

*(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council Work session. 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**

**December 6, 2010  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Don Kessler opened the Work Session by welcoming the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator/Clerk Matt Muckler, City Attorney Bruce Goddard, Administrative Assistant Ashley Borland-Kaalberg, Park and Rec Director Melissa Russell, Police Chief David Bloem, Library Director Nick Shimmin and Police Officer John Hanna.

Council members: Mark Worrell, David Johnson, Robert Sexton, Dan O'Neil and Jim Oaks.

City Council Discussion of the April 1, 2009 Police Chief Contract between the City of West Branch and David R. Bloem.

Discussion was had on the Chief's current contract and potential alternatives.

Johnson opened by presenting the council with a revised potential contract.

Chief Bloem responded council that he was in favor of the contract and agreed to the terms of this revised contract.

O'Neil noted that the revised contract still has different terms than other employees are given.

Sexton said that he does not feel that an employee contract with an hourly employee is appropriate.

Worrell gave his reasons for not agreeing with the contract pointing out the residency requirement.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by O'Neil to adjourn. City Council Work Session adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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MAYOR DON KESSLER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK MATT MUCKLER