

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Webster City, Iowa June 10, 2009**

The City Council met in special session at the Fire Station, Webster City, Iowa, at 2:00 p.m. June 10, 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 Adams and seconded by Gillette to approve the Agenda.

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

It was moved by Borer and seconded by Gillette to suspend the rules to televise the meeting.

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

Council held a work session on the water rate proposals.

Ed Sadler explained the new combination rate model of Bolten and Menk and Business and Industry.

Council asked questions and discussed alternatives.

Mayor Gray asked Council if they felt the present system was fair. He suggested raising rates for everyone based on the current system by an across the board percentage of 50%.

Gillette said the current system was fair but illogical.

Borer said she believed that a 50% increase in bills would hurt all customers.

Kloberdanz said he believed that everybody should pay the same rate and that infrastructure should be paid for out of the base rate.

Sadler and the Council then adjusted numbers on the spreadsheet holding off a rate increase until the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and after making the increases larger.

Adams then asked what weaknesses were in the current combination proposal.

Gillette then asked if a higher meter charge could work for everything. Sadler replied that was an option.

Borer expressed concern that the 50% increase in the combination model is not liked by the public.

Mayor Gray asked Sadler if the City had a good idea of the cost of repairs. Sadler replied that as of right now the City does.

Mayor Gray stated the combination model seemed to be fair across all categories.

Kloberdanz said he felt the combination model was a fair system.

It was moved by Adams and seconded by Gillette to adopt a combination of the Bolton and Menk and Business and Industrial water rate proposals.

Council talked more on the issue. Borer expressed concern over the percentage increase and that the public did not approve.

Councilwoman Adams called for the question.

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

Council by consensus agreed to accept a new Ordinance delivered to them by Friday.

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

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

The Council stood adjourned at 3:05p.m.