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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Webster City, Iowa May 5, 2025

The City Council met in regular session at the City Hall, Webster City, Iowa at 6:00 p.m. on May 5, 2025 upon call of the Mayor and the advance agenda. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Hawkins and roll being called there were present in Council Chambers the following Council Members: Abbie Hansen, Megan McFarland, Matt McKinney and Logan Welch.

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 site <https://webstercity.com/government/city-council/city-council-meetings/> the following morning.

Mayor John Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance. It was moved by Hansen and seconded by McFarland to approve the agenda.

ROLL CALL:
Hansen, Hawkins, McFarland, McKinney and Welch voting aye.

PETITIONS - COMMUNICATIONS - REQUESTS
Leslie Espinoza spoke.

PUBLIC INFORMATION
None brought forth

CONSENT AGENDA
It was moved by Hansen and seconded by McKinney that the following consent items including minutes, claims, (a-b) be approved collectively:

- a. Minutes of April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims and Fund List
- c. Council Committee Reports
- d. Other reports and recommendations

ROLL CALL:
Hawkins, McFarland, McKinney, Welch and Hansen voting aye.

Public Hearing on proposal to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 2019 pertaining to Chapter 10 Article VI Entitled Vacant and Abandoned Property.

a. May 5, 2025 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 Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 2019 pertaining to Chapter 10 Article VI Entitled Vacant and Abandoned Property, the same was held. No written objections were received and no oral objections were presented.

It was moved by Hansen and seconded by Welch that the First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster City, Iowa, 2019 by Amending Chapter 10 Section 10-268 through 10-290, Pertaining to Neglected Vacant Property be approved.

ROLL CALL:
McFarland, McKinney, Welch, Hansen and Hawkins voting aye.

Public Hearing on proposed plans and specifications, proposed form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Construction of the FY 2026 HMA Improvements Project.

b. May 5, 2025 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 on proposed Plans and Specifications, proposed Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Construction of the FY 2026 HMA Improvements Project, the same was held. No written objections were

received and no oral objections were presented.

It was moved by Welch and seconded by McKinney that Resolution No. 2025-050 finally Approving and Confirming Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for FY 2026 HMA Improvements Project; Awarding Contract to Fort Dodge Asphalt Company in the amount of \$724,084.00 to complete the Project; and Authorizing Mayor and Deputy City Clerk to enter into contract with said contractor for the Project be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL:
McKinney, Welch, Hansen, Hawkins and McFarland voting aye.

c. It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Hansen that May 19, 2025 at 6:05 p.m. be set for a Public Hearing in Council Chambers at City Hall, 400 Second Street, Webster City, Iowa to Amend the FY 25 Budget.

ROLL CALL:
Welch, Hansen, Hawkins, McFarland and McKinney voting aye

d. It was moved by McKinney and seconded by McFarland that Resolution No. 2025-051 to transfer Cash from Various Funds to Other Various Funds be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL:
Hansen, Hawkins, McFarland, McKinney and Welch voting aye.

e. It was moved by McKinney and seconded by Welch that Resolution No. 2025-052 approving the Preliminary Plat for Lynx Development #2 located in Webster City, Iowa be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL:
Hawkins, McFarland, McKinney, Welch and Hansen voting aye.

f. It was moved by McFarland and seconded by Welch that Resolution No. 2025-053 approving the Amended Planned Residential Development for Lynx Development #2 located in Webster City, Iowa be passed and adopted.

ROLL CALL:
McFarland, McKinney, Welch, Hansen and Hawkins voting aye.

g. The Council discussed the proposed purchase of a Street Department Dump/Plow truck with Brandon Bahrenfuss, Street Supervisor.

h. Council Member Logan Welch gave an update on the Riverview Day Care building plans.

Will provide a scale mockup for the next Council meeting.

OTHER ITEM SENT TO COUNCIL

a. The City Attorney report update for April was previously given to Council to review.

It was moved by McFarland and seconded by McKinney that Council adjourn.

ROLL CALL:
McKinney, Welch, Hansen, Hawkins and McFarland voting aye.

The May 5, 2025 Regular City Council meeting stood adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

John Hawkins, Mayor

Sherry Simmons, Deputy City Clerk

BILLS ALLOWED May 5, 2025

Vendor	Description	#	Amount			
Availa Bank	FH Payment		9,154.30	Lincoln Life Ins.Co.	May prem.	1,593.96
Briggs Woods ConfCtr	Host laCMA Mtg		349.12	Malo, David	Rebate	125.00
Peoples Cr Union	Loan pay-Police		5,366.49	Martin Marietta Mat.	2" rock	2,816.57
Black Hills Energy	Gas utility	(7)	3,214.29	McClure Engr.	Airport-engr-3 proj.	22,357.90
Card Services	Int Code Ccl Mem		170.00	McNiell, Chris	BC Shelter Htg	8,805.83
Menards	Equipment-Pool		2,159.54	Menards	Materials	295.63
T-Mobile	Cell serv.	(2)	1,288.18	Mid Country Mach.	Repair	327.26
US Cellular	Cell serv.		469.62	Mississippi Lime Co.	Lime	9,018.27
IA Ins.Div.	Perpetual Care-Cem		241.00	Moore Clean.Service	CH Clean.	1,300.00
Abstract Assoc.Ham.Co.	Lien search		750.00	NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	473.17
Access Systems	Printer contract		274.42	Niagara Pwr Transf.	Substa.transformer	878,098.63
AGSource	Pool Testing		28.00	Pepsi-Cola	Concess.	453.31
American Pub.Works	Membership dues		614.00	Pitney Bowes Res.Acct	Postage	4,500.00
Ames Region.Econ.All.	Qtrly E.Dec.contract		20,000.00	Plastic Recycling	Bench	1,204.33
Anderson, Henry	Rebate		75.00	Ricoh USA	Mach.lease	184.98
Arborpro Tree Serv.	Trim D.Town trees		4,500.00	Smittys Greenhouse	Trees	469.98
Arnold Motor	Supplies		31.59	Star Equipment	Parts	85.23
Arts R Alive in WC	Sponsor fee		1,100.00	Storey Kenworthy	Printing supplies	1,861.00
Automatic Systems	Upload program		1,597.50	Storm Flying Serv.	A-port mgr fee	4,583.33
Bomgaars	Supplies	(17)	891.85	Stuart C. Irby	Locator	8,392.18
Brink Const.	Substa.construction		295,491.65	Tapia, Alan	Refund	77.00
Cap.City Boiler & Mach.	Boiler rpr		683.00	Terminal Supply	Lights	462.34
Capital San.Supply	Supplies	(4)	571.92	TMI Services	Toilet rent	99.00
Carrico Aquatic	Chemicals		293.75	Toffee Masonry	Rpr bldg.	20,439.00
Cayler Consult.	Police chief search		1,503.50	Tolle Auto	Repair	35.70
Central IA Bldg Supp.	Equipment	(2)	334.76	Tonys Tire Serv.	Repairs	846.22
Central IA Dist.	Supplies	(2)	1,137.00	Trachte, LLC	Substa.bldg	324,119.00
Chizek Law Office	City Atty-May		6,500.00	Valutech Pest Control	Pest control	174.00
City of Story City	Red Cross Cert.		1,924.00	Van Diest Supply	Lawn app. Chem.	607.50
City of Webster City	City utilities		78,114.45	Van-Hof Trucking	Freight on Lime	2,365.22
Column Software	Publica.	(2)	108.70	Vessco Inc.	Equipment	3,773.35
Combined Systems Tech	IT remote engr.		270.00	Warner, Caroline	Refund	91.77
Cruz, Jose	Refund		183.83	WC Rotary Club	Dues, projects	75.00
CTI Ready Mix	Concrete	(4)	3,720.50	WC True Value	Supplies	150.32
Daily Freeman Journal	Publica.		308.56	Witte, Anita	Rebate	75.00
Dakota Supply Group	Material	(2)	435.65	Wooldstock Mut.Tele.	Internet serv.	448.00
Designer Graphix	Logos		72.00	Zehner Safety	Fire Exting.check	(4) 330.00
DGR Engr.	Engr-6 proj.	(4)	21,190.50	Ziegler, Inc.	Repair	(3) 2,133.01
Galvanizers	Substa.structure		201,749.30			1,990,679.38
Gerber Auto Care	Light replace.		84.54			
Gordon Flesch Co.	Printer contract		46.80			
Grimes Asphalt	Cold mix		1,951.45			
Hamilton County	Drainage Assess.	(2)	926.53			
Ham.Co.Public Health	Pool Insp.		270.00			
Hawkins, Inc.	Chemicals	(3)	12,333.56			
Henderson Prod.	Equipment		537.68			
Heuss Printing	Supplies		193.43			
Hy-Vee Accounts Rec.	Supplies		7.98			
inTANDEM	Retainer		2,440.00			
Interior Spaces	Pool paint		552.00			
IA Dept.Agriculture	A-port license		9.00			
IA Law Enforce.Academy	Renewal fee		125.00			
IA Prison Ind.	Sign		104.60			
John Deere Financial	Mower serv.	(2)	425.10			
Karl Chev-Buick GMC	Repair		555.75			

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Feenstra files paperwork for 2026 gubernatorial run

By ROBIN OPSAHL
Iowa Capital Dispatch

U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra filed paperwork Monday to launch a bid for governor, the first high-profile Republican to do so in the open GOP primary field.

Feenstra filed the paperwork for “Feenstra for Governor” with the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board Monday, a needed step to launch a gubernatorial campaign. It came hours after Iowa Auditor Rob Sand, a Democrat, filed the same report for his campaign for governor, which he announced earlier Monday.

The GOP congressman, representing Iowa’s 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House, has not officially announced his campaign, and a spokesperson for Feenstra did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the bid. But the filing means he has entered a potentially large field of Republicans vying to become the party’s nominee in the wake of Gov. Kim Reynolds’ announcement that she will not seek reelection in 2026.

Former state Rep. Brad Sherman is the only Republican to have officially launched his campaign for governor, which he announced in February before Reynolds had exited the race. But alongside Feenstra, others are expected to join the race — state Sen. Mike Bousset, R-Ankeny, launched an exploratory committee for the governor’s race in April. Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird and House Speaker Pat Grassley have also said they are considering a run for the governor’s seat in 2026, but have not officially made any decisions on running.

Feenstra is the only member of Iowa’s all-Republican House delegation to say he was considering a run — U.S. Reps. Ashley Hinson, Mariannette Miller-Meeks and Zach Nunn all said they do not plan to run for the position. He had told reporters at an April Marshalltown event that it was a “fair statement” to say he was keeping his options open on a gubernatorial campaign, according to the Des Moines Register.

The 4th District, representing much of northwest Iowa, is considered a conservative stronghold in the state. Feenstra has represented the district in Congress since the 2020 election, when he beat former U.S. Rep. Steve King in the Republican primary. He served as a state senator from 2009 until his election to federal office, and as Sioux County treasurer from 2006 to 2008.

Iowa Democratic Party Chair Rita Hart released a statement Monday criticizing Feenstra following the filing for a gubernatorial campaign.

“Whether in Washington or Des Moines, Congressman Randy Feenstra has been a reliable foot soldier for the misguided partisans and insiders ruining our state,” Hart said. “Meanwhile, Iowa is now 49th in economic growth and losing manufacturing jobs while Rep. Feenstra has failed to deliver a farm bill, voted to gut Medicaid, and supported Iowa’s unaccountable voucher program that’s jeopardizing Iowa’s fiscal budget. We need a new direction and Randy Feenstra is just more of the same failed leadership.”

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