

To: City Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
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Roger Laughlin Sworn in as Mayor: Mayor Pro Tem Colton Miller swore in new West Branch Mayor Roger Laughlin at the regular City Council Meeting on August 17, 2015. Mayor Laughlin presided over the balance of the meeting. His first action as Mayor was to reappoint Colton Miller as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Laughlin will serve as Mayor until the next City election, to take place on November 3, 2015.



Back to School Preparations: We encourage all residents to drive safely in the coming week as school will be back in session. Our roads around school buildings will be busier and students will be going to and from school and various activities. The West Branch Police Department will be welcoming children back to school and Library Director Nick Shimmin has the flashing lights on Main Street programmed and ready to go. Chief Horihan also completed active shooter response training for new teachers at the West Branch Community School District earlier today.

Greenview Cocktail Club: John E. Beasley, with the Iowa City law firm of Phelan, Tucker, Mullen, Walker, Tucker & Gelman, LLP, filed a liquor license suspension appeal on behalf of Pamela Miller (d/b/a/ Greenview Cocktail Club) on August 18th. The letter asks for the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division to confirm “that Ms. Miller is permitted to sell beer, liquor and wine until such time as the Administrative Law Judge rules on her appeal.”

Water Facility Maintenance: The City of West Branch has begun its inspection and cleaning process on half of its drinking water storage facilities. Midco Diving was hired for this process and began work this past weekend. Lead Water Operator Tim Moss was present during the cleaning and inspection. From what he saw on video and was told, everything appeared to be in good condition on the interior of the tank and sump pit. There was a larger accumulation of sediment in the storage tank than expected which required removal with specialized vacuums. There was approximately sixteen inches of sediment at the north end of the tank down to about 10 inches at the south end. There was also some exterior cracking and spalling that needs to be repaired and is scheduled for repair in the next few weeks. The south water tower was scheduled to be cleaned at the same time, but was delayed due to the additional work necessary on the underground storage tank. Midco Diving employees are expected to dive Thursday evening or Friday morning. Public Works is also getting quotes on cleaning the exterior of the south water tower and hope to complete that this fall.

Upcoming Public Works Projects: Public Works has several projects planned for this fall. The projects include repairs to several storm sewer intakes, sanitary sewer repairs, water main valve installations and a fire hydrant replacement. One of the larger projects will involve 4th Street where it intersects East College Street and East Orange Street. Sanitary sewer manholes in both of these intersections along with approximately 100 foot of pipe between these intersections will be replaced. These areas were identified during televising of the City's sanitary sewer system. The water main valves in both intersections will be replaced at the same time along with a fire hydrant and a storm sewer repair on the corner of 4th Street and East College Street. Large portions of 4th Street will be removed for the subsurface repairs and will be replaced by Public Works upon completion of the infrastructure work. There are also several sanitary sewer manholes on the east side of town that will be having new seals installed by Public Works staff beginning in September.

Upcoming City Meetings & Events: Please see the Calendar of Events on the City Website at <http://westbranchiowa.org/home> for a complete list of all upcoming events. There are several Council, Board and Commission Meetings currently scheduled:

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| ▪ Thursday August 27 th at 6:30 p.m. | Park & Rec Commission Meeting |
| ▪ Monday September 1 st at 6:30 p.m. | Animal Control Commission Meeting |
| ▪ Monday September 7 th – Labor Day | Holiday – City Offices Closed |
| ▪ Tuesday September 8 th at 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting |
| ▪ Thursday September 10 th at 6:30 p.m. | Library Board of Trustees |
| ▪ Tuesday September 15 th at 6:30 p.m. | West Branch Preservation Commission |
| ▪ Thursday September 17 th at 6:30 p.m. | Park & Rec Commission Meeting |
| ▪ Monday September 21 st at 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting |
| ▪ Monday September 21 st (after Council) | City Council Work Session |
| ▪ Tuesday September 22 nd at 6:30 p.m. | Planning & Zoning Commission Mtg. |
| ▪ Wednesday-Friday September 23 rd -25 th | Iowa League of Cities Conference |

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