

To: Mayor and Council
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Weekly Council Update

- **City Mourns Passing of Mayor Don Kessler**

Along with the rest of the West Branch community, the city staff was saddened by the news of Mayor Don Kessler's passing. "I will remember Don Kessler as a man who cared deeply for his family and his community," stated City Administrator Matt Muckler. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Mayor Kessler during this time."

City staff will remember Mayor Kessler as a man who helped create a culture of commitment and dedication to West Branch. He truly cared about the West Branch community and that passion was contagious among city staff. "I believe that Don Kessler's accomplishments as mayor will be felt for time to come," stated Muckler.

In addition to instituting a successful community policing effort and reshaping the West Branch Police Department, Mayor Kessler was also instrumental in moving forward with the update to the city's comprehensive plan and the many water, wastewater and road infrastructure projects that were either completed or are in the process of being accomplished now.

Per the City Code of Ordinances, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Oaks will continue to perform the duties of the Mayor until the vacancy of the mayor's office is filled.