***(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 City Council Joint Meeting with Johnson County Board of Supervisors**
**Council Chambers September 2, 2014 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Worrell opened the West Branch City Council joint meeting with the Johnson County Board of Supervisors at 6:01p.m. by welcoming the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator Matt Muckler, Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt, Library Director Nick Shimmin, and Police Chief Mike Horihan. Council members: Colton Miller, Mary Beth Stevenson, Tim Shields, Brian Pierce. Absent: Jordan Ellyson. Johnson County Board of Supervisors: Terrence Neuzil, Janelle Rettig, Pat Harney, John Etheredge, Rod Sullivan.

Council and the Board of Supervisors had discussion on the Herbert Hoover Highway/West Main Street Traffic Study, Herbert Hoover Highway Road Improvements and area trail projects and planning. Supervisor Neuzil said that the supervisors have identified improvements to Herbert Hoover Highway from the interstate to West Branch as an important project. There are safety issues and correctional improvements that would need to be made. Supervisor Rettig added that the project could possibly include a wide paved road with shoulders with a separated trail system.
Brad Freidhof, Conservation Program Manager with the Johnson County Conservation Department spoke on his new role of working with communities on multi-purpose trails and the continuity of trails between towns. He said that West Branch has a really good opportunity for possible trail funding with the spur of the American Discovery Trail and having the National Park Service as a partner.

**ADJOURNMENT**
Motion by Miller to adjourn the joint meeting, second by Shields. Motion carried on a voice vote.
City Council joint meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Mark Worrell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn Brandt, Deputy City Clerk