

(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 Work Session #1

**February 12, 2016
5:49 p.m.**

Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council Work Session meeting to order at 5:49 p.m. Roll call: Mayor Roger Laughlin was present. Council members: Jordan Ellyson, Colton Miller, Brian Pierce, Tim Shields, and Mary Beth Stevenson were present. Laughlin welcomed the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator Matt Muckler, Finance Officer Gordon Edgar, Police Chief Mike Horihan and Park & Recreation Director Melissa Russell.

FY 2017 Budget Session.

City Administrator Matt Muckler reported on the budget: The revenue in the budget presented is the same as in previous discussions except the miscellaneous revenue line in the General Fund. Donation income for Hoover's Hometown Days has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$18,000. The reduction will result in reduced advertising expenditures and elimination of a re-enactment group. Total City revenue is budgeted at \$4,122,105.

The only change in the salary plan was adding a 3% increase to Muckler's salary.

For non-salary expenditures, we had a reduction of the previously mentioned \$7,000 for Hoover's Hometown Days and a removal of the \$25,000 set aside for a new police vehicle. He did add \$8,000 for the police department radio. There was discussion of other changes in expenditures and the council agreed to schedule a budget hearing at the February 16 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ellyson, second by Shields. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council Work Session meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Leslie Brick, Deputy City Clerk