

WEBSTER CITY CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING/JOINT WORK SESSION MINUTES
Webster City, Iowa November 14, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

The City Council met for a special Public Meeting/Work Session in Council Chambers at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa at 6:00 p.m., on November 14, 2023, upon call of the Mayor and the advance agenda.

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

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

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

3. Mayor John Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. It was moved by Welch and seconded by McKinney that Resolution No. 2023-207 amending Resolution No. 2023-177 passed and adopted October 16, 2023 for the Disposal of City-Owned Right-Of-Way on Third Street lying West of Fair Avenue be passed and adopted.

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

5. It was moved by Hansen and seconded by McFarland that Resolution No. 2023-208 authorizing the Mayor to execute the Releases of Easements previously Recorded as Document Numbers 741354, 2019-1432, 2019-1435, and, 2020-256 be passed and adopted.

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

6. It was moved by Welch and seconded by McFarland that Resolution No. 2023-209 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute Public Utility Easement in connection with the Development Located at 505 Fair Avenue, Webster City, Iowa be passed and adopted.

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

7. An Update was provided on the Green Waste Disposal Site. Consensus of Council was to leave the Tree Site open to Webster City Residents only during regular business hours at the Street Department (Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.) through December 4, 2023, when Council will re-evaluate at that time. No contractors or tree surgeons are allowed to dump at the site at this time. Biridiana Bishop, Assistant City Manager, also provided Council with an update on the Permitting Process and recommended purchase of a smaller incinerator due to certain permitting guidelines. Consensus of Council was to proceed with purchase of smaller unit.

8. The Work Session on Electric and Water Rate Analysis was held. Blair Metzger of DGR Engineering was present to provide information on the Electric Rate Study Conclusions. He covered goals of a rate study, overall financial status, main focus of the rate study and impacts of proposed changes. Jon Burmeister and Susan Gerlach of PFM Financial Advisors, LLC were present to go over various rate scenarios in the building of a new Water Treatment Plant or making improvements to the existing Water Treatment Plant and the funding sources to be used. With the increasing operating costs and rising Chemical expenses, revenues currently generated are not meeting those needs. PFM will bring back figures on an additional scenario requested by Council and the introduction of the amended Ordinance will be placed on a future agenda reflecting a 30% increase to begin in January 2024 to increase revenues to cover current operating and maintenance expenses.

9. It was moved by Hansen and seconded by McKinney that Council adjourn.
ROLL CALL: Welch, Hansen, Hawkins, McFarland and McKinney voting aye.
The November 14, 2023 City Council Public Meeting/Work Session stood adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

John Hawkins, Mayor

Karyl K. Bonjour, City Clerk