

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

November 19, 2024 Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 19, 2024 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of public were also present. Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 11/15/2024 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #440592 for \$3,868.00-self funded medical claims. Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to approve agenda.

Ayes: All Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann informed Board her event on Saturday, November 16, 2024 went over very well. Hamann had a Board member resign, her Board will appoint Wednesday at their meeting.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve Board Minutes of November 12, 2024.

Ayes: All Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #199507-199649 for period ending 11/9/24 and to be paid on 11/15/24.

Ayes: All Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended. Johanna Tholen met with Board to discuss a Resolution objecting to Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) approval to enact eminent domain authority within Cedar County for privately owned and operated carbon dioxide pipelines.

Those in attendance were Doug Schroeder, Jerry Goldsmith, Lisa Dirks, Scott Tholen and Robert Niernmeyer. General discussion had while reviewing Resolution. Consensus of Board is to have Heartland Attorney and County Attorney review it and add to agenda in a couple of weeks.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve a step-wage increase for Isaac Brennan for Crew Leader position effective November 18, 2024.

Ayes: All Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve Resolution regarding Election Recount Request received from Christina Bohannon.

Ayes: Barnhart, Bixler, Gaul, Bell, Kaufmann Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to approve final voucher for project # L-202306-73-16 Cedar Valley 255th Street resurfacing.

Ayes: All

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Mechanicsville Telephone Company on 160th Street and \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve \$85,000 in ARPA funds to Custom Builders to repair Secondary Roads shop roof.

Ayes: All Moved by Gaul seconded by Bell to approve \$4,827 in ARPA funds for hood replacement.

Ayes: All Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve \$32,350.00 in ARPA funds for LED lighting, ceiling tiles and electrical work.

Ayes: All Board would like to discuss ARPA funds with IT Director Pierce, Conservation Director Dauber and Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue next week.

Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to adjourn at 10:21 a.m., to November 26, 2024.

Ayes: All

Jon Bell, Chairperson Stephanie Wiese, Auditor WBT 50

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November 26, 2024 Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 26, 2024 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of public were also present. Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 11/22/2024 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #440778 for \$7,276.24-self funded medical claims. Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve agenda.

Ayes: All Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. Doyle Kirk Jr. made a statement concerning hiring of part-time custodian position.

Safety Coordinator Tischuk advised Board that EMA Director Freet asked if she could share County's safety manual. EMA Director Freet thought that it would be a good idea for a copy of this document to be located outside of courthouse in case of a disaster. Consensus of Board to provide Freet with County's safety manual.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve Board Minutes of November 19, 2024.

Ayes: All

Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #440593 - #440777 paid on 11/21/2024.

Ayes: All Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended. Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve following appointment of Austin Lenz, Assistant County Attorney.

Ayes: All Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve hiring James Choate, Custodian as a regular part-time employee effective 12/3/2024. Further discussion held. Consensus of Board to table this until next week to discuss hiring a regular part-time Custodian with HR Attorney Galloway.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to set public hearing dates for December 10th and 17th at 10:30 a.m. following petition: Judy Hotz, 31468 Colorado River Rd., McCoy, CO, (Owner) and Christian LaCarte, 6 Hillside Ct., Eldridge, IA (Buyer) - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property located in SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 33, T-80N, R-3W, in Iowa Township. Said petition is to rezone 1.02 acres of an existing 10.00 acre lot.

Ayes: All Board of Supervisors recanvassed United States Representative District 1 race. Overall results were changed by one vote for Mariannette Miller-Meeks.

Conservation Director Dauber present to discuss ARPA funds for a new well/septic at Bennett Campground to service future cabins planned to be built. He is waiting on DNR's report on whether this would be considered a private or public well, which in turn will determine cost of project. Discussion held.

Conservation Director Dauber also reported that he has not yet received a bid from Amish vendor for barn restoration at Rock Creek. Chairperson Bell and Dauber said they would reach out to get this bid. Discussion held.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue present to discuss ARPA funds for purchase of a new car. His current car has 95,000 miles and he has to enter through back seat. He estimated cost to be \$36,000. Discussion held on auctioning old car on Purple Wave or trading it on new purchase. Board directed LaRue to report back next week. No decisions were made.

Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to approve \$14,000 in ARPA funds for a new bathroom at Cedar Valley Campground.

Ayes: All Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to approve up to \$26,963.77 in ARPA funds to upgrade servers in courthouse.

Ayes: All Board would like to discuss ARPA funds with IT Director Pierce concerning security camera upgrades after receiving a quote from vendor.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to adjourn at 10:11 a.m., to December 3, 2024.

Ayes: All

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Ayes: All

Jon Bell, Chairperson

Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

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The James Kennedy Aquatic Center will be closed on 12/24-12/26/24 as well as 12/31/24 - 1/1/25 due to the holidays.

Holiday Open House and Fundraiser Saturday, Dec. 14 • 1:30 - 3:30 Join us for: Pictures with Santa Shopping for children to buy gifts for their families Gift Baskets & Wreaths Raffle Hot Chocolate Bar & More! Cedar Manor 1200 Mulberry St., Tipton

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; December 2, 2024 Council Chambers; Special Meeting; 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 Jerry Sexton, Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Jodee Stoolman and Tom Dean. Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofoed and City Attorney Kevin Olson.

Motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could reasonably be expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property pursuant to Section 21.5(j) of the Code of Iowa. / Move to action.

Motion by Miller, second by Dean to enter into closed session. AYES: Miller, Dean, Sexton, Horihan, Stoolman. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

adjournment Motion to adjourn Closed Session by Miller, second by Horihan. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

West Branch, Iowa; City Council; December 2, 2024 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 Jerry Sexton, Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Jodee Stoolman and Tom Dean. City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofoed, City Clerk Leslie Brick, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Park & Recreation Director Erin Laughlin and City Attorney Kevin Olson.

Staff attending via Zoom: Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken, Deputy Clerk Jessica Brown, Library Director Jessie Schafer, Police Chief Greg Hall and Sergeant Cathy Steen.

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 November 18, 2024 City Council meeting.

Approve a Class C Retail Alcohol license for Hazelhasky LLC dba Herb & Lou's, 105 N. Downey Street, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Approve the October Monthly Financial Report.

Approve Claims for December 2, 2024. EXPENDITURES - 12/2/2024 AMAZON.COM-BOOKS, DVDS, IT-458.65

BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-172.96 BARNHART'S CUSTOM SERVICES-ROCK STOCK PILE-1,155.00 BRICK, LESLIE-MILEAGE REIMBURSE-BRICK-24.12

ELECTRIC PUMP-LIFT STATION REPAIR-1,040.58 HAMER, JUNE-SR. FITNESS FEE REFUND-69.00 HI-LINE-SHOP SUPPLIES-296.49 IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION SERVICE-56.70

LEDoux, JESSICA-3/4 BOYS BBALL FEE REFUND-50.00 MENARDS-SIGN/STREET PAINT SUPPLIES-406.66 MOORE'S WELDING-SIGN POST CUTTING-62.86

OLSON, KEVIN D-LEGAL SERVICES-NOV 2024-1,500.00 SIVER, KRISTEN-3/4 BOYS BBALL FEE REFUND-50.00 STERICYCLE-SHRIDDING SERVICES-90.63

TOTAL--5,433.65 PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 11/22/2024 70,443.90 PAID DEERING MEETINGS JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-UNIFORMS-366.92

PREMIUM-18,681.33 SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 11/8/2024-273.56 SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 11/12/2024-34.68

ALLIANT ENERGY-ALLIANT ENERGY-15,830.06 APPARATUS TESTING SERVICE-PUMP TESTING-FIRE-484.50

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY-OIL, FILTERS, SHOP SUPPLIES-PW-389.58 BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-227.83 CEDAR COUNTY COOPERATIVE-FUEL-FIRE-459.20

CULLIGAN WATER TECH-WATER SOFTENER SERVICE-30.49 DIRK WIENEKE-CUBBY TOP DRESS & PATCH WORK-7,450.00

FELD FIRE EQUIPMENT-BUNKER GEAR-FIRE-2,445.00 FUSIONSITE MIDWEST-LHLM PORT-O-POTTY-33.00

HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT-HOSE, THERMAL CAMERA-5,218.40 JOHNSON COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTRIBUTION LOWER CEDAR WMA-500.00

LINN COUNTY R.E.C.-STREET LIGHTS-309.22 OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-350.49

PARKSIDE SERVICE-TIRES #199-FIRE-2,456.12 QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES-LAB ANALYSIS-1,108.00

RIVER PRODUCTS COMPANY-ROCK FOR STOCK PILE-672.50 SCHNOEBEL-DITCH MOWER PARTS-PW-1,062.72

SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION-EXTINGUISHER SERVICE CALL-FIRE-731.00 THOMAS HEATING & AIR-FURNACE DRAIN REPAIR-FIRE-101.00

US BANK CORPORATE CARD-CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-2,898.97 USA TODAY-ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-400.35

WB COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-YOUTH BBALL GYM RENTAL-360.00 WEST BRANCH REPAIRS-BATTERIES #191-FIRE-1,261.48

TOTAL--69,300.98 GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES 145,178.53

FUND TOTALS 001 GENERAL FUND-59,742.38 022 CIVIC CENTER-227.72

031 LIBRARY-6,013.43 110 ROAD USE TAX-8,448.95 112 TRUST AND AGENCY-32,137.63

331 CEDAR JOHNSON RD RECON-1,625.00 600 WATER FUND-16,460.64

610 SEWER FUND-19,312.99 740 STORM WATER UTILITY-1,209.79 GRAND FUND TOTAL-145,178.53

REVENUE-FISCAL YEAR 2025 FUND OCTOBER 001 GENERAL FUND-867,790.36

022 CIVIC CENTER-760.01 031 LIBRARY-2,301.14 036 TORT LIABILITY-32,186.89

110 ROAD USE TAX-28,104.25 112 TRUST & AGENCY-181,692.08 121 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX-28,477.52

125 TIF-264,246.34 226 DEBT SERVICE-152,000.62 300 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE-42,915.91

Miller asked the police department if there were any known violations with Herb & Lou's liquor license. Chief Hall said there were none.

Motion by Dean, second by Horihan to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Horihan, Sexton, Stoolman, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum Brian Shay - presentation of proposed Site Plan for Lot 9, Parkside Hills.

Shay said he is interested in constructing townhomes in Parkside Hills and presented his conceptual plans. Shay proposed a different concept from the original developer which increases the density, adds additional driveway space, and increases the number of beds and baths.

The Council liked Shay's proposal and gave their verbal approval for Shay to proceed. PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Public Hearing - on the proposed amendment to Chapter 165 - Zoning Regulations.

Laughlin opened the public hearing at 7:22. John Fuller, resident

and Chairperson of the West Branch Planning & Zoning Commission expressed his support for the ordinance and said that the proposed ordinance has been reviewed multiple times with the Historic Preservation Commission, Main Street West Branch, the Planning & Zoning Commission and other city partners.

Jessi Simon, Main Street West Branch and other members of her Board were present and also shared their support of the ordinance. There were no other public comments. Laughlin closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

First Reading Ordinance 821 - Amending Chapter 165 - Zoning Regulations. / Move to action. The Council had no comments.

Motion by Miller to Miller to approve the first reading of Ordinance 821. AYES: Dean, Miller, Stoolman, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Second Reading Ordinance 820 - Amending Chapter 47 - Municipal Park Policies and Regulations. / Move to action. The Council had no comments.

Motion by Sexton, second by Sexton to approve the second reading of Ordinance 820. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Horihan, Miller, Stoolman. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-130 - Approve the Annual Agreement in the amount of \$10,540 with the U.S. Geological Survey for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the stream flow gaging located on the Wapsinonoc Creek at College Street. / Move to action.

Miller expressed his support for continuing with the stream monitoring and reminded the Council that the City charges storm water fees to pay for it. Motion by Sexton, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2024-130. AYES: Sexton, Dean, Miller, Stoolman, Horihan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-131 - Approve the Bedrock Industrial - Part 1 Final Plat. / Move to action. Brian Boelk, Axiom Consultants explained the property owner's desire to split the parcel into two lots.

Lot 1 is being proposed to be developed although no site plan has been submitted to date. The parcel is being divided diagonally by a floodplain and gas easement.

Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2024-131. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Stoolman, Horihan, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-132 -Waiving the right to a formal review of an extra-territorial jurisdiction subdivision within two miles of the corporate limits of West Branch (Stach-Vikel Subdivision). / Move to action.

Brick stated that the owners of the property (located in Johnson County) has petitioned Johnson County to rezone the parcel from Agriculture to Residential. The property currently has a house on it and has had a new septic installed and will be using the existing well and driveway.

Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2024-132. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Stoolman, Horihan. NAYS: Miller. Motion carried. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

CORNERSTONE REAL ESTATE CONSULTANTS Formerly Jan Dendinger Real Estate • 311 Cedar St., Tipton, IA • 563-886-2679 IOWA CITY & CEDAR RAPIDS REALTORS NEW LISTINGS 208 INDIAN AVE, MECHANICSVILLE, \$299,900 116 W 5TH ST, TIPTON, \$175,000 FEATURED PROPERTIES 416 E 4TH ST, TIPTON, \$69,500 SUBDIVISIONS, LOTS, ACREAGES & COMMERCIAL SUNRISE ESTATES PHASE 10 LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! RARE BUILDING LOTS BORDERING CITY PARK, AQUATIC CENTER, BASEBALL DIAMONDS & SOCCER FIELDS. LOT 1 - \$57,000 LOT 2 - \$57,000 LOT 3 - \$58,000 LOT 4 - \$52,000 LOT 5 - \$58,000 LOT 6 - \$59,000 LOT 7 - \$59,900 LOT 8 - \$59,900 LOT 9 - \$58,000 ACREAGE ALERT!! WEST BRANCH'S NEWEST SUBDIVISION JUST EAST OF WEST BRANCH WITH LOTS RANGING IN SIZE FROM 2.40-3.25 ACRES. CREEK ON EAST SIDE OF PROPERTY. CHARLES AVE ADJACENT TO LOTS WILL BE SEAL COATED IN SPRING. LOTS 7 & 8 SHARE DRIVEWAY. LOTS 508 SHARE COMMUNITY WELL. 1 OUTBUILDING, 1 GAZEBO & SWIMMING POOL PERMITTED BEHIND HOME. 1908 CHARLES AVE - \$154,900 • 1912 CHARLES AVE - \$164,900 1924 CHARLES AVE - \$154,900 • 1928 CHARLES AVE - \$154,900 1932 CHARLES AVE - \$154,900 THE AREA'S MOST EXPERIENCED REAL ESTATE TEAM Teresa Horton Broker/Owner 563-889-9119 Jerry Bumgarner Salesperson 319-361-1554 Kim Harnel Realtor 563-210-6792 CORNERSTONE REAL ESTATE CONSULTANTS