

*(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. The full text of the minutes is available for inspection at the City Clerk's office. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)*

**West Branch, Iowa  
Council Chambers**

**City Council  
Work Session**

**February 3, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Worrell opened the West Branch City Council work session by welcoming the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator Matt Muckler, Administrative Assistant Shanelle Peden, Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, and City Attorney Kevin Olson. Council members: Jordan Ellyson, Colton Miller, Brian Pierce, and Tim Shields. Councilperson Mary Beth Stevenson entered after roll call at 6:11 p.m.

Thomas F. Schwartz, Ph.D., Director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, spoke to the Council regarding upcoming events for the 2014 season. Prior to his arrival in West Branch, Schwartz shared that he was with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library-Museum in Springfield, Illinois. Schwartz shared some of his goals with the Council including strengthening local partnerships with the City of West Branch, the National Park Service, and the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association. Schwartz also added he would like to increase attendance at Library-Museum through better exhibit promotion and through renovation of the permanent Hoover galleries. Schwartz concluded with the idea of collaborating with other West Branch entities to help create a West Branch experience for both residents and visitors.

Motion by Miller to adjourn the work session, second by Shields. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council work session adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Mark Worrell, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk