

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Webster City, Iowa November 17, 2009

The City Council met in a special work session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa, at 11:00 a.m. November 17, 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 and Jerry Kloberdanz.

Also present at the session were approximately 25 people consisting of representatives from the city, county, school, state and other interested citizens.

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

ROLL CALL: Adams, Gray and Kloberdanz voting aye.

3. The Council proceeded with a work session on Electrolux/Economic Development. City Manager Ed Sadler opened the work session with comments,

Presentations were made by the following on what their organizations can do and assistance available:

Business and Industry Director Gary Sandholm

Beth Balzer of Iowa Department of Economic Development

Jim Kersten of Iowa Central Community College

Sadler proposed hiring a marketing company. Balzer suggested that it was a very good idea. Sandholm stressed that Webster City must go above and beyond with an economic recovery.

Kloberdanz wanted to make sure spending excess cash reserves wouldn't hurt the City's bond rating. Sadler replied that it would not.

The Council took a recess at 12:02 p.m.

The Council reconvened the work session at 12:26 p.m.

Adams suggested trying to determine how much local money would be available to keep the tech center here.

It was noted the "core" group will be meeting with Electrolux representatives on November 23, 2009.

Discussion centered on the following:

What is Electrolux timeline

What could be done to keep the Tech Center here.

Explore possibilities with a consultant to assist

Questions that could be asked at the meeting with Electrolux representatives.

The Council agreed on the following course of action:

1. Pursue a consultant
2. Move ahead with questions
3. Move ahead with money available.

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

ROLL CALL: Gray, Kloberdanz and Adams voting aye.

The Council stood adjourned at 1:10 p.m.