

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

To: Mayor and Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

Date: October 28, 2011

Weekly Council Update

- **TIF Debt Certification:** City Administrator Matt Muckler and Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt met with Larry Burger, Vice President, and Maggie Burger, Financial Analyst, with Speer Financial, as well as Cedar County Auditor Cari Gritton on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the City's TIF debt certification for fiscal year 2013. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the appropriate certification necessary for the Acciona TIF Rebate in 2013. Procter & Gamble will no longer receive rebates, but will continue to receive partial tax abatements on their three TIF agreements with the City.
- **Public Works Update:** Staff has completed street patching on 4th Street near Cargill where we had previously repaired a storm water pipe. Staff was allowing it time to settle and compact before completing the street repair. Filling potholes and street patching was also completed on the north end of the Cedar/Johnson county line. Public works staff is working with Action Sewer on cleaning and televising a section of storm sewer main running from Downey St. east on Main St. to where it empties into the creek. Staff will update the council on the findings from the televising and any repairs that may need to be done once the televising is complete. Preparations for winter have also begun at the city shop.
- **Library Update:** The West Branch Public Library has several events upcoming through the next several weeks. As always, preschool storytimes run every Friday morning followed by a short craft and pajama storytimes are held every Tuesday evening with a small snack following. Themes for the upcoming weeks will be Halloween during the week of the holiday and robots the week after. The library's book discussion meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm. In November, the discussion will be held on the 1st and the book to be discussed is The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver. The library will also be holding its first Family Movie Night of the fall on Saturday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. The library will provide snacks and refreshments to those that attend.
- **Trick or Treat:** Trick or Treat in West Branch will be held on Sunday, October 30th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join us for a Halloween Party at the WB Fire Station from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A costume contest will be held for children in 5th grade or younger. All kids will receive yummy treat bags. A Soup Supper will also be available for \$5. (The Soup Supper includes chili or chicken noodle soup, cookie, roll & drink.) Stop in and feed the family before trick or treating! For more information contact Park & Recreation Director Melissa Russell at (319) 643-4212.

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