

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. The full text of the minutes is available for inspection at the City Clerk's office. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)

**West Branch, Iowa
Council Chambers**

City Council Work Session #2

**January 21, 2014
7:38 p.m.**

Mayor Worrell opened the West Branch City Council work session by welcoming the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator Matt Muckler, Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt, Police Chief Mike Horihan, Police Officer Alex Koch, Library Director Nick Shimmin, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Fire Chief Kevin Stoolman, Parks & Recreation Director Melissa Russell and City Attorney Kevin Olson. Council members: Colton Miller, Mary Beth Stevenson, Brian Pierce, and Tim Shields. Absent: Jordan Ellyson.

Presentation of Revised Total Employee Compensation – FY 2014-2015 Proposal

City Administrator Matt Muckler explained the changes to the total employee compensation proposal. The new total compensation is \$997,609.95, insurance was estimated at 6% and the actual Wellmark renewal was 5.16%. Per Council recommendation, park & rec part-time hours were increased to 200 hours.

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Revenue Estimate Proposal

Muckler said the current fiscal year revenue estimate (FY14) is \$3,367,312. The FY15 estimate is just under \$3,484,222. Changes from the previous version discussed with Council included an increase in tort liability from \$85,000 to \$91,542 and the addition of a local option sales tax transfer for \$64,228 for Fire Department building maintenance. Fire Township trustee revenue increased from \$139,000 to \$144,921. The City will not be receiving any TIF revenue in FY15 for the water tower#2 payment. This will be paid from the \$250,000 TIF fund balance.

Department Director Budget Non-Salary Expenditure Presentations

Muckler gave an overview of the budget highlights. The budget request that was proposed to Council included a levy of \$12.04/thousand of assessed value for the fifth year in a row, which is below 2009 levels (12.14/thousand). Department Directors and the City Administrator presented their line item budget requests by department.

Council Member Input - Questions and Comments for Staff

Councilpersons Miller and Stevenson were both expressed support of the Oliphant Street Sidewalk Project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Shields, second by Miller. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council work session adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Mark Worrell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dawn Brandt, Deputy City Clerk