

To: City Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
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Weekly Council Update

Pedersen Park Trail Project: An application was submitted to ECICOG this week for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant. The application requests \$169,736 for the construction of a ten-foot wide concrete trail that would connect the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site with the new park space in Pedersen Valley and provide access for residents on the west side of West Branch to Main Street, West Branch High School and the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site.

Meadows Subdivision – Phase 2: The Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday December 16th to consider the preliminary plat for the Meadows Subdivision – Phase 2. The Commission reviewed the proposed preliminary plat, but did not take any action. Issues that received attention included the pedestrian crossing at Main Street, a wet bottom basin area that is proposed to be dedicated to the City of West Branch as a park space, a trail, street widths, sidewalk widths, the grading plan, and an unbelievable suggestion from MMS Consultants, Inc. representing KLM Investments that the City of West Branch should pay for sanitary sewer improvements in the proposed development. Additional information is available on the P&Z webpage at: <http://www.westbranchiowa.org/government/planning-zoning-commission>.

2015 Pet Tags Now Available: All cats and dogs over four months of age residing within the city limits must be registered annually with the City of West Branch. Registrations and tags for 2015 are now available at City Offices located at 110 North Poplar Street. When registering your pets, please provide current rabies vaccination papers at the time of registration. The fee for registering pets is \$5.00 per animal. A \$5.00 late penalty fee will be applied if an animal is registered after Jan. 31, 2015.

JECC Meeting: City Administrator Matt Muckler and Police Chief Mike Horihan met with the Joint Emergency Communications Center of Johnson County (JECC) Policy Board on Tuesday December 16th to discuss the potential for JECC to provide dispatch services for the West Branch Police and Fire Departments in the West Branch City Limits. Staff wants to provide the Council with all of their options as the City moves forward to update our emergency communications system.

Holiday Trash Schedule: Trash pick-up will be delayed due to the Christmas and New Years' Holidays until Saturday December 27th and Saturday January 3rd. City Offices, the Park & Recreation Department and the West Branch Public Library will be closed on Wednesday December 24th, Thursday December 25th, and Thursday January 1st.

The information provided is one-way communication and should not be discussed among you as this would be a violation of the open meeting law.