

(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 6, 2026
6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Laughlin called the West Branch City Council special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call: Council members present; Colton Miller , Mike Horihan, Jerry Sexton, and Tom Dean. Absent: Chantry Noel.

City Staff present: City Clerk Alycia Friis, City Administrator Adam Kofoed, Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, City Attorney Kevin Olsen, City Engineer Dave Schechinger.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion to Approve the Agenda made by Miller, 2nd by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Public Hearing – Setting the Maximum Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2027./ Move to Action.

The majority of the areas within the Levy are staying the same as last year. Liability Insurance has increased so that line item is up and the FICA/IPERS area is down due to the City having a healthy reserve, so there will be no tax levied in this area. We were sitting at 2.6% and now will be 2.5% which is approximately \$100,000.00 less for overall Property tax. Each resident will see a slight decline in their property tax bill for the city portion, but could stay the same or go up in other areas.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by Mayor Laughlin at 6:36 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Horihan. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alycia Friis, City Clerk