

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. A video recording is available for inspection on the City of West Branch Website at westbranchiowa.org/city-of-west-branch/mayor-city-council/meetings/. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)

**West Branch, Iowa
Council Chambers**

**City Council
Special Meeting**

**September 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

An Electronic Meeting (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) of the City Council of the City of West Branch, Cedar County, IA was held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. because a meeting in person was impossible or impractical due to concerns for the health and safety of Council Members, Staff and the Public presented by COVID-19.

Until further notice, all of our Council Meetings will be held electronically. Persons may still attend, observe and participate in the meeting at the Council Chambers, City Office, 110 N. Poplar St, West Branch, Iowa. Social distancing practices shall be observed for any persons attending the meeting in person at City Hall.

Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call: Council members present: Jodee Stoolman. Member via phone: Colton Miller and Jerry Sexton. Members via Zoom: Tom Dean. Absent: Nick Goodweiler. City Staff: City Administrator Redmond Jones II, Deputy City Clerk Leslie Brick and Finance Officer Gordon Edgar.

PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 1934 – Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund. / Move to action.

Edgar explained that under the COVID-19 Government Relief Fund program, cities are eligible to receive twenty five (25) percent reimbursement for public safety salary expenditures for the time period March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020. The program is intended to reimburse cities with police departments for time spent on COVID-19 mitigation. Edgar said the relief funds will go back to the general fund. Stoolman asked if any of the funds would go toward the fire department who also spent many hours on mitigation in addition to purchasing PPE. Edgar said that unfortunately, this only was intended for police hours.

Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 1934. AYES: Miller, Sexton, Stoolman, Dean. NAYS: None. Absent: Goodweiler. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Miller, second by Stoolman. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Leslie Brick, Deputy City Clerk