

**City of West  
Branch  
Office of the  
City  
Administrator**

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator  
Date: April 6, 2012  
Weekly Council Update

- **Iowa League of Cities Update:** The League has provided the following information concerning proposed tax increment financing legislation in their April 6<sup>th</sup> *Legislative Link*:

“On Monday, the House Ways and Means Committee passed an amendment to HSB540, the House TIF reform bill. Although the League opposes certain provisions in the bill, we believe that the bill has three central provisions that would provide a reasonable compromise:

- Enhancing TIF reporting.
- Increasing transparency in TIF.
- Preventing piracy and competition between neighboring communities through the use of TIF incentives.

The legislation also includes many other changes that the League opposes. The League has developed a one-page sheet to explain our position on the House bill, and lists other entities that have signed on to this position. We also expect an amendment to the Senate’s shell bill that passed from the Economic Growth Committee to Ways and Means earlier this session.

It is urgent that you discuss your city’s use of TIF with your legislators now, because the House is expected to move a TIF bill next week. TIF is an intentionally flexible tool, used differently by each city. It is important to convey to your legislators the positive economic impact of TIF in your city, in both quantitative and anecdotal ways.”

- **Joint Meeting of the City Council and West Branch School Board:** The City Council will hold a joint work session with the West Branch School Board on Monday April 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss joint sidewalk planning.
- **City Wide Garage Sale:** The City Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday April 28, 2012.
- **City Wide Clean-Up:** The City Wide Clean-Up has been scheduled for Saturday May 5, 2012 from 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**The information provided is one-way communication and should not be discussed among you as this would be a violation of the open meeting law.**