

(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

**July 22, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Worrell opened the West Branch City Council meeting by welcoming the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator Matt Muckler, City Attorney Kevin Olson, City Administrative Assistant Shanelle Peden, Officer Alex Koch, Police Chief Mike Horihan, Parks & Recreation Director Melissa Russell, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, and Public Works staff Tim Moss and Paul Stagg. Council members: Jordan Ellyson, Colton Miller, Jim Oaks, Mary Beth Stevenson, and Dick Stoolman.

APPROVE AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve minutes from the July 8, 2013 City Council Meeting.
- b. Approve claims.
- c. Approve Class B Beer Permit (includes wine coolers) with Outdoor Service for West Branch Firefighters Inc. on August 2, 2013 and August 3, 2013.
- d. Approve amended Class C liquor license for Herb n' Lou's to allow outdoor service privilege on August 3, 2013 for Hoover's Hometown Days.
- e. Approve Skilled Iowa Agreement.

Motion by Ellyson to approve the agenda and consent agenda items a-e, second by Stevenson. AYES: Ellyson, Stevenson, Miller, Oaks, Stoolman. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/OPEN FORUM - Pete Swisher spoke on behalf of the National Park Service, thanking the City for its help in planning the upcoming Hoover's Hometown Days.

PUBLIC HEARING/NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Mark Worrell-Recognition of Chassis Engineering

Mayor Mark Worrell recognized Chassis Engineering for their presence in the community and dedication to the City of West Branch.

Mayor Mark Worrell-Recognition of Tim Moss-Ten Years of Service

Mayor Mark Worrell recognized Public Works employee Tim Moss for his ten years of service to the City of West Branch. Moss received a plaque from the City for his service.

Bonnie Butler-Public Health and Preparedness Division Manager, Cedar County Public Health-Presentation on County Health Rankings.

Bonnie Butler introduced herself and her assistant Lena Thompson, a student pursuing her master's degree at the University of Iowa, College of Public Health. Lena presented information to the Council in regards to flu clinics and shots available through Cedar County Public Health. They indicated that they offer assistance for public health emergencies and additional information can be found at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

Second Reading of Ordinance 713, amending Chapter 65 "Stop or Yield Required."

Stevenson expressed support for permanent stop signs and suggested a continental-style sidewalk. Ellyson expressed support for the project and suggested that the Council meet with representatives from the School District to discuss the establishment of a school zone in the area. Oaks spoke in opposition due to concerns with traffic flow in the area and the convenience of residents driving in this area. Stoolman expressed that he had been contacted by residents opposed to the ordinance.

Motion by Ellyson to approve Second reading of Ordinance 713, second by Miller. AYES: Ellyson, Miller, Stevenson. NAYS: Oaks, Stoolman. Motion carried.

Resolution 1129, approving a purchase agreement with PV properties LLC for approximately twenty-two acres of land in the amount of \$375,000.00.

Mayor Worrell opened the discussion by calling on members of the audience who asked to speak on behalf of the purchase of the property. Resident Mike Colbert spoke on behalf of Summer League, indicating that the group could benefit from additional ball fields if they are developed on the proposed site. Dan Stevenson commented that money spent out of town could be retained by offering a facility with services to residents. B.J. Rios spoke on behalf of the West Branch Schools Baseball Team, saying that youth in the community would benefit from the opportunity to develop their skills. Tim Shields spoke on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Commission, stating that having a facility could bring additional revenue to West Branch. Donna Friel asked about the traffic flow on Scott Drive and the location, diameter, number of, pounds per square inch, and the depth the gas lines are buried. Rich Stout spoke that there is limited space for baseball practice and additional fields would be beneficial. Gary Bass spoke on behalf of the traffic flow on Scott Drive and asked the Council to allow voters to make a decision on the property during the November election. Mike Owen spoke in support of the additional recreational opportunities for residents. Pete Swisher spoke on behalf of the National Park Service, indicating support for outdoor recreation activities and the 2011 trails plan.

Motion by Ellyson to approve Resolution 1129, second by Stevenson. AYES: Ellyson, Stevenson, Miller. NAYS: Oaks, Stoolman. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on the Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Property Acquisition Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$400,000.

Mayor Worrell opened the public hearing at 8:50 p.m. There were no comments during the public hearing. Mayor Worrell closed the public hearing at 8:51 p.m.

Resolution 1130, Authorizing and Approving a Loan Agreement and Providing for the Issuance of a \$400,000 General Obligation Property Acquisition Note and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same.

Oaks spoke in favor of using local financial institutions for the City's financing needs. Motion by Stoolman to approved Resolution 1130, second by Oaks. AYES: Stoolman, Oaks, Ellyson, Stevenson, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 1131, approving the Bethany Lutheran Church Site Plan.

City Administrator Muckler noted that representatives from Bethany Lutheran Church were unable to attend the meeting and recommended the Council postpone this item to the next regular business meeting.

Motion by Stoolman to postpone Resolution 1131 to the August 5, 2013 Council Meeting, second by Ellyson. AYES: Stoolman, Ellyson, Miller, Oaks, Stevenson. Motion carried.

Accept the resignation of Peter Pappas from the Library Board of Trustees.

Peter is retiring from his employment with the National Park Service and will be relocating from West Branch. Peter was thanked for his service on the Board.

Motion by Ellyson to accept the resignation of Peter Pappas from the Library Board of Trustees, second by Miller. AYES: Ellyson, Miller, Oaks, Stoolman, Stevenson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS - Chief Horihan also thanked Peter Pappas for his service to the community of West Branch.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS - Mayor Worrell asked that the City review the drainage in the area of East College Street. He also asked if it would be possible to increase the Parks & Recreation Commission membership to two more individuals. Councilperson Stoolman asked for an update on the lift station project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Miller to adjourn the meeting, second by Ellyson. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.