

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. A video recording is available for inspection at westbranchiowa.org. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)

**West Branch, Iowa
Council Chambers**

**City Council
Special Meeting**

**April 7, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Roll call: Council members present; Tom Dean, Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Tom Dean, Jerry Sexton. Jodee Stoolman arrived at 6:32 p.m.
City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofoed, City Clerk Leslie Brick and Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS / COMMUNICATIONS / OPEN FORUM - NONE

PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Public Hearing – Setting the Maximum Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2026

Laughlin opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Jim Hoffman, 110 Bickford Drive was present and asked the Council to explain the proposed levy and asked how the city what their plans were for spending the FY26 tax dollars. Kofoed explained that the proposed levy will go down this year from \$13.19 to \$12.69 and shared where tax dollars go. Kofoed said that approximately sixty-two percent of taxes go to the general fund which includes; public safety, parks & recreation, library and administration. The remaining goes to employee benefits, FICA and IPERS, liability insurance, emergency management, debts and capital projects. There were no other questions. Laughlin closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS – NO COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council special meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Brick, City Clerk