

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Webster City, Iowa December 3, 2007

The City Council met in regular session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m. December 3, 2007 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, Jack Foster, Mark Gillette, and Jerry Kloberdanz.

APPR AGENDA

It was moved by Kloberdanz and seconded by Foster to approve the Agenda.
ROLL CALL: Adams, Foster, Gillette, Gray and Kloberdanz voting aye.

Mayor Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PETITIONS – COMMUNICATIONS - REQUESTS

Cindy Bettis addressed the Council on several problems concerning her property at 545 Second Street.

Mayor Gray advised City staff would investigate and determine who is responsible.

Phil Voge, a representative of the Pride in Webster City Committee, outlined a proposal for refurbishing the Boulevard of Valor on Des Moines Street.

Public Information

City Manager Ed Sadler announced the City of Webster City is hosting a “Santa on the City Hall Plaza” event on Saturday, December 15, 2007 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Gray announced that Mediacom is raising their rates January 1, 2008.

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

MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS

1. That the Minutes of November 19, and November 27, 2007 be approved.
2. That Resolution No. 2007-141 approving Payroll for the period ending November 24, 2007 and paid on November 30, 2007 in the amount of \$125,287.24 be passed and adopted.
3. That Resolution No. 2007-142 approving payment of Bills in the amount of \$258,140.22 be passed and adopted.

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

NEWS RELEASE-ABBOTT LAW SUIT

Councilman Jack Foster read the Press Release from Attorney Stephen G. Kersten concerning the settlement of the Abbott vs. City of Webster City law suit.

It was moved by Foster and seconded by Kloberdanz that space be purchased in the Freeman Journal to publish the Press Release in its entirety.

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

WCAD REPORT

Webster City Area Development Business and Industry Director Gary Sandholm presented his bi-monthly report and introduced new Chamber Director Carrie Fitzgerald.

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UPDATE-NUISANCE-1116 ELM

City Attorney Gary Groves gave an update on the property located at 1116 Elm Street, which was established as a nuisance by Council on 10-15-07. Jay Wynkoop has purchased this property and takes possession January 15, 2008.

LIQUOR LICENSE-THE LINKS

It was moved by Kloberdanz and seconded by Gillette that the issuance by the Iowa Department of Commerce of a Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Services, Sunday Sales – The Links at Webster City, North Des Moines Street be recommended for approval.

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

2nd READ ORD HOTEL/MOTEL TAX

It was moved by Foster and seconded by Kloberdanz that the Second Reading of a proposed Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 1996 by Adding Chapter 171 (Hotel/Motel Tax) be approved.

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

1st READ ORD ELECTRIC RATES

It was moved by Foster and seconded by Adams that the First Reading of a proposed Ordinance amending the City Code of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 1996, by replacing Chapter 111 of Title 3 Establishing New Rates to be charged for Electrical Energy Sold by the City of Webster City be approved.

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

RESOL-ESTAB DEPOSITORIES

It was moved by Gray and seconded by Gillette that Resolution No. 2007-143 establishing Depositories for the City of Webster City and Financial Institutions and their maximum amount, which may be kept on deposit in each depository be passed and adopted.

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

RESOL-APPR IA LIVING R-WAY COMM VISION GRANT

It was moved by Adams and seconded by Kloberdanz that Resolution No. 2007-144 approving Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning Program Agreement, sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation partnering with Iowa State University Extension Landscape Architecture and Trees Forever be passed and adopted.

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

RESOL-ADOPT GROUP HEALTH INS PLAN

It was moved by Gray and seconded by Foster that Resolution No. 2007-145 adopting Group Health Insurance Plan and Group Section 125 Flexible Benefit Program for City Employees beginning January 1, 2008 and administered by Principal Insurance Company through Holmes Murphy and Associates, Des Moines, Iowa be passed and adopted.

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

RESOL-ADOPT CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

It was moved by Adams and seconded by Gillette that Resolution No. 2007-146 adopting Conflict of Interest Policy for the City of Webster City be passed and adopted.

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

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OTHER REPORTS

City Attorney Gary Groves advised the termination date of the Wholesale Firm Power Contract with Corn Belt Power Cooperative is December 31, 2011.

It was moved by Foster and seconded by Gillette that the Council adjourn.
ROLL CALL: Adams, Foster, Gillette, Gray and Kloberdanz voting aye.

The Council stood adjourned at 8:41 p.m.