the City has in the ownership and obligations set forth in the original documents when the park was given to the City were expressed. Steps in moving forward could rely on that information. Council Member Welch mentioned his expectations of the joint session were to talk through what is expected of all parties involved. Those present who spoke at the meeting, not representing any of the entities mentioned above were: Darlene Dingman, Dean Bowden, and Denny Webb. Among several topics discussed were current and ongoing funding and the offering of an endowment being contingent on the establishment of an elected board to oversee the park and the endowment. Council Members, Supervisors, Committee and Commission members all agreed that there has been a lot of miscommunication and misinterpretation between all of the entities and the discussion helped clear up some of those issues. Consensus of Council was to move forward in meeting with County to determine if an elected Board is a possibility, the structure and representation of the Board, and what powers and oversight the Board would have. Setting budget guidelines for the new Board would also need to be considered, with oversight by City and County on approval of certain expenditures. A meeting of County and City representatives will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks to discuss and possibly move forward where all parties involved feel comfortable.

It was moved by McFarland and seconded by McKinney to adjourn the Joint Work Session.

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

The November 28, 2022 Joint Work Session of the City Council, Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, Park and Recreation Advisory Commission and Wilson Brewer Historic Park Committee stood adjourned at 7:26 p.m.