

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Webster City, Iowa January 26, 2009

The City Council met in a regular utility session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa, at 6:45 p.m. January 26, 2009 upon call of the Mayor and the advance agenda. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene C. Gray and roll being called there were present Eugene C. Gray, Mayor in the chair and the following named Council Members: Janet Adams, Melissa Borer, Mark Gillette and Jerry Kloberdanz.

It was moved by Gray and seconded by Adams to approve the Agenda, by **adding** an item to approve executing and submitting an application to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for the flood buyout program.

ROLL CALL: Borer, Gillette, Gray, Kloberdanz and Adams voting aye.

Mayor Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Adams and seconded by Kloberdanz that the Council meet in closed session to discuss information relevant to the provision of electric service by the City Utility as per Iowa Code Chapters 21.5 a, 22.7 3 & 6, and 388.9 pertaining to confidential and competitive information in records.

ROLL CALL: Gillette, Gray, Kloberdanz, Adams and Borer voting aye.

The Council went into closed session at 6:46 p.m.

The Council returned from closed session at 7:01 p.m.

1. PUBLIC HEARING-SSMID

January 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Webster City, Iowa being the time and place set for a Public Hearing at which the City Council of the City of Webster City proposes to take action on the continuation of the Downtown Webster City Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District, the same was held. No written objections were filed and no oral objections were presented.

It was moved by Adams and seconded by Borer that Resolution No. 2009-016 declaring intent to take additional action for the continuation of the Downtown Webster City Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: Kloberdanz, Adams, Borer, Gillette and Gray voting aye.

It was moved by Borer and seconded by Kloberdanz that the First Reading of a proposed Ordinance continuing the Downtown Webster City Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 386, Code of Iowa, and providing for the continuation of a fund and the levy of annual taxes in connection therewith be approved.

ROLL CALL: Adams, Borer, Gillette, Gray and Kloberdanz voting aye.

UTILITY AGENDA

2. Paul Donna, Northland Securities, City Financial Advisor, gave the Council an update on proposed refunding/refinancing of the City's General Obligation Bonds, Series 1998, 1999 and 2002 with a suggested savings amount to the City.

It was moved by Borer and seconded by Kloberdanz that Resolution No. 2009-017 setting February 16, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. City Hall, Webster City, Iowa for a Public Hearing on a General Obligation Refunding Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$41,750,000 be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: Borer, Gillette, Gray, Kloberdanz and Adams voting aye.

PETITIONS – COMMUNICATIONS – REQUESTS

None brought forth.

Item added.

It was moved by Adams and seconded by Gillette to approve execution by the Council of the Webster City Acquisition Program Application, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program –flood buyout program, which includes four properties(dwelling) and one vacant lot in Webster City, and submittal of the application to Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Johnston, Iowa.

ROLL CALL: Gillette, Gray, Kloberdanz, Adams and Borer voting aye.

3. City Manager Ed Sadler discussed Water and Wastewater issues with the Council.

Items discussed were:

- a. How to best proceed with financial issues on the water and waste water.
- b. Asset Management Plan.
- c. Idea of how long some of the improvements could be pushed back.
- d. How to pay for improvements and borrow less.
- e. Can certain figures be reduced based on inflationary estimates.
- f. On average the increase would be \$10-\$17 per month for customers
- g. Council decided to go with the Cash option, with the ability to graduate certain rates.
- h. Stimulus bill possibilities for water and wastewater.
- i. Move forward on sump pump issues – decide on time line to redirect sump pumps, one or two years. May have to contact by going house to house.
- j. Find out what other cities have done on the sump pump water going into the sewer system.
- k. City Manager will make requests to the Iowa League of Cities on water and wastewater issues.

4. The Year to Date Utilities Cash Statement Report (December) on the three utilities was discussed and placed on file.

5. It was moved by Adams and seconded by Kloberdanz that the Public Works Director Report, Electric and Water Report and Utility Reports be accepted and placed on file.

ROLL CALL: Gray, Kloberdanz, Adams, Borer and Gillette voting aye.

It was moved by Kloberdanz and seconded by Borer that the Council adjourn.

ROLL CALL: Kloberdanz, Adams, Borer, Gillette and Gray voting aye.

The Council stood adjourned at 8:20 p.m.