

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Webster City, Iowa February 18, 2008

The City Council met in regular session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m. February 18, 2008 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.

APPR AGENDA

It was moved by Gillette and seconded by Adams to approve the Agenda.

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

Mayor Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Petitions-Communications-Requests

Ron Birkestrand spoke on several concerns regarding the city, which included the re-audit and the electric utility negotiations with Corn Belt Power Cooperative.

Public Information

City Manager Ed Sadler advised the next Hotel/Motel Tax Board meeting will be February 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Gray advised the Webster City Area Development-Chamber Fireside Chat will be February 23, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall.

It was moved by Kloberdanz and seconded by Adams that the following motion and resolutions are approved and adopted:

MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS

1. That the Minutes of February 4, 2008 be approved.
2. That Resolution No. 2008-18 approving Payroll for the period ending February 2, 2008 and paid on February 8, 2008 in the amount of \$122,429.59 be passed and adopted.
3. That Resolution No. 2008-19 approving payment of Bills in the amount of \$901,979.02 be passed and adopted.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE-EXECUTIVE INN

It was moved by Gillette and seconded by Kloberdanz that the issuance by the Iowa Department of Commerce of a Special Class C Liquor License (BW) (Beer Wine) for the Executive Inn, 1700 Superior Street be recommended for approval.

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

APPT CITY ATTY & RES ESTAB TERMS

It was moved by Gray and seconded by Adams that the appointment by the City Council of Gary J. Groves as City Attorney for the years 2008 and 2009 be approved, and that Resolution No. 2008-20 establishing terms of employment be passed and adopted.

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

APPR RFP-ASSET MGE PLANS-Wtr,Wstewtr Plants

It was moved by Adams and seconded by Gillette that the Request for Proposal for Asset Management Plans for the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant be approved and that RFPs be authorized.

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

CONSENSUS-TIF-LOT 2, SE DEV PARK #4

Webster City Area Development Business and Industry Director Gary Sandholm presented an offer from a business to purchase one acre of land on the southwest corner of Lot 2, Southeast Development Park #4 and their request for Tax Increment Financing.

The **CONSENSUS** of the Council was to approve staff proceeding with the necessary paperwork to begin proceedings for establishing Tax Increment Financing on this land.

APPR EXT-JAYCOX-LOT 3,WALL CREEK 1st ADD

It was moved by Adams and seconded by Kloberdanz that the request from Debbie and Lynn Jaycox for an extension on their contract with the City for building on Lot 3, Wall Creek First Addition be approved and extended for 18 months.

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

PH-ADOPT 08-09 CITY BUDGET

February 18, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. at City Hall, Webster City, Iowa being the time and place for a Public Hearing on the proposed 2008-2009 City Budget, the same was held. No written objections were filed and no oral objections were presented.

It was moved by Kloberdanz and seconded by Adams that the 2008-2009 City Budget be adopted as presented during the budget hearing.

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

LANDFILL ASSESSMENTS DISCUSSION

City Manager Ed Sadler discussed with the Council four options concerning future landfill assessments the City will need to pay as part of our use of the Fort Dodge landfill. A proposed ordinance will be prepared for a future meeting.

It was moved by Kloberdanz and seconded by Adams that the following motions are approved.

REPORTS

1. That the January 2008 Financial Report and Receipts be accepted and placed on file.
2. That the January 2008 City Treasurer Report be accepted and placed on file.
3. That the January 2008 City Manager Report be accepted and placed on file.
4. That the Planning and Zoning Commission report of February 11, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

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

Council Committee Reports

Council members Borer and Gillette reported on the County/Cities meeting they attended on February 5, 2008.

Mayor Gray advised the Webster City Historical Committee will meet February 20, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Adams commented on the Audit for the year ending June 30, 2007 and that new requirements will take additional staff time to complete.

Other Reports:

City Attorney Gary Groves reported on the following items:

1. Cable Television Franchise:
 - a. Franchise expires October 2008; new State law in effect giving State control of franchising.
 - b. Recommended making an appointment for the vacancy (from the public) on the Cable Television Commission.
2. Recommended First Reading of a proposed updated/amended Ordinance (City Code Chapter 185) on removal of snow, ice and accumulations from the sidewalks.
3. Recommended Attorney Justin Deppe to serve in the absence of the City Attorney.

UTILITY SESSION (2nd -2008)

The Council proceeded with a Utility Session.

YTD JAN UTILITIES REPORT

It was moved by Adams and seconded by Kloberdanz that the Year to date (January) Utilities Cash Statement Report on the three utilities be accepted and placed on file.

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

CLOSED SESSION-ELECTRIC

It was moved by Kloberdanz and seconded by Gillette 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 8:05 p.m.

The Council returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

Any Other Matter

Mayor Gray brought up the matter of the Snow/Ice Removal Ordinance.

Council discussed current and proposed changes to the proposed updated/amended Ordinance (City Code Chapter 185) on removal of snow, ice and accumulations from the sidewalks.

It was moved by Gillette and seconded by Adams that the Council adjourn.

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

The Council stood adjourned at 9:22 p.m.