

*(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 2, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Worrell opened the West Branch City Council work session at 8:45 p.m. by welcoming the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator Matt Muckler, Deputy City Clerk Leslie Brick, Police Chief Mike Horihan, Library Director Nick Shimmin, Park & Recreation Director Melissa Russell, City Attorney Kevin Olson and Fire Chief Kevin Stoolman. Council members: Jordan Ellyson, Colton Miller, Mary Beth Stevenson, Brian Pierce and Tim Shields. Absent: Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt.

Total Employee Compensation

Muckler opened the discussion regarding Total Employee Compensation and mentioned that the City was also looking into quotes for short term disability and additional life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for City staff. Councilperson Miller responded that he would like to know what the additional expense would be to the City before being able to agree with the current salary increase as this benefit would also likely increase the City's budget. Muckler responded that the additional premiums would equate to approximately \$7500.00. Muckler opened the discussion on the addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> police officer and the payroll distribution by funding source. The Council discussed the pros and cons of adding a 4<sup>th</sup> officer and although all agree that one is needed, all could not agree on when it should happen. Councilperson Ellyson, Pierce and Stevenson are in favor of moving forward this fiscal year, while Councilperson Miller and Shields were more reluctant to move forward at this time due to budget restraints.

General Fund Non-Salary Expenditures

The Council has agreed with FY16 proposal request in the amount of \$764,285.00.

Revenue Estimates for all other Funds

No discussion. This item was moved to the February 9, 2015 City Council Work Session at 7:00 p.m.

Non-Salary Expenditures for all other Funds

No discussion. This item was moved to the February 9, 2015 City Council Work Session at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Input - Questions and Comments for Staff

Mayor Worrell brought up that the storm drain at the corner of Parkside Drive and Main Street is getting worse and needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Muckler advised the Council that he has scheduled another work session for Monday, February 9, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Miller to adjourn the work session, second by Shields. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council work session adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

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Mark Worrell, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leslie Brick, Deputy City Clerk