

(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.)

**City Council Joint Work Session with the West Branch
Community School District Board of Directors**

**West Branch, Iowa
Council Chambers**

**December 15, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Worrell opened the West Branch City Council Joint meeting at 6:10 p.m. by welcoming the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator Matt Muckler, Deputy City Clerk Leslie Brick, Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt, Police Chief Mike Horihan, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Parks & Recreation Director Melissa Russell, and City Attorney Kevin Olson. Council members: Jordan Ellyson, Colton Miller, Mary Beth Stevenson, Brian Pierce, and Tim Shields. Superintendent Kevin Hatfield, School Board President Kathy Knoop, School Board members Deb Schreiber, Mike Colbert, Mike Owen and Richard Paulus were present.

Facilities and Capital Improvement Planning

Superintendent Kevin Hatfield provided an overview of the Facilities and Capital Improvement Plan for the School District. Hatfield and Colbert expressed interest in working with the City on the timing of future Bond Referendums. Mayor Worrell discussed the City's capital improvement planning process. Worrell complemented the School District on their planning efforts and felt that proposed changes to the middle school would enhance the safety of students. Hatfield also requested information on the next phase of the Meadows Subdivision. Muckler noted that the Tuesday December 16, 2014 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting would include discussion on the Meadows Subdivision – Phase 2. Both members of the City Council and the School Board felt that the meeting was helpful and a positive way to exchange important information between the two entities. It was suggested that future joint meetings be held to continue the partnership and planning efforts by both organizations. Superintendent Hatfield thanked the City and said that he looks forward to working cooperatively with the City on future projects.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Mark Worrell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Leslie Brick, Deputy City Clerk