

(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**

**February 25, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

West Branch Mayor Roger Laughlin opened the West Branch City Council Joint Work Session with the West Branch Community School District Board of Directors at 6:02 p.m. by welcoming the audience and the following School District and City staff: Superintendent Kevin Hatfield, City Administrator Matt Muckler, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Deputy City Clerk Gordon Edgar, Library Director Nick Shimmin, and Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Russell. School Board members: Mike Colbert, Mike Owen, Keith Schultes, and Julie Sexton. Council members: Colton Miller, Brian Pierce, and Mary Beth Stevenson. School Board member Jodi Yeggy arrived at 6:05 p.m. City Council member Tim Shields arrived at 6:11 p.m. Council Member Jordan Ellyson was absent.

City Projects and Development Updates

Mayor Roger Laughlin spoke about new residential development plans in three subdivisions (Lynch Heights, Meadows – Phase 2 and Cookson Subdivision) that are in the process of moving forward as well as the City's Capital Improvement Plan projects for the coming year, including the reconstruction of 4th Street from the West Branch Animal Clinic to Reagan Blvd., two Main Street crossings at Scott Drive and Pedersen Drive and Main Street intersection improvements at Oliphant and Foster. There was also discussion of marketing the West Branch Building Incentive Program and the community as a whole to continue the promotion of community growth.

School Facility Improvements and other Updates

Superintendent Hatfield reported on the impact of an enrollment decrease of forty-three students and how the School District was planning to absorb the financial impact of that decrease without any program reduction. He also presented an updated drawing of proposed facility improvements at West Branch High School. Board President Mike Colbert reported that more students attained an ACT score of 30 or higher than any previous class at the high school.

Motion by Shields, second by Pierce to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed on voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Gordon R. Edgar, Deputy City Clerk