



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 N. POPLAR STREET, WEST BRANCH, IOWA**

<https://zoom.us/j/5814699699>

or dial in phone number 1-312-626-6799 with Meeting ID 581 469 9699.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call
4. Welcome
5. Approve Agenda. /Move to action.
6. Public Hearing/Non-Consent Agenda
 - a. **Resolution 2023-82** – Approving submission of the question of imposition of a local option sales and services tax to the registered voters of West Branch, Iowa/Move to Action
 - b. **Resolution 2023-83** – Approving submission of the question of imposition of a local option sales and services tax to the registered voters of West Branch, Iowa/Move to Action
7. Closed Session/Move to Action
 - 21.5 Closed session.

A governmental body may hold a closed session only by affirmative public vote of either two-thirds of the members of the body or all of the members present at the meeting. A governmental body may hold a closed session only to the extent a closed session is necessary for:

21.5(j) j. To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed
8. Motion to end closed session.
9. Motion to adjourn.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF IMPOSITION OF A LOCAL OPTION SALES AND SERVICES TAX TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA.

WHEREAS, Chapter 423B.1(b)(2) of Iowa Code provides for the imposition of certain local option taxes, including a local sales and services tax: and a recent action by resolution by the City of West Branch to vote on the adoption or amendment of the local option sales and services tax within the City; and

WHEREAS, the West Branch City Council must provide to the County Commissioner of Elections information to be included in the notice of the ballot proposition and on the ballots including the rate of tax, the date the tax will be imposed, length of tax request, the approximate amount of local option tax revenues to be used for property tax relief and a statement of the specific purpose other than property tax relief for which the revenues will be expended in the City of West Branch;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa, as follows:

1. The Cedar County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to set November 7, 2023, as the date for a special election within the City, for the purposes of presenting to the registered voters of the City, the question of the imposition of a local sales and services tax at the rate of one percent (1%) to commence on July 1, 2025.
2. The West Branch City Council hereby requests that the ballot language include the following:

Summary: To authorize the imposition of a **local sales and services tax** in the City of West Branch, Iowa, at a rate of one percent (1%) to be effective from July 1, 2025 until repealed by subsequent vote of the registered voters of the City.

Revenues from the sales and services tax shall be allocated as follows:

0% for property tax relief

The specific purposes for which the revenue will be expended is:

park debt and improvements, public safety and public infrastructure projects

3. The City Clerk is directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Cedar County Commissioner of Elections. The following is the West Branch City Council's requested ballot proposition language:

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

YES NO

Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and service tax in the City of West Branch, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective on July 1, 2025.

A local sales and services tax shall be imposed in the City of West Branch, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective July 1, 2025 to remain in effect until subsequent vote of the electors of the City.

Revenues from the sales and services tax shall be allocated as follows:

0% for property tax relief

The specific purposes for which the revenues will otherwise be expended are:

park debt and improvements, public safety and public infrastructure projects

Passed and Approved this 14th day of August, 2023.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor

Leslie Brick, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF IMPOSITION OF A LOCAL OPTION SALES AND SERVICES TAX TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA.

WHEREAS, a portion of the City of West Branch is located in a qualified county as outlined in Section 423B.1 of the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 423B.1(b)(2) of Iowa Code provides for the imposition of certain local option taxes, including a local sales and services tax: and a recent action by resolution by the City of West Branch to vote on the adoption or amendment of the local option sales and services tax within the City; and

WHEREAS, the West Branch City Council must provide to the County Commissioner of Elections information to be included in the notice of the ballot proposition and on the ballots including the rate of tax, the date the tax will be imposed, length of tax request, the approximate amount of local option tax revenues to be used for property tax relief and a statement of the specific purpose other than property tax relief for which the revenues will be expended in the City of West Branch;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa, as follows:

1. The question of the imposition of a local sales and services tax at the rate of one percent (1%) to commence on July 1, 2025 should be submitted to the registered voters of West Branch, Iowa at an election to be held on November 7, 2023 provided for by law.
2. The West Branch City Council hereby requests that the ballot language include the following:

Summary: To authorize the imposition of a **local sales and services tax** in the City of West Branch, Iowa, at a rate of one percent (1%) to be effective from July 1, 2025 until repealed by subsequent vote of the registered voters of the City.

Revenues from the sales and services tax shall be allocated as follows:

0% for property tax relief

The specific purposes for which the revenue will be expended is:

park debt and improvements, public safety and public infrastructure projects

3. The City Clerk is directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Johnson County Commissioner of Elections. The following is the West Branch City Council's requested ballot proposition language:

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

YES NO

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A local sales and services tax shall be imposed in the City of West Branch, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective July 1, 2025 to remain in effect until subsequent vote of the electors of the City.

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Passed and Approved this 14th day of August, 2023.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor

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