

(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**

**November 9, 2020
6:00 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, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 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.

Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call: Council members present: Colton Miller, Tom Dean, Jerry Sexton, Nick Goodweiler. Jodee Stoolman arrived at 6:15 p.m. City Staff: City Administrator Redmond Jones II, Kevin Olson, Finance Officer Gordon Edgar and Sargent John Hanna. City Staff attending via Zoom: Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Park & Recreation Director Melissa Russell and Library Director Nick Shimmin.

Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Work Shop

Laughlin opened the meeting and said the purpose of tonight's workshop is to discuss the start of a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and how to fund the projects. City Attorney Kevin Olson provided the Council with a copy of the amended and restated Urban Renewal Plan and reminded them that when planning the Capital Improvements Plan, the projects must be in the urban renewal area and the project be listed with costs in order to request and use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to fund those projects. Olson reviewed the Urban Renewal Plan that currently consists of eighteen projects, some of which have been completed, in-progress or not yet started.

The Council discussed several projects that have been started or are on the horizon and attempted to prioritize them. The following projects were identified: Wapsi Creek Widening (flood mitigation), Greenview connection, West Branch School District turn-lane on West Main Street, Waste water treatment process (DNR mandated), and Herbert Hoover Highway realignment with West Main Street (Johnson County project estimated to be completed in 2021.) Other high priority projects identified were infrastructure needs and replacement of seal coat streets on the east side of town and a booster station for the northwest corner of town to improve water pressure issues. And lastly, the reconstruction of Cedar-Johnson Road from West Main Street to the city limits.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Dean, second by Goodweiler. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Leslie Brick, Deputy City Clerk