West Branch Times

Cedar county payroll

VENDOR VENDOR TOTAL Phelps the Uniform Specialists 33.88 Cedar County Treasurer Cedar County Treasurer 11,054.69 Cedar County Treasurer Cedar County Treasurer COUNTY TOTAL 464.51 93.303.42

Cedar county board

BOARD PROCEEDINGS (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

Jan. 14, 2025 Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 14, 2025 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, and Chairperson Bell. Kaufmann absent. Members of

public were also present.

Board viewed correspondence from vari-

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted.

noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 1/10/2025 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441115 for \$32,484-self funded medical claims. Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to

Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. HIPAA Compliance Officer Tischuk explained she had two VPN access requests that need to be acted upon one due to Auditor attending meet-

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve to amend agenda to include action on VPN access for Assistant Assessor Wiese and Auditor Welch.

Ahsent: Kaufmann Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul

to approve VPN access for Assistant Assessor Wiese and Auditor Welch. Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve Board Minutes of Jan. 7, 2025.

Absent: Kaufmann Board reported on Outreach/Committee

and Chief Deputy Koranda met with Board for a FY 25/26 budget review. Discussion held. No decisions were

with Board for a FY 25/26 budget review. Discussion held. No decisions were

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to reappoint Rick Sawyer and James Rohlf to Airport Zoning Board for six-year

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with Board for a FY 25/26 budget review. Discussion held. No decisions were made

for his annual performance review Fangmann requested a closed session. Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to go into closed session under Code section 21.5(1)(i) at 10:31 a.m.

Absent: Kaufmann and Bixler go back into open session at 10 Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Bell

contract from Total Maintenance Inc., and Board reached a consensus to budget for five-year contract. She also reviewed contract with Schumacher Elevator Company, and after County Attorney Blank reviewed it and made a for contracted price. Additionally, Gritton reviewed contract with Altorfer, Inc.

Absent: Kaufmann Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to adjourn at 11:51 a.m., to Jan. 21, 2025

West Branch city

meeting. A video recording is available for inspection at westbranchiowa.org.
The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council

Council Chambers; Regular Meeting;

7:00 p.m.

Colton Miller, Mike Horihan and Tom

Adam Kofoed, City Clerk Leslie Brick, Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken Deputy Clerk Jessica Brown, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Fire Chief Kevin Stoolman and Park & Recreation Director Erin Laughlin.

Attending via Zoom: Sergeant Cathy Steen and City Engineer Dave Schechinger.

Motion by Miller, second by Horihan to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.
APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approve minutes from the January 6, 2025 City Council meeting. Approve minutes from the January 13. 2025 Budget Work session. West Branch Fire Department member-

ship changes.

Monthly Financial Report for December

approve agenda. Ayes: All Absent: Kaufmann

ings this week.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #200085-200222 for period ending 1/4/25 and to be paid on 1/10/25.

Meetings they attended. Sheriff Wethington, Chief Deputy Knoche

Public Health Director Wagaman met

terms, Todd Pruess to Zoning Board of Adjustment for a five-year term and Steve Agne appointed to Pioneer Cemetery Commission to fulfill a vacant term.

Veterans Affairs Officer Hamann met with Board for a FY 25/26 budget review.

Discussion held. No decisions were

Engineer Fangmann met with Board

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to

Absent: Kaufmann and Bixler
Head Custodian Gritton met with Board to discuss various contracts. She reviewed few revisions, Board agreed to budget regarding generator, and Board decided to budget for 10-year Platinum Plan and service levels two and seven.

Jeff Steiert met with Board via phone to discuss hiring of an EMS Director. EMA Director Freet mentioned that she contacted Krucial Rapid Response to assist in search for a candidate, with company set to receive 18% of EMS Director's first-year salary. Krucial Rapid Response has sent a contract to Freet, which she is currently working through with County Attorney Blank. Steiert expressed a positive outlook about using company's services. Additionally, Freet noted that hiring committee has an interview scheduled fo Thursday with a candidate, and Krucial Rapid Response is aware of interview. Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve contract with Krucial Rapid Response subject to County Attorney Ayes: All

> Absent: Kaufmann Jon Bell, Chairperson Nicki Welch, Auditor WBT 5

council

(The following is a synopsis of the mi utes of the West Branch City Council

West Branch, Iowa; City Council; January 21, 2025

Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West

Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Roll call: Council members present; Dean. Absent: Jerry Sexton and Jodee

City Staff present: City Administrator

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Claims for January 21, 2025.

County currently, but that the County wanted to update the agreement which LIBRARY-336.58 has been in the works for several years BEAN & BEAN-GRAVE OPENINGS-2,600.00 The Agreement has now been approved by Johnson County and is now ready BMI-ANNUAL MUSIC LICENSE-446.00 CEDAR COUNTY RECORDERfor the individual cities to approve and adopt. Chief said there really isn't much

RECORDING FEES-67.00

7-2.747.00

DUES-17.500.00

SERVICE-756.00

P&R-5.31

EOCENE ENVIRONMENTAL-WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-210.00

FUSIONSITE MIDWEST-S.S. PORT-O-POTTIES-121.00 HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-4,198.67

IMWCA-IMWCA FY25 INSTALLMENT

TRAINING DUES-978.00
KANOPY-ON DEMAND VIDEO

IOWA ASSN. MUN. UTILITIES-SAFETY

SERVICE-59.00 LRS HOLDINGS-TRASH & RECYCLING

DEC 2024-18,785.75 WB MAIN STREET-FY25 MAIN STREET

SERVICES-735.00
OLSON, KEVIN D-LEGAL SERVICES &

REIMBURSEMENT-1,542.00
OMNISITE-SEWER WIRELESS ALARM

PARKSIDE SERVICE-VEHICLE

REPAIRS-PW, PD-3,708.31 QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES-LAB ANALYSIS-736.00

TREATMENT TANKS-FIRE-411.00 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES-UB

SERVICE-POLICE-210.15

BENEFITS - 1/17/2025

1.245.02

FIRE-1.018.56

PW-71 85

PW-187.00 TOTAL--103,983.87

GRAND TOTAL

69,350.00 PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS

SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 1/13/2025-

FUSIONSITE MIDWEST-SS PORT-O-

POTTIES-121.00
IA FINANCE AUTHORITY-SRF LOANS

INTEREST & FEES-93,357.78 SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 1/6/2025

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY-VEHICLE SUPPLIES-PW-82.34

SERVICE-210.04
CEDAR COUNTY COOP-FUEL-FIRE,

PW-1,499.48 CULLIGAN WATER TECH-WATER

SOFTENER SERVICE-30.49 HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT-HOSE

LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING-COPIER LEASE-LIBRARY-142.02

PLOW PARTS-2,023.91 MPEC-VEHICLE/SHOP SUPPLIES-

PYRAMID SERVICES-TREE TRIM

EXPENDITURES--230,054.19 FUND TOTALS

031 LIBRARY-5.526.20

001 GENERAL FUND-75,810.80 022 CIVIC CENTER-332.50

110 ROAD USE TAX-9,534.62 112 TRUST AND AGENCY-20,373.79

321 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-210.00 600 WATER FUND-14,436.78

603 WATER SINKING FUND-6,776.04

740 STORM WATER UTILITY

REVENUE-FISCAL YEAR 2025 FUND - DECEMBER

001 GENERAL FUND-77.329.71

031 LIBRARY-2,566.58 036 TORT LIABILITY-889.57

22,345.60 125 TIF-2,688.47

RESERVE-1.186.09

TOTAL--310,488.27

AGENDA

110 ROAD USE TAX-28,789,44

226 DEBT SERVICE-4,168.19 300 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

600 WATER FUND-68,948.19 610 SEWER FUND-85,236.05

121 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX-

501 KROUTH PRINCIPAL FUND-672.67 502 KROUTH INTEREST FUND-314.38

740 STORM WATER UTILITY-6.057.28

Motion by Dean, second by Miller to

approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Miller, Horihan. NAYS: None.

Absent: Sexton and Stoolman, Motion

carried.
PRESENTATIONS / communications /

open forum – none PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT

West Branch, Iowa, by adding a new

Setoff Program. Move to action.

First Reading Ordinance 822 - Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of

section pertaining to debts subject to the

Brick explained that by establishing this ordinance and defining the process in

which the City attempts to collect bad debts, it will allow the City to participate

in the lowa Department of Revenue Setoff Program. Brick said that currently

the City can only collect past due utility

the City more flexibility to collect other

debts when property liens are not an option. The Council had no questions

Motion by Dean, second by Miller to

approve the first reading of Ordinance 822. AYES: Dean, Miller, Horihan.

Financial Institutions as Depositories of

the City of West Branch funds. / Move

Brick said this resolution increases the

depository amount for Fidelity Bank &

Trust and that all other institutions limits will remain the same. Brick said that the

increase is due in part to increased bond

proceeds that the City has received in

Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2025-03. AYES:

Dean, Miller, Horihan, NAYS: None

Resolution 2025-05 - Authorizing the purchase of Self-contained Breathing

Apparatus and Breathing Air Systems with related equipment, by the City of West Branch, lowa from MacQueen,

to be used by the West Branch Fire Department. / Move to action.

Chief Stoolman said that the depart

ments current air packs were purchased

replacement. Chief said that the depart

ment tested a couple of different brands and said that the MSA brand was select-

ed. Chief stated that the West Branch

consists of donations and fund-raising dollars) will pay \$50,000 of the total cost

to purchase the needed equipment. The

Motion by Dean, second by Horihan to

approve Resolution 2025-05. AYES: Dean, Horihan, Miller. NAYS: None.

Absent: Sexton and Stoolman, Motion

Automatic and Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Protection, Rescue and Emergency

Johnson County, Iowa. / Move to action

agreement for mutual aid with Johnson

Resolution 2025-06 - Approving an

Medical Services in and surrounding

Chief Stoolman said the City has an

Firefighter Foundation fund (which

Council had no questions.

in 2002 and that they are over due for

the past twelve months.

NAYS: None. Absent: Sexton and

Stoolman. Motion carried.
Resolution 2025-03 – Designating

balances and that this ordinance will give

GRAND FUND TOTAL--230.054.19

610 SEWER FUND-9,922.29 611 SEWER FUND SPECIAL-86,581.74

022 CIVIC CENTER-1,065.01 026 SIGNS ACCIONA DONATION-88.21

EQUIP-PW-987.97 WEX BANK-VEHICLE FUEL-1,298.10 WHITE CAP-SAFETY SUPPLIES-

LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-1,593.12 MIDWEST FRAME & AXLE-SNOW

AT & T MOBILITY-WIRELESS

WEST BRANCH TIMES-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS-515.73

NOTIFICATION FEE-1.10 WEST BRANCH REPAIRS-VEHICLE

TOTAL--56,720.32 PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE

THE HOME DEPOT PRO-BLDG SUPPLIES-CITY OFFICE-50.72 TOTAL WATER TREATMENT-WATER

MENARDS-CUBBY SHED HOOKS-

MOPPY MO'S-CLEANING

that has changed and recommended approval.

Motion by Miller, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2025-06. AYES: Miller, Horihan, Dean. NAYS: None. Absent: Sexton and Stoolman, Motion

Resolution 2025-07 - Authorizing a Partnership with the lowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC), a pro-

gram of the University of Iowa. / Move Kofoed proposed tabling this item since the full Council was not present to consider. He went on to say that he feels

comfortable with IISC providing this service. Miller agreed with tabling the item until the full Council could weigh in since the cost is a significant budget item.

Motion to table Resolution 2025-07 by Miller, second by Horihan, AYES: Miller, Horihan, Dean. NAYS: None. Absent: Sexton and Stoolman. Motion carried Discussion - Review Solid Waste &

Recycling proposals Brick said that four proposals were received for solid waste and recycling services. Proposals were received from LRS (the city's current provider), ABC Disposal, Republic Service, and Waste Management. Brick presented the proposal information showing pro-posed monthly costs for each company. Items of note were that all companies proposed an annual increase from 3-5%. Cart options were increased to 95-gallon trash carts and a slight variance in bulk item costs and procedures ABC Disposal and LRS were present at the meeting for any questions (both being the two least expensive options). Staff asked questions of ABC Disposal regarding their service levels and communication methods and were satisfied with their responses. Laughlin asked if the Council if they had any questions regarding the proposals and the only comment was from Miller who suggested that the City ask the residents what they wanted in some sort of outreach attempt. Brick said a decision was not needed today but will be planning on a decision at the February 18th meeting so that there is ample time for staff to coordinate any potential changes in vendors. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Kofoed informed the Council that Mundy McCarty from the Hoover Presidential Foundation requested time to speak to the Council at the next regular meeting to talk about the Community Attraction Tourism (CAT) grant that the Foundation will be applying for. Kofoed said that

McCarty may be asking the Council for some financial assistance.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - Absent CITY ENGINEER REPORT Schechinger said final plans are being completed on Cedar-Johnson Road and will be ready to go out to bid in February. He also reported that he had received an update from the DOT regarding the next phase of the I-80 project that will go out to bid at the end of January. STAFF REPORTS – No reports

COMments from mayor and council mem-Dean mentioned that a representative from Cedar County EMA will be at the fire station on January 29th at 6:30 p.m.

to give an update on the new ambulance service for Cedar County. adiournment Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Dean. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 7:37

> Roger Laughlin, Mayor ATTEST: Leslie Brick, City Clerk

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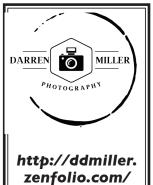
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