

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Public Meeting/Work Session on Wastewater Treatment Facility**  
**July 14, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. Webster City, Iowa**

The City Council met in a Special Public Meeting/Work Session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa at 5:30 p.m. on July 14, 2023.

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 McFarland and seconded by Hansen to approve the agenda.

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

3. Mayor John Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez, Assistant City Manager Biridiana Bishop, City Clerk Karyl Bonjour, Water/Wastewater Supervisor Nick Knowles, and Greg Sindt, P.E. and Andrew Sindt, P.E. of Bolton & Menk, Inc.

4. The purpose of the work session was to review the Value Engineering Assessments on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan. Reviews were completed by Iowa State University Civil Engineering student Brandon Cheney and also Snyder and Associates.

Greg Sindt, P.E. of Bolton & Menk, Inc. provided a summary of the steps taken to date on the new Wastewater Treatment Facility for Webster City. He also reviewed the suggested revisions that were given in the assessments as well as Cost Reduction Concepts including the following:

- Reduce Design Loads
- Revise Equalization Lagoon Location to Existing Plant Site
- Delete Fine Screen and Grit Removal
- Revise Biosolids Process to Liquid Sludge Storage
- Revise Process Design from UCT Continuous Process to Sequencing Batch Reactor

After much discussion of the pros and cons of each of the Cost Reduction Concepts, consensus of Council was to proceed with initial Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan with no revisions. Council also discussed with staff possible ways to share information on the history of the project to date, the explanation of the choices being made in the planning and designing of the new facility and the “why now” and cost of the facility. Putting together an article for the City Scene, newspaper, or an informational sheet with some talking points on the project were a few ideas shared.

It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Hansen to adjourn the Special Public Meeting/Work Session.

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

The July 14, 2023 Goal Setting Work Session stood adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

John Hawkins, Mayor

Karyl K. Bonjour, City Clerk