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West Branch Times

Cedar county payroll

Phelps the Uniform Specialists 34.54 Washington National Ins Co. 256.89 Fidelity Investments 1,200.00 580.56 Cincinnati Life Insurance Co 105 837 56 **IPERS** Cedar County Health Fund 143,972.66 Nationwide Retirement Solution 140.00 Cedar County Treasurer 79.334.45 10,688.00 Cedar County Treasurer Cedar County Treasurer 8.651.42 Cedar County Treasurer Cedar County Treasurer 587.73 352,851.40 WBT 41 COUNTYTOTAL

Cedar county board

(FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES.FULL TEXT OF DAY'S MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE—WWW. CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV)

TIPTON, IOWA September 26, 2023 Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. September 26, 2023 with following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler absent. Members of public were also present.

Board viewed correspondence from vari-

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted.

It was noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 9/22/2023 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #436373 for \$1,325.16-self funded medical claims. Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve agenda.

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of September 19, 2023.

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve Payroll #194947-195102 for Disbursements period ending 9/16/23 and to be paid

Absent: Bixler

Conservation Director Dauber provided an update to Board on a bridge grant. Final decision will be made in October. Sherri Hunt, Director Cedar/Jones Early

Childhood Iowa met with Board and pro-vided a handout of FY23 Annual Report. Hunt reviewed Annual Report and told Board that Iowa Department of Health and Human Services are working on an

Michael McGrady and Kristy Agosti, MCM Consultants met with Board to provide an update on EMS referendum. McGrady discussed upcoming meeting and postcards. McGrady said this is an issue across the Country not just in Iowa.

CPC Director Tischuk provided Board with an Electronic Device Access Log sheet. This sheet will be used for anyone accessing an employee's computer.
Work tickets will also be used but still need to get that process formed. Tischuk provided a Region update and said lowa Department of Health and Human Services are working on an alignment.
Jessica Wiskus met with Board to discuss
a letter from PHMSA and CO2 pipeline. Wiskus wrote a letter and provided
Board with PHMSA letter, and a summary of community and environmental risks posed by these projects. Wiskus said PHMSA letter recognizes what local governments can do to keep citizens safe and asked Board to take leadership on this issue. Barnhart said we can't stop federal subsidies. Dircks voiced concerns about water usage. Schroeder would like Board to propose set-back

feels without an Ordinance Cedar County Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve final voucher for bridge project 016(113)-FE

distances. Goldsmith said sooner Board

sets an Ordinance better because he

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to

approve a utility permit for Windstream on Yankee Avenue and a \$100 fee applies Absent: Bixler

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a). Ayes: Gaul, Kaufmann, Barnhart, Bell

Absent: Bixler Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to go back into regular session

Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann, Bell Absent: Bixler

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve unpaid leave until October 18, 2023 for Jim Meyer pursuant to Cedar County Employee Handbook. Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:28 a.m., to October 3. Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Jon Bell, Chairperson

Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

West Branch city council

(The following is a synopsis of the min utes 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

West Branch, Iowa; City Council; October Council Chambers; Regular Meeting;

Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West

Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Council members present: Colton Miller, Jerry Sexton, Tom Dean

Jodee Stoolman and Nick Goodweiler City Staff present: City Clerk Leslie Brick, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Police Chief John Hanna Library Director Becky Knoche, City Attorney Kevin Olson. Staff attending via Zoom: Heidi Van Auken. Absent City Administrator Adam Kofoed and City Engineer Dave Schechinger. APPROVE THE AGENDA Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve the agenda. Motion carried on

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Approve Minutes from the September 18, 2023 City Council meeting Approve the August Monthly Financial

Claims for 10/2/2023 EXPENDITURES - 10/2/2023 AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS -LIBRARY-189.93 BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-148.04 BOWERS CUSTOM SERVICES-WATERLINE REPAIR IN CEMETERY-2,202.50 CEDAR COUNTY COOPERATIVE-FUEL-PW-1,538.60

D&R PEST CONTROL-PEST CONTROL - LIBRARY-70.00 ECONO SIGNS-POSTS FOR STREET

SIGNS-5,523.75 HICKS, KEVIN & CHELSEA-BLDG INCENTIVE PAYMENT-1,000.00 COMMUNICATIONS-1,573.84 LINDSAY MURDOCK-BLDG INCENTIVE PAYMENT-1,000.00 MENARDS-SHOP SUPPLIES-24.78

PETERSON, ADAM & LINDSEY-BLDG

ROBERT PRATT & MINDY KRAUS-BLDG INCENTIVE PAYMENT-898.82 SPEER FINANCIAL-TIF REPORT DELIVERY-375.00 THE HOME DEPOT PRO-BLDG

SUPPLIES - CITY-29.61 USA BLUE BOOK-SUPPLIES FOR WATER-1,167.55 VEENSTRA & KIMM-VARIOUS PROJECTS-31,056.14 WHITAKER, REBECCA-BLDG INCENTIVE PAYMENT-1,000.00 TOTAL-48,710.52 PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 9/29/2023

44.809.56 PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS METLIFE-INSURANCE-1,445.44 SISCO-INSURANCE-12,350,53 MEDIACOM-CABLE SERVICE-41.90 PITNEY BOWES INC.-POSTAGE METER RENTAL-CITY-180.00 PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER-

REPLENISH POSTAGE-CITY-1,052.11 QUILL-OFFICE SUPPLIES-CITY-67.83 US BANK CORPORATE CARD-CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-1,328.13 VERIZON WIRELESS-VERIZON WIRELESS-412.52 SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 9/15/2023-

LYNCH'S EXCAVATING-EAST SIDE WATER PAY ESTIMATE 4-161,324.16 ALLIANT ENERGY-ALLIANT ENERGY-14,666.82
BOUND TREE MEDICAL-MEDICAL SUPPLIES-276.87 CULLIGAN WATER TECH-WATER SOFTENER SERVICE-36.98 ECONO SIGNS-STREET SIGNS-66.44 FIRST DUE HOSE-FIRE HOSE TESTING & REPAIR-1,977.50
HOLLYWOOD GRAPHICS-VB TSHIRTS YOUTH P&R-574.12 HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS-CLEANING SUPPLIES-FIRE-1,425.04 LINN COUNTY REC-STREET LIGHTS-256.20 PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL-PEST CONTROL-CITY, TOWN HALL-105.90 QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES-LAB ANALYSIS-881.75 STATE HYGIENIC LAB-LAB

ANALYSIS-43.50 WEST BRANCH REPAIRS-VEHICLE **BEPAIRS-FIRE-673 86** WEST BRANCH TIMES-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS-710.99 TOTAL--199,904.98 GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES 293.425.06

FUND TOTALS 001 GENERAL FUND-39,561.93 022 CIVIC CENTER-760.56 031 LIBRARY-7602.3 110 ROAD USE TAX-14.006.93 TRUST AND AGENCY-14,097.40 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-

4,291.93 WW TREATMT FACILITY-13,037.37 326 ROUNDABOUT MAIN & CEDAR-

329 EASTSIDE WATER MAINS-

170,478.09 600 WATER FUND-17.175.78 610 SEWER FUND-10160.46 740 STORM WATER UTILITY-909.61 GRAND FUND TOTAL--293,425.06 REVENUE-FISCAL YEAR 2024 AUGUST 001 GENERAL FUND-42,565.14 022 CIVIC CENTER-313.69

031 LIBRARY-4,324.76 036 TORT LIABILITY-117.36 110 ROAD USE TAX-28.197.35 112 TRUST & AGENGY-2,697.25 119 EMERGENCY TAX FUND-67.36 121 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX-23,523.76

126 TIF LMI MEADOWS PT 4--1.55 226 DEBT SERVICE-637.15 300 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE-97.78
321 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-

125 TIF-347.47

4,864.00 326 ROUNDABOUT MAIN & CEDAR-329 EASTSIDE WATER MAINS-

500 CEMETERY PERPETUAL FUND-600 WATER FUND-71,484.78 740 STORM WATER UTILITY-5.949.00 TOTAL--342,096.81

There were no comments Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Miller, Sexton, Stoolman Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion

PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum

Mike Wagner, Alliant Energy, presentation on franchise fees Wagner provided an overview of franchise fees and how they work. Wagner explained that lowa cities currently have the right to implement a franchise fee of up to 5 percent as part of their agreements with franchised utilities that operate within their right of way. A franchise fee is assessed as a percentage of gross revenue collected in the city by the utility and is displayed as a line item on each customer bill. Currently, Alliant Energy charges the one-percent local option sales tax to residents for their services. If a franchise fee is implemented. the local option sales tax is no longer charged. That means the city would get the full percentage as a franchise fee rather than sharing the local option sales tax with other cities within the county as prescribed by state law. Wagner said, by Iowa Code, cities are required to adopt a revenue purpose statement and adopt an ordinance formally setting or increasing the franchise fee. As an example, a one-percent franchise fee would equate to approximately \$45,000 for electric and another \$16,000 for gas annually, in which the City would receive the full amount. Wagner said fees are based off customer usage so those numbers could vary year to year. Wagner said franchise fees are charged to all customers, including tax exempt entities

and non-profits, which may be a consid-Kinon O'Neal, Regional Sales Manager of Altumint (presentation on traffic cameras) O'Neal gave an overview of his company that manages automated traffic enforcement cameras. O'Neal said the companies fifteen-year history assists law enforcement in improving pedestrian, traffic, community and business safety by altering driver behavior through nonstop, remote monitoring. O'Neal said a seven-day speed study would be conducted to determine best placement of cameras at no expense to the City to identify "hot spots". O'Neal said speeders are targeted for ten miles per hour over the speed limit and that the city is reimbursed sixty to seventy percent of the revenues generated. Three- or five-year contracts are required, and all maintenance costs are bore by his

company.
PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA

First Reading Ordinance 808 - Providing that General Property Taxes Levied and Collected on Certain Lots in The Meadows, Part 4A and Part 4B in West Branch, lowa be paid to a Special Fund for Payments on Loans in connection to the West Branch Urban Renewal Area. Move to action.

There were no comments. Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve first reading of Ordinance 808. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Goodweiler Stoolman, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion

First Reading Ordinance 809 - Providing that General Property Taxes Levied and Collected at 401 Parkside Drive, West Branch, Iowa be paid to a Special Fund

the West Branch Urban Renewal Area. /

Olson explained that this ordinance is to set the base value on the new increment for the improvements at 401 Parkside

Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve first reading of Ordinance 809. AYES: Miller, Sexton, Stoolman, Goodweiler, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried

Resolution 2023- 105– Approve Invoice #31444 in the amount of \$770.00 to Impact7G for the Wapsi Creek Widening SRF Sponsored Project. / Move to

There were no comments. Motion by Sexton, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2023-105. AYES: Sexton, Dean, Stoolman, Miller, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion

Resolution 2023-106 - Approving that Certain Easement Agreement with Katharine Gaskill in connection with the Wapsi Creek Widening Project. / Move

Olson explained that this will be the final payment to the Gaskill's and then the lawsuit against the City will be dropped He further explained that the perpetual easement allows the city to continue moving forward with the project and continued access to the property as needed.

Motion by Miller, second by Goodweiler to approve Resolution 2023-106. AYES: Miller, Goodweiler, Stoolman, Sexton. NAYS: Dean. Motion carried. Resolution 2023-107 – Approving Pay Estimate Number 12 in the amount of \$734,586.93 to Boomerang Corp. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project. /Move to action. Miller said he still had not heard if Boomerang issued a statement as to why the project was six months behind schedule or what steps they were taking to complete the project. City Engineer Schechinger was unavailable for comment. Goodale said some of the issues were sourcing of materials and that he and Veenstra & Kimm have monthly progress meeting but he had no other reasons for the delays. Miller said he was not satisfied that Boomerang has time to create an invoice for their work, but not time to issue a state addressing the delays. Olson said that liquidated damages will be negotiated at the end of the project before the City accepts it as completed so there may some financial penalties at that time.

Miller stated that he will be voting "No" to send a message to Boomerang.

Motion by Dean, second by Goodweiler to consider Resolution 2023-107. AYES: Goodweiler, Sexton. NAYS: Dean, Stoolman, Miller. Motion failed. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT -

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT Olson said the property at East Green Street is going to sheriff's auction on Tuesday, October 3rd and that there will be a new property owner soon. CITY ENGINEER REPORT - Absent

STAFF REPORTS Hanna asked the Council for permission to proceed with police officer recruitment again. He also reported that he, Kofoed, Van Auken, Laughlin and Dean met with the Cedar County Sheriff's office last week and they have agreed to cover some of the on-call time for six thousand dollars per month while a new officer

COMments from mayor and council mem-Dean asked Chief Hanna to look into whether or not a portion of West Orange Street (between N. Oliphant and N. Maple) was a school zone. Dean said he had received a complaint from a resident of speeding on that section of the street. Sexton asked the other Council members their thoughts on traffic cameras. Most agreed that they wouldn't want them in town, but may consider them on I-80. The Council may entertain a traffic study to see what the number of speeding cars looked like, but was concerned that there was not enough police staff to review the speeding tickets. Miller said his concern with charging franchise fees was the fact that the City would have to renew the Franchise Agreement with Alliant Energy for another twenty-five years. He also said he didn't want the Council to "panic and jump the gun" with regard to HF718 since the City really does not know what the financial impacts will be just yet. Stoolman said she was okay with charging the franchise fee only on the gas as that would affect all residents (including those on the west side of town who have Linn County REC for electric.) Dean said he was okay with one-percent on both electric and gas. The council agreed that more discussion and thought was needed on both subjects before making any long-

Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Dean. Motion carried on a voice vote City Council meeting adjourned at 8:08

> Roger Laughlin, Mayor ATTEST:

ESTATE Leslie Brick, City Clerk

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NORTH CEDAR CSD is accepting bids for snow removal at 4 locations. Bids are due by 10/13/23. Remit to: PO Box 247 Stanwood, 52337. Questions: contact Bob @ 563.886.4135. EOE. #41c

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