



West Branch City Council  
City Administrator's Report  
8/06/18

**Pending Action Items:**

*(Wastewater Taskforce)*

V&K our engineering consultants have started the process of preparing a Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan. I have asked for updates as this process continues. We also got a surprise visit from a DNR representatives. They appeared to satisfy that we have started the facility plan.

**Report from the Desk of the City Administrator:**

• *(Grants)*

I spoke with Marla Quinn Grants and Development Coordination for East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) who we contracted \$2,400 for approximately 30 hours grant preparation and research. To date we have found well above the amount spent on this contract. Ms. Quinn is also working on the **our Cedar County Iowa Great Place designation grants (of which we are jointly applying with other Cedar County communities)**, our communities have qualified for the first round of special Great Places grant funding. First round money will be available for the following Great Places Cedar County designated projects:

- Community Park projects and enhancements
- Community Mural project

***Community Park Project***

For grant seeking purposes we will be seeking \$300,000 – recirculating Splash Pad system, and \$300,000 to add back for park value engineering items that were removed from Cubby Park. Estimating a total of \$600,000 remainder Cubby Park and Splash Pad.

***Community Mural Project***

We are also seeking funding for this project as well. The illustration below is just an example of potential project. Should we get funding we have a public process and see local artist for locations and ideas.



Marla also looked into another possible grant called the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. She learned that West Branch applied for this grant last year and was denied. After researching the reasons for that denial and revisiting the guidelines she believed her time and resources would be better spent pursuing other grant opportunities. She also celebrated the city's efforts to receive a total of \$30,000 in grants (Carver and MN Twins) for the Cubby project.

- August 29<sup>th</sup> - District Court hearing regarding Nuisance Violations at 203 E. Green

#### **Follow up / Reminder Items:**

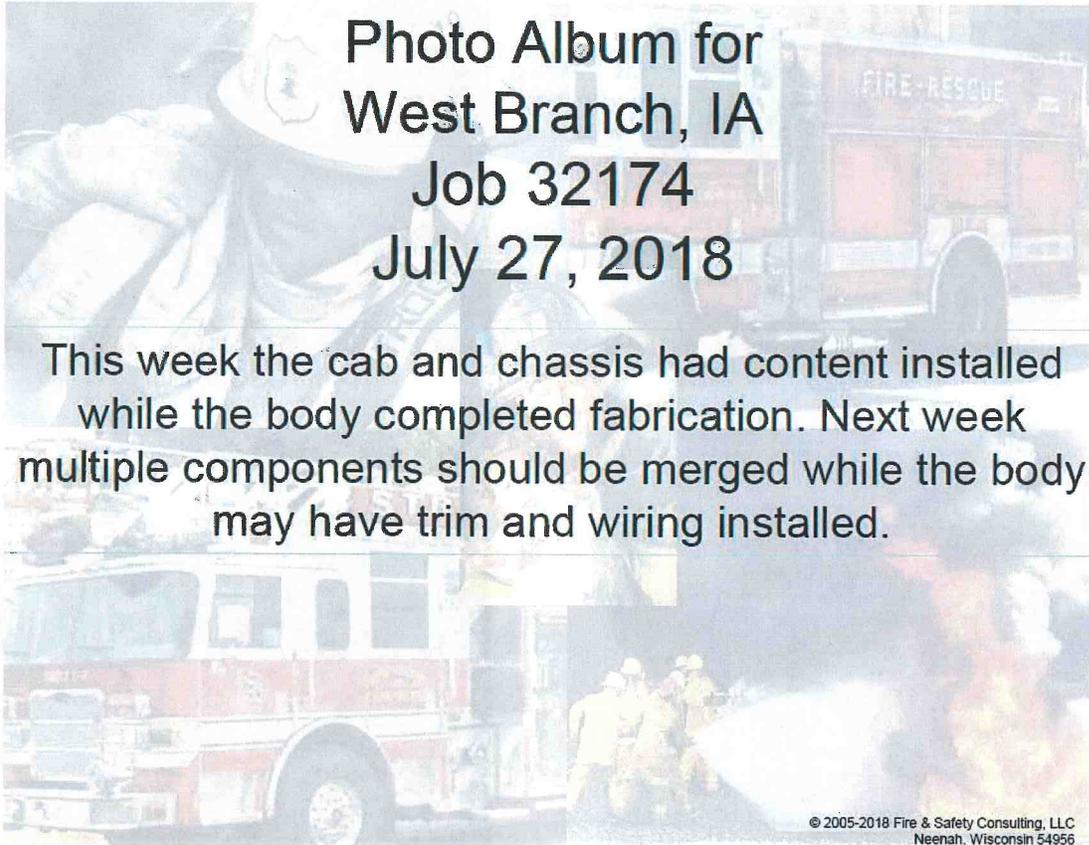
- MOU with Cedar's Edge Golf Course & Little Lights Events has been delivered, but we are still waiting to get final signatures.
- As you may recall, Reliant Fire Apparatus submitted a proposal to the West Branch Fire Department (WBFD) for a Pierce multi-purpose response vehicle per the request of a call for proposals. Pierce Manufacturing was founded in 1913. Since then they have been building bodies with one philosophy, "Build the Finest". They are known for their craftsmanship and have well established themselves over the 60 years in the fire apparatus market. Pierce Manufacturing has built and put into service more than 51,000 apparatus, including more than 27,000 on Pierce custom chassis designed and built specifically for fire and emergency applications. City Council approved this \$648,560.00 investment much of which is shared with our surrounding communities with annual payments for fire service. This is also accompanied with the sale of our old pumper to the City of Lisbon, Iowa. See attachment 1 for pictures of the construction of our new pumper.
- Kudos to our first responders who have been extremely busy as of late. Over the last seven days the Police and Fire Department have responded to Two Car Accidents, Two Medical Emergencies, 1 Grass Fire, 1 House / Structure Fire and 1 Semi-Truck Fire. This is addition to organizing and preparing for Hoover Home Town Days. Thumbs Up to our Men and Women who make up our first responders (see attachment 2)

#### **Events / Scheduled Meetings:**

- August 9 – Parks and Recreation Program "Scrambled Legs" 1:00 – 2:30.
- August 11 – Harvey Peden Sand Volleyball Tournament 8:00 – 12 mid night
- August 13 – 17 Parks and Recreation Program "Day Camp" (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 - 4:30) and (Wednesday 7:00 - 6:00).
  - Monday - Survivor: Mission Impossible
  - Tuesday - Color Wars
  - Wednesday - Imaginarium
  - Thursday - Run at the Fair
  - Friday - Rewind

# Photo Album for West Branch, IA Job 32174 July 27, 2018

This week the cab and chassis had content installed while the body completed fabrication. Next week multiple components should be merged while the body may have trim and wiring installed.



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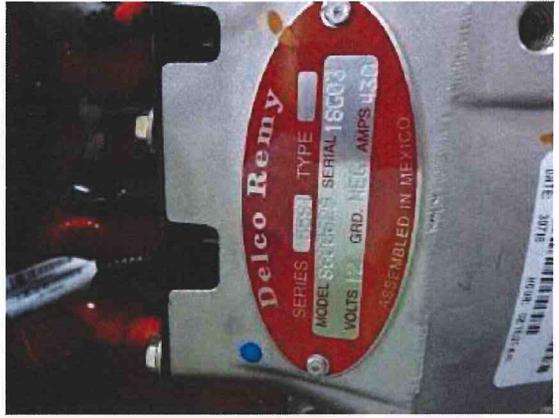
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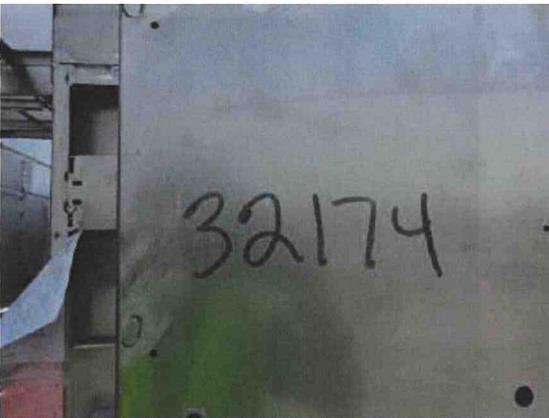
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**Attachment 2**

One of our recent fire calls.



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