

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

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

Date: April 9, 2013

Weekly Council Update

- **Floodplain Regulations:** City Administrator Matt Muckler has been working with Jason Conn, Iowa DNR Local Floodplain Programs and City Attorney Kevin Olson to update Chapter 160 (Flood Plan Regulations) of the City Code. New Floodplain maps have been made available to the City. In order to remain in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA requires participating communities to reference their new flood maps by ordinance. Jason Conn has suggested some other updates to the Code. An ordinance will appear on the April 15<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda for Council consideration.

- **Iowa League Update - Utility Liens for Commercial Property on Water Usage:** HF524 was signed out of subcommittee and went before the entire Senate Local Government Committee last week. The committee passed the bill unanimously and it will move to the Senate floor. The bill extends the utility lien exemption and allows owners of commercial rental property to notify cities that their tenants are responsible for the water usage to avoid water utility property liens for unpaid bills. The League has registered opposed to the bill.

- **Spring Park & Rec Programs:** Spring programs are now underway. Track practice for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Sports Foundation Track Program starts today. This year, there are five coaches volunteering, which is the most volunteer coaches Parks and Rec has ever had for the track program. The first two weeks of PreK-K soccer had to be held indoors due to the weather conditions. It is a four-week season so hopefully the last two weeks will be able to be held outdoors.

- **Upcoming Events:**

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| ▪ Thursday April 11 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. | Library Board of Trustees Meeting           |
| ▪ Monday April 15 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.   | City Council Meeting                        |
| ▪ Monday April 18 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.   | Preservation Commission Meeting (Tentative) |
| ▪ Tuesday April 19 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. | Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Commencement   |
| ▪ Monday April 22 <sup>nd</sup> - all day      | Earth Day Tree Planting Event               |
| ▪ Tuesday April 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  | Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting        |

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