

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH LINN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR THE PROVISION OF PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, TRANSMISSION AND SALE OF ELECTRICITY WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA; ASSESSMENT OF A ONE PERCENT FRANCHISE FEE AND ALLOWING FOR THE PETITION FOR AN ELECTION.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of West Branch in the Council Chambers in the City Hall at 110 N. Poplar Street, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on **Monday, March 3rd, 2025**. Said Public Hearing will be on the proposal to enter into a franchise agreement with Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative (“REC”) to allow REC to distribute, transmit and sell electricity within the City of West Branch, Iowa, and said franchise ordinance will assess a one percent (1%) franchise fee.

BE FURTHER ADVISED that pursuant to Section 364.2 of the Code of Iowa, the City Council has elected to dispense with an election on said proposal to enter into a franchise agreement with REC unless a valid petition is submitted to the City Clerk prior to the public hearing on **March 3rd, 2025**. If no petition is filed, the City Council intends to commence proceedings to enter into said franchise agreement.

BE FURTHER ADVISED that all interested persons are invited to attend and be heard on the proposal to enter into said franchise agreement with REC. A copy of the franchise agreement is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Further information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the West Branch City Clerk.

/s/Leslie Brick, City Clerk,
by Direction of the City Council