

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Webster City, Iowa October 5, 2009

The City Council met in regular session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m. October 5, 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 and Mark Gillette. Jerry Kloberdanz was absent.

It was moved by Gillette and seconded by Borer to approve the agenda.

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

Mayor Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PETITIONS – COMMUNICATIONS – REQUESTS

None brought forth

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Resident John Van Diest addressed rumors and spoke in support of the City and the City Manager.

City Manager Ed Sadler spoke on recent comments on his character.

Carrie Fitzgerald spoke on the Chamber's "Shop Local Campaign" and the new tourism web site "www.visitwebstercityiowa.com".

Police Chief Mike McConnell advised he is resigning and taking a position in Texas; and Sergeant Pat Segar is retiring. The retirement party will be October 15, 2009.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS

It was moved by Gillette and seconded by Borer that the following motion and resolution be approved and adopted:

1. That the Minutes of September 21, 2009 be approved.
2. That Resolution No. 2009-098 approving payroll for the period ending September 26, 2009 and paid on October 2, 2009 in the amount of \$132,460.80 be passed and adopted.
3. That Resolution No. 2009-099 approving bills paid in the amount of \$957,819.58 be passed and adopted.

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

GENERAL AGENDA

1. It was moved by Borer and seconded by Adams that the renewal of Beer and Liquor Licenses by the Iowa Department of Commerce be recommended for approval for the following:

- a. Class B Native Wine Permit WBN000253 –
Iowa Wines and Gifts, 707 Second St.
- b. Class E Liquor Permit LE0001355 –
Lena’s Liquors, 1544 Superior St.

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

2. It was moved by Adams and seconded by Gillette that Resolution No. 2009-100 approving the Official Financial Report for City Streets be passed and adopted.

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

3. It was moved by Adams and seconded by Gillette 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: Borer, Gillette, Gray and Adams voting aye.

4.

Resident Erik Hoveland, 1212 Betsy Lane spoke regarding his concern on the wayfinding sign proposed to be located in the right-of-way at the rear of his property on Ohio Street.

Tim Holt, President of the Fair Board spoke on his concern of the wayfinding sign on the Fair and advised the Fair Board, in addition to the new sign, would like to keep both the present two brown signs showing the location of the fairgrounds, as they have many people coming in from out of town.

Mr. Hoveland and Mr. Holt will stop at the City Manager office to discuss the issue of the signs in detail.

Chamber Director Carrie Fitzgerald spoke on positive comments their office had received on the new wayfinding signs for location of the schools.

Councilwoman Borer requested public feedback on concerns of the new signs.

It was moved by Gillette and seconded by Adams that Resolution No. 2009-101 authorizing procedure for removal of signs in the right-of-way due to installation of new wayfinding signs in the City of Webster City, Iowa be passed and adopted.

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

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REPORTS

City Manager Ed Sadler spoke on the Iowa League of Cities meeting he attended in Davenport on September 23 – 25, 2009.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Melissa Borer suggested that a policy be adopted by consensus that Council be notified when a department head leaves.

Councilwoman Adams suggested policy should state that notification of the council be with the consent of the person leaving. No action was taken at this time.

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

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

The Council stood adjourned at 7:45 p.m.