

RESOLUTION NO. 988

RESOLUTION APPROVING A 28E AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MAKE ROAD AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CONNECTION OF ORANGE STREET TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEAR THE WEST BRANCH WATER TOWER.

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch is concerned about the safety of children walking to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it in the best interest of the residents of West Branch to add sidewalks around the Herbert Hoover Elementary and Middle School Complex; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has discussed at length the sidewalks that would provide the most benefit to children walking to school; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. to provide an engineer's estimate for the cost of sidewalks on Poplar, Oliphant (from Orange to Crestview) and connecting Orange Street to the Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the choice of said sidewalks focuses funds on the construction of sidewalks closest to the school; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable estimate of the cost of said sidewalks is known by the Council and can be paid for without requiring the City to incur debt; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved an engineering services agreement dated February 6, 2012 with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. to provide engineering services in the amount of \$6,900.00; and

WHEREAS, the City met with the West Branch Community School District School Board on April 27, 2012 to discuss road and sidewalk improvements around the Herbert Hoover Elementary and Middle School Complex; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and School Board discussed road and sidewalk improvements to the connection of Orange Street to the Middle School near the West Branch water tower; and

WHEREAS, this project would take place on both City and School District property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and School Board discussed sharing project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to approve said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa, that the aforementioned 28E Agreement is hereby approved. Further, the Mayor is directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Passed and approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

  
Don Kessler, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk