

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Webster City, Iowa June 22, 2009**

The City Council met in a regular council-utility session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m. June 22, 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 Gillette and seconded by Kloberdanz to approve the Agenda.

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

**PETITIONS – COMMUNICATIONS – REQUESTS**

None brought forth

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Mayor Gray noted receipt of the City Clerk's 6-17-09 memo regarding the June 15, 2009 meeting procedure on the interview.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

**1.** It was moved by Adams and seconded by Kloberdanz that the issuance of a Class C Liquor License (LC) Commercial, Outdoor Services – Kelly's Place, 545 Second Street by the Iowa Department of Commerce be recommended for approval.

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

**2.** Webster City Area Development Business and Industry Director Gary Sandholm, gave an in depth presentation on the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Goals.

**UTILITY AGENDA**

**1.** It was moved by Kloberdanz and seconded by Gillette that the Year to Date Utilities Cash Statement Report (May) on the three utilities be accepted and placed on file.

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

**2.** It was moved by Borer and seconded by Gillette that the Public Works Director Report, Electric and Water Report and Utility Reports (May) be accepted and placed on file.

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

**3.** Council held a work session on the sewer rate proposals.

City Manager Ed Sadler began by outlining the sewer rate proposals currently under consideration which were prepared by Bolton and Menk.

Business and Industry Director Gary Sandholm handed out and presented their proposal "Waste Water Scenario for Council consideration.

Dean Bowden of Webster City Custom Meats talked about the proposed base sewer rate.

Council held an in depth discussion on all factors from equipment needed for the Waste Water Plant, the Asset Management Plan, whether to continue on financing improvements with another bond issue or change to paying cash, making the base rates higher, not increasing the unit amounts etc, in an attempt to determine what would accomplish the goal of raising the needed money for plant improvements, and what would be in the best interest of both the city and the customers.

**CONSENSUS** of the Council (Adams, Gillette, Gray, Kloberdanz; Borer in favor of the Tier, not the rate increase) was for the City Manager to make another sewer rate proposal by Tiers, like was done for the water rates, in the proposed ordinance. This would include: Residential & Small Commercial, Medium Commercial, Large Commercial and Large Industry (3).

**4. OTHER REPORTS**

Councilman Kloberdanz advised he and City Manager Sadler met with the Fair Board on June 16, 2009 concerning the issue on races running late. Advised it was a good meeting and that the Board will continue with their efforts to assure the races are done on time.

Mayor Gray handed out articles from previous Iowa League of Cities Magazines on other cities' 'Wayfinding signs programs and GIS (Geographic Information System) programs.

City Manager mentioned the e-mail and article from the *Des Moines Register* on the "Climate Bill" that is being considered by the United States Congress and what it would do to power plants and increasing costs for utility customers.

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

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

The Council stood adjourned at 8:46 p.m.