

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Webster City, Iowa February 4, 2010**

The City Council met in special session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m. February 4, 2010 upon call of the Mayor and the advance agenda. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Janet Adams and roll being called there were present Janet Adams, Mayor in the chair and the following named Council Members: Linda Conaway, Doug Getter, Jerry Kloberdanz and Geary Meyer.

**WORK SESSION OPERATING BUDGET**

City Manager Ed Sadler opened the Operating Budget discussion with a brief overview and outlined the adjustments to budget expenses.

**Following are points mentioned by Ed Sadler:**

Webster City Area Development Business and Industry allocation reduced to \$20,000, no incentive money.

Delay water/wastewater projects.

Reduce yearly General Fund allocation to equipment reserve

Delete all non-essential equipment and capital projects

Cut all non-required travel

No overtime

Adjust salary allocations

No raises, option of vacation and bonuses in place.

3.5% across the board cuts

City Manager Sadler advised that Council may need to have a bond issue for Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Equipment Plan items.

City Manager Sadler also reminded Council that they will need to decide if/how to extend the LOSST revenue.

City Manager Sadler suggested creating an incentive program for savings in departments. Councilwoman Conaway emphasized her liking for an incentive program for employees.

Councilman Getter also suggested being able to save by asking for volunteers in the community.

Councilman Meyer emphasized there is desire to volunteer in the community.

Councilman Getter suggested brainstorming a volunteer list – groups etc.

**Council began discussion with the General Fund.**

Councilman Kloberdanz wanted to make sure Fire Department still meet training requirements. City Manager Sadler replied that they will.

Councilwoman Conaway questioned what turning off every other street light downtown would save. City Manager Sadler replied it is a safety issue and would probably not be well received by members of the public.

Mayor Adams replied people often notice when a light is out and call immediately.

Councilman Kloberdanz did not want Fuller Hall cuts to put more children at risk of getting in trouble. City Manager Sadler stated that making 9PM the closing time for Fuller Hall instead of 10PM wouldn't cause any hardship as far as safety is concerned.

Council acknowledged that next year could be a very challenging year and tough budget decisions will need to be made. City Manager Ed Sadler stated that tax revenues will most likely be in worse shape next year.

Mayor Adams stated that assessment adjustments will become more apparent over the next four months.

Councilman Kloberdanz stated he doesn't want to get to the point where we have to cur staff. Councilwoman Conaway agreed.

City Attorney Gary Groves updated the Council on the franchise agreement/ordinance with Black Hills Energy and on a suggested franchise fee.

There is an 8 year window in the 20 year contract, with 3 years left to the first window.

City Manager Sadler stated he has spoken with Black Hills already and they are okay with a fee if needed.

The Council agreed to set the public hearings on February 15, 2010 on the Capital Improvement Program and the operating budget to be held March 1, 2010.

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

ROLL CALL: Adams, Conaway, Getter, Kloberdanz and Meyer voting aye.

The Council stood adjourned at 8:06 p.m.