



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Webster City, Iowa April 20, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

The City Council met in regular session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa, at 6:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026 upon call of Mayor John Hawkins and the advance agenda. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Hawkins and roll being called there were present in the Council Chambers the following Council Members: Abbie Hansen, John Hawkins, Megan McFarland, and John Marvel by remote. Ashley Allers was absent.

This meeting was open to the public and can be viewed live on the City Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cityofwebstercity/> or viewed on the City of Webster City website <https://webstercity.com/government/city-council/city-council-meetings/> the following morning.

Mayor John Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Hansen to approve the agenda.

ROLL CALL: Hansen, Hawkins, Marvel, and McFarland voting aye.

PETITIONS – COMMUNICATIONS – REQUESTS

Kurtis Bower introduced himself and advised he is a candidate for Iowa House District 55 representative.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Hansen that the following consent items including minutes, claims, fund list, reports, license be approved collectively (a-f):

- a. Minutes of April 6, 2026 special and regular meetings
- b. Claims and Fund List
- c. Report - Wastewater Electric Water- March be accepted and placed on file.
- d. Report – Police March be accepted and placed on file.
- e. Report – Fire March be accepted and placed on file.
- f. That the issuance of Beer & Liquor Licenses by the Iowa Department of Commerce be recommended for the following:
Approve Class C retail alcohol license for Gridiron Family Grill and Sports Lounge, 1121 E 2nd St.
- g. Council Committee Report
- h. Other reports and recommendations

ROLL CALL: Hansen, Hawkins, Marvel, and McFarland voting aye.

GENERAL AGENDA

- a. April 20, 2026 at 6:05 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 400 Second Street, Webster City, Iowa being the time and place for a Public Hearing to Certify the FY 2026-2027 Budget, the same was held. No written objections were filed and no oral objections were presented.
John Harrenstein, City Manager presented the FY 26/27 Budget

It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Hansen that Resolution No. 2026-032 adopting, following Notice and Hearing, the 2026-2027 Operating Budget and Certification of City Taxes for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 for the City of Webster City, Iowa be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: Marvel, McFarland, Hansen, and Hawkins voting aye,

It was moved by Hansen and seconded by Marvel that Resolution No 2026-033 adopting the 2026-2027 Capital Improvement & Capital Equipment Budget and the 2026-2027 through 2030-2031 Capital Improvement & Capital Equipment Plan of the City of Webster City, Iowa be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: McFarland, Hansen, Hawkins, and Marvel voting aye.

b. It was moved by Hansen and seconded by McFarland that Resolution No. 2026-034 transferring Cash from Various Funds to Other Various Funds be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: Hansen, Hawkins, Marvel, and McFarland voting aye.

c. It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Hansen that the First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa 2019, by Deleting Sections 46-211 and 46-212 of Chapter 46 Pertaining to Parking within the corporate limits of the City of Webster City, Iowa be approved.

ROLL CALL: Hawkins, Marvel, McFarland, and Hansen voting aye.

d. It was moved by Hansen and second by McFarland that Resolution No. 2026-035 authorizing and approving additional work for the FY 2026 HMA Improvements Project be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: Marvel, McFarland, Hansen and Hawkins voting aye.

e. It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Hansen that Resolution No. 2026-036 authorizing the City Manager to sign and execute Partial Payment Application No. 4 and Change Order No. 2 – Final Recommended Project Acceptance for the 2024-2025 Water Main Repairs and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: McFarland, Hansen, Hawkins, and Marvel voting aye.

f. It was moved by Marvel and seconded by Hansen that staff be directed to prepare necessary documents to set a public hearing at the next Council meeting to dispose of the property known as 128 Apple Avenue.

ROLL CALL: Hansen, Hawkins, Marvel, and McFarland voting aye.

Becky Holdgrafer spoke on the property.

g. Consideration of Development Proposal with Origin Homes.

Consensus of Council was for the City Manager to fine tune Origin Homes proposal to purchase five lots in Brewer Creek Estates 5th Addition and bring back to Council additional information.

h. It was moved by Marvel and seconded by Hansen that Resolution No. 2026-037 supporting the submission of an Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) Application to the Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program by Wilson Estates LLC. be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL: Hawkins, Marvel, McFarland, and Hansen voting aye.

i. It was moved by Marvel and seconded by McFarland that staff be directed to solicit bids – RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for mowing, snow removal, and property maintenance services for a three year period and authorize award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

ROLL CALL: Marvel, McFarland, Hansen, and Hawkins voting aye.

It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Hansen that the Council adjourn.

ROLL CALL: McFarland, Hansen, Hawkins, and Marvel voting aye.

The April 20, 2026 regular meeting of the Council stood adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

John Hawkins, Mayor

Sherry Simmons, Deputy City Clerk