

The City of West Branch issued a boil water order in effect from 6 a.m. Tuesday through 10 a.m. Friday for homes and businesses inside the red border: the Golf View Heights subdivision, as well as those along Lazy Brook Drive, Ember Lane, and Serenity Circle. The boil order was expected during the reconstruction of Cedar-Johnson Road. Drawing provided by City of West Branch



Boil order issued for NW corner

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The City of West Branch on Tuesday morning issued a boil water order for homes and businesses in the northwest corner of the city.

The order began 6 a.m. Tuesday morning and remains in effect until 10 a.m. Friday.

Affected areas include the neighborhood of Golf View Heights (Bickford Drive), as well as homes and businesses along Serenity Circle, Ember Lane, and Lazy Brook Drive.

City Administrator Adam Kofoed said the city expected to issue the boil order as part of the Cedar-Johnson Road reconstruction project.

That project includes replacing water mains.

Kofoed said it had been unclear when the subcontractors could move in to lay the new line, thus the late notice.

He said the city hand-delivered letters to the affected homes and businesses, and is notifying anyone who lives in that area who calls City Offices.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporter's error, an Aug. 7, 2025, article, "Downtown gets more big 'Days activities,'" had the incorrect name for Herbert Hoover's physician and inventor of Hooverball. It is Dr. Joel Thompson Boone. Hoover Presidential Library and Museum

Thomas Schwartz noted that Boone "accompanied Hoover as President-elect on the Good Will Tour in 1928. It was on the ship that Boone observed Hoover enjoying the sailors throwing a medicine ball around in a game called "Bull in the Ring."

He started throwing a medicine ball around with Hoover for the President to lose weight. The ball tossing evolved into Hoover Ball. Hoover was more than 210 pounds entering office and 175 pounds on leaving office. So the exercise worked."

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Cedar county payroll

VENDOR	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	930.74
Washington National Ins Co.	167.26
Fidelity Investments	1,200.00
Phelps the Uniform Specialists	34.10
Cincinnati Life Insurance Co	402.16
IPERS	125,372.05
Cedar County Health Fund	173,319.72
Nationwide Retirement Solution	140.00
Cedar County Treasurer	82,695.94
Cedar County Treasurer	10,976.61
Cedar County Treasurer	9,014.84
Cedar County Treasurer	411.42
Cedar County Treasurer	1,016.42
COUNTY TOTAL	405,681.26
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Adam Kofoed, City Clerk Alycia Horras, Park & Recreation Director Erin Laughlin, Public Works Director Matt Goodale and City Engineer Dave Schechinger.
Attending via Zoom: Finance Officer Heidi Van Auker, Police Chief Greg Hall and, Library Director Jessie Schafer
APPROVE THE AGENDA
Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.
APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
Approve minutes from the July 21, 2025 City Council meeting.
Approval of Special Event Permit for the WBHS Homecoming Parade and street closures
Approve Claims for August 4, 2025.
Approve Monthly June Financial Report EXPENDITURES - 8/4/2025
BAKER & TAYLOR-REFUND CREDIT-286.25
BEAN & BEAN-GRAVE OPENINGS-650.00
BIBLIONIX-CIRCULATION/CATALOG SOFTWARE-1,870.00
BOOMERANG-CEDAR JOHNSON RD PAY EST 2-309,539.52
BROWN'S WEST BRANCH-VEHICLE SERVICE - POLICE-100.95
DEERY BROTHERS-PLOW TRUCK REPAIR - PW-5,201.26
DIAMOND VOGEL-STREET PAINT-1,832.25
GOERDT INSPECTION -BLDG INSPECTIONS-2,352.00
GRIEBAHN INDUSTRIES-NAMEPLATES - HORRAS-47.00
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY-BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS - BAILEY-10.00
IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION SERVICE-120.60
KOFUED, ADAM-TRAVEL REIMB-ICMA-1,086.00
LARK LAND-DEEPER SANITARY SEWER-19,792.50
QUILL-VARIOUS ITEMS-93.38
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-CHEMICALS-257.89
STERICYCLE-SHREDDING SERVICES-89.58
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION-ANNUAL FIRE EXT SERVICE-1,153.20
THE HOME DEPOT-BLDG SUPPLIES - P&R-83.34
UNIV OF IOWA SCHOOL-STRATEGIC PLAN SRVS 1ST INST-12,500.00
UTILITY SERVICE-S WATER TOWER MAINT PAYMNT-73,335.00
TOTAL--430,400.72
PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-81/2025--59,008.61
PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS
AMAZON-VARIOUS ITEMS-170.60
CURTIS CASPER-LAWN MOWING-175.00
E O JOHNSON-COPIER MAINT - LIB-321.43
IC COUNTY MANAGEMENT-MEMBER DUES-300.00
IL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION-SUMMER PROGRAM PRIZES- LIB-139.10
OLSON, KEVIN D-LEGAL SERVICES MAY 2025-1,500.00
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL-PEST CONTROL-164.54
QUILL-OFFICE SUPPLIES-PW, CITY-127.51
US BANK CORPORATE CARD-CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-3,882.51
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 7/22/2025-825.68
AMAZON-VARIOUS ITEMS-172.41
HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-2,714.68
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-SUPPLIES & UNIFORMS - PW-1,099.49
LIBERTY DOORS-COMMUNITY DOOR - LIB-4,140.00
LYNCH'S PLUMBING-TOILET REPAIR - LIB-110.74
MEDIACOM-CABLE SERVICE-41.90
VERIZON WIRELESS-VERIZON WIRELESS-454.71
METLIFE-INSURANCE PREMIUM-2,385.93
SISCO-INSURANCE PREMIUM -16,193.66
TOTAL--34,919.89
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES--524,329.22
REVENUE-FISCAL YEAR 2025 FUND JUNE
001 GENERAL FUND-325,546.82
022 CIVIC CENTER-21,380.00
026 SIGNS ACCIONA DONATION-81.42
031 LIBRARY-169,435.63
036 TORT LIABILITY-554.85
110 ROAD USE TAX-39,238.60
112 TRUST & AGENCY-5,923.71
121 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX-22,344.39
125 TIF-9,064.82
226 DEBT SERVICE-(254,834.88)
300 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE-739.84
330 EASTSIDE WATER MAINS PH2-514.40
331 CEDAR JOHNSON RD RECON-41,500.00
332 W MAIN ST IMPROVEMENT-41,500.00
500 CEMETERY PERPETUAL FUND-60.00

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
July 29, 2025
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. July 29, 2025 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Minutes reported by Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. Members of public were also present.
Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.
Manure Management Annual Updates submitted.
It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 7/25/2025 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #443090 for \$634.20-self funded medical claims.
Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve agenda.
Ayes: All
Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. Public Health Director Wagaman invited everyone to stop by Health Fair on Friday.
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of July 22, 2025.
Ayes: All
Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #202143-202295 for period ending 7/19/25 and to be paid on 7/25/25.
Ayes: All
Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Purdue and Sackler Opioids Settlement Participation and Release Form.
Ayes: All
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign billing service agreement with EMS Management & Consultants ending on June 2028 for Cedar County EMS.
Ayes: All
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Resolution Updating Approved Financial Institutions as Depositories for Cedar County.
Ayes: All
A public hearing held at 9:30 a.m. on Ordinance 54--Uniform Rural Address and Road Naming System. Chairperson Bell read legal notice. No written or verbal concerns.
Engineer Fangmann met with board for letting of bridge replacement project LFM-202502--7X-16. Bids were opened and reviewed by Engineer Fangmann.
Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to accept lowest bid from Jim Schroeder Construction, Inc in amount of \$432,202.58.
Ayes: All
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to adjourn at 10:53 a.m., to August 5, 2025.
Ayes: All

501 KROUTH PRINCIPAL FUND-681.12
502 KROUTH INTEREST FUND-318.35
600 WATER FUND-67,211.58
610 SEWER FUND-84,842.70
740 STORM WATER UTILITY-6,045.72
TOTAL--582,149.07
Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Horihan, Stoolman, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum - None
PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA
Public Hearing -- on the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract; ordering bids and directing notice of the same; all for the Wapsi flood improvements channel widening Project. Called to Order by Mayor Laughlin at 7:02 p.m.
With no comments or discussion, Public Hearing was Closed at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Laughlin.
Resolution 2025-84 Approve reset of Public Hearing date for proposed development agreement with Parkside Partners, LLC, which includes annual appropriation tax increment rebates. / Move to Action
With a Special Meeting scheduled for August 14, 2025 to meet with the developer, this item will be tabled until the August 18th Council meeting.
Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to table Resolution 2025-84. AYES: Dean, Horihan, Miller, Stoolman, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2025-85 Approve amendment to the Employee Handbook, Department Flex Holiday Benefit / Move to Action It was reaffirmed that this change would allow departments that work an untraditional schedule such as the library and Police Department, to flex a paid holiday designation within the same pay period to avoid overtime accumulation during that pay period. It would also allow the PD (or any department that went to a schedule outside of the standard 8-hour work day), the ability to receive the same number of hours for the paid holiday as their regular scheduled number of hours is set to be in order to avoid having to work an additional time (currently 2 hours to make a 10-hour work day), or to take vacation to ensure their full day off for a holiday.
Motion by Miller, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2025-85. AYES: Miller, Horihan, Sexton, Stoolman, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2025-86 Approve Naming of the Pocket Park at 311 E Main Street. / Move to Action
Discussion on adding a sign with the new park name, "Mural Park". It was suggested that there could be an addition to the top of the current mural to conserve green space. This will be determined as the overall park development is further developed.
Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2025-86. AYES: Dean, Miller, Sexton, Horihan, Stoolman. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2025-87 Accepting bids and awarding the construction contract for the SRF - WRR21-008 sponsored project - Wapsi flood improvements channel widening Project. / Move to action.
It was shared that with the 3 lowest bids being similar in amount, that this was the true price range for this project, since all bids came in over the original budgeted amount. Kofoed shared some of the thoughts on where the additional funding would come from for the overage as Finance Officer Van Auker had shared some areas that projects were coming in under budget and the potential of additional funds out of the storm operating reserves could be used. Project is projected to be done by Spring of 2026.
Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2025-87. AYES: Miller, Sexton, Stoolman, Horihan, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Discussion - Meadows Part 6 Final Plat Discussion
Brad Larson shared that the sidewalks are formed and will be poured this week. The Culvert is rocked on both sides of the road and they are ready to do a final grade, seed and then put in utilities in this area. He asked what the plan is for the large pile of dirt that is on the property. This is partially city owned and partially developer owned. This was set to be used for the Johnson Cedar Road project and a large portion of this is now not going to be needed for this. It was suggested that it could be used at the South Water Tower and Brad shared that Land Lark has had some interested parties reach out about purchasing some of it. The council was asked if they could have a plan in place for the dirt by the August 18th meeting to move forward.
It was shared that we will need to have a site plan in place for this if we move it to behind the South Water Tower for finishing off the cities area.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Looking at our options for a firm to do our annual Audit, as our current vendor will not be available after this year's audit. Kofoed is looking to bring options to either the 8/18 or 9/2 meeting for discussion. The state may or may not be able to help in this area for auditing our city as well. Kofoed, Horras, and Brown are working on a plan for sewer reading

and charge to the West Branch Village after finding out that the current system they have to measure usage in the new addition of this area, will not work. This item will be added to the 8/18 council meeting for discussion.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - None
CITY ENGINEER REPORT - Updates were given with the continued work on Cedar Johnson Road. He received an email from the DOT contractor that they were planning to open the

West Bound Exit Ramp off of Parkside Dr. by the end of the week.
STAFF REPORTS - None
COMMENTS from mayor and council members
Council person Horihan mentioned the horrific accident that was on I 80 Sunday and wanted to share a Thank You to West Branch Fire and Police Departments for all of their work and support during that situation. Their professionalism and support over sev-

eral hours were very much noticed and appreciated.
adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Dean. Motion carried on a voice vote.
City Council meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.
Roger Laughlin, Mayor
ATTEST
Alycia Horras, City Clerk
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West Branch city council

(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; City Council; August 04, 2025
Council Chambers; Regular Meeting; 7:00 p.m.
Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Roll call: Council members present: Tom Dean, Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Jerry Sexton and Jodee Stoolman.
City Staff present: City Administrator