

(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 Meeting

**January 3, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Don Kessler opened the West Branch City Council meeting by welcoming the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator/Clerk Matt Muckler, Administrative Assistant Ashley Borland-Kaalberg, Park and Rec Director Melissa Russell, Library Director Nick Shimmin, Police Chief David Bloem, Fire Chief Administrator Dick Stoolman, Council members: David Johnson, Robert Sexton, Dan O'Neil and Jim Oaks. Absent: Mark Worrell.

APPROVE AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve minutes from the December 20, 2010 City Council Work Session and the December 20, 2010 City Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Class E liquor license, including carryout beer; carryout native wine, carryout wine, and Sunday sales privileges for Fisher's Market Nauvoo, IL dba Dewey's Jack & Jill.
- c. Approve Class C Beer License with Sunday Sales permit for Shivji LLC dba BP Amoco.
- d. Approve moving the Monday January 17, 2011 City Council Meeting to Tuesday, January 18, 2011, due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Roll call vote – Ayes: Johnson, Sexton, O'Neil, Oaks. Absent: Worrell. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/OPEN FORUM

Animal Control Commission President Al Buyer informed Council that the commission is researching the rules and expenses of a dog park within the City.

State Representative Jeff Kaufmann made his annual visit to West Branch. Council had an opportunity to ask Representative Kaufmann questions and were encouraged to contact him in the future with any concerns.

PUBLIC, DEPARTMENT HEADS, COMMISSIONS, CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CITY COUNCIL
Third reading of Ordinance 671 amending Chapter 30 "POLICE DEPARTMENT" by adding the following section, Section 30.11: 30.11 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: The Police Chief shall become a resident of the City of West Branch, and continued residency in the City is a requirement for continued employment with the City./Move to action.

Johnson stated his opposition to the residency. He felt the Police Chief should be treated the same as the other employees. Police Chief David Bloem said that he agreed with Johnson's statement and is not planning to move outside City limits however he would like the option to do so in the future. O'Neil said that he would like to have discussion on residency requirement options at a future meeting.

Motion by Oaks to approve the third reading of ordinance 671, second by Johnson. AYES: Oaks. NAYS: Johnson, Sexton, O'Neil. Absent: Worrell. Motion failed.

MAYOR DON KESSLER

Appointments/Reappointments

- i. Mayor Pro-Tem: Jim Oaks
- ii. City Attorney: Bruce Goddard
- iii. City Engineer: Dave Schechinger, P.E., Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.
- iv. Official City Newspaper: West Branch Times
- v. Health Officer: Dr. Thomas Novak
- vi. Animal Control Facility: West Branch Animal Clinic
- vii. Official Web Site: www.westbranchiowa.org

viii. Official TV Channel: Community Access Channel 5

ix. Rules of Order: Roberts Rules of Order

Motion by Johnson, second by O'Neil to approve appointments. Ayes: Johnson, O'Neil, Sexton, Oaks. Absent: Worrell. Motion carried.

REPORTS

City Administrator - Discussion and of initial revenue estimates, general fund salary amounts for 2011 and 2012, and general fund departmental non-salary expenditure projections.

City Administrator Matt Muckler gave Council updates to budget FY12 budget projections. Further discussion of the budget will take place at the January 18, 2011 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Johnson to adjourn. City Council meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Don Kessler, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk