

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Webster City, Iowa April 1, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

The City Council met in regular session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa at 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2024 following the special Public Hearing meeting on the Property Tax Levy, 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: Abbie Hansen, Megan McFarland, Matt McKinney and Logan Welch.

This meeting was open to the public and could be viewed live on the City facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cityofwebstercity/> or can be viewed on the City of Webster City website <https://webstercity.com/government/city-council/city-council-meetings/> the following morning.

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

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

Mayor John Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PETITIONS- COMMUNICATIONS- REQUESTS

None brought forth.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

None brought forth.

2. MINUTES AND CLAIMS

It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Hansen that the following motion and Resolutions (a-d) be approved and adopted collectively:

- a. That the meeting minutes of March 18, 2024 be approved.
- b. That Resolution No. 2024-051 approving Payroll for the period ending March 23, 2024 and paid on March 29, 2024 in the amount of \$191,175.80 be passed and adopted.
- c. That Resolution No. 2024-052 approving bills paid in the amount of \$934,174.10 be passed and adopted and the Fund List be approved.
- d. That the issuance of Beer and Liquor Licenses by the Iowa Department of Commerce be recommended for the following:
 - Special Class C Retail Alcohol License (8 month), TTMM Promotions, LLC (Hamilton County Speedway) 1200 Bluff Street (Speedway only)
- e. Council Committee Reports – None brought forth
- f. Other reports and recommendations – None brought forth.

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

3. GENERAL AGENDA

a. It was moved by Welch and seconded by Hansen that Resolution No. 2024-053 setting April 15, 2024 at 6:05 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 400 Second Street, Webster City, Iowa as the time and place for a Public Hearing on a proposal to enter into an Electric Revenue Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$8,835,000 be passed and adopted.

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

b. It was moved by McFarland and seconded by McKinney that Resolution No. 2024-054 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute Engagement Letter with Dorsey and Whitney LLP Attorneys, to provide Legal Services Associated with the Electric Utility be passed and adopted.

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

c. It was moved by Hansen and seconded by McFarland that Resolution No. 2024-055 setting April 15, 2024 at 6:05 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 400 Second Street, Webster City, Iowa as the time and place for a Public Hearing on a proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,395,000 be passed and adopted.

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

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d. It was moved by Welch and seconded by McFarland that Resolution No. 2024-056 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute Engagement Letter with Dorsey and Whitney LLP Attorneys, to provide Legal Services Associated with the Water Utility be passed and adopted.

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

e. It was moved by McKinney and seconded by Hansen that April 15, 2024 at 6:05 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 400 Second Street, Webster City, Iowa be set as the time and place for a Public Hearing to certify the FY 2024-2025 Budget.

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

f. It was moved by Welch and seconded by Hansen that Resolution No. 2024-057 authorizing the City Manager to allow the temporary Encroachment on a Public Right Of Way to Construct Parklets be passed and adopted.

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

g. Discussion was held on the annual CleanUp/DropOff Event. Consensus of Council was to hold the event on Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8, 2024 for Webster City residents only, using the same format as last year. The City Clerk will finalize details for the event and release to media once completed.

h. It was moved by McKinney and seconded by Hansen that Resolution No. 2024-058 accepting completion of the Wilson Brewer Park Grounds Improvement Project – Section 1 and authorizing Final Payment to Habhab Construction be passed and adopted.

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

4. OTHER ITEMS SENT TO COUNCIL

Interim City Manager Harrenstein provided an update on the status of the building that caught on fire (formerly Watts Building) on Second Street. WC LIFT will be acquiring the building and is asking for the City to pursue a Catalyst Grant which would require a match from the City. Consensus of Council was to move forward with pursuing the Catalyst grant.

a. The City Attorney report/update of 3-26-24 was previously given to Council for review.

5. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by McKinney and seconded by Hansen that the Council meet in closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session as provided by Chapter 21.5 i of the Code of Iowa.

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

Council went out of Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

Council took a short recess

Council went into Closed Session at 6:49 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 7:16 p.m.

It was moved by Welch and seconded by Hansen that council adjourn.

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

The April 1, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting stood adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

John Hawkins, Mayor

Karyl K. Bonjour, City Clerk