

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

Cedar County E-911 Service Board: The E-911 Service Board rejected the motion proposed by West Branch concerning the law enforcement frequency at their meeting yesterday evening. This means that our repeater will be rendered useless and West Branch officers are likely to see a reduced level of communications service when the E-911 Director makes the move to P-25 in December of this year. Mayor Worrell and Chief Horihan will have discussion with the City Council in the coming weeks concerning this issue.

Student Interviews at West Branch High School: Mayor Mark Worrell, City Administrator Matt Muckler and Police Chief Mike Horihan all participated in mock interviews with the junior class this week. West Branch High School English and journalism teacher Clare Keeney organized the interviews with a variety of parents and other community leaders serving as interviewers. The students were very impressive and were obviously well prepared for their interviews.

Spring Soccer and Summer League: Spring and summer sports are underway. The first week of Preschool-Kindergarten soccer took place at Lions Field on Monday night. Soccer is played Monday nights in the month of April at Lions Field. This year there are forty children participating in soccer this year. The coaches meeting for West Branch Summer League was held Wednesday April 8th. Games will start the week of May 18th for 3rd-6th grade and the following week for the younger grades. Summer League participation numbers are similar to last year:

- 5th/6th grade girls-1 team
- 3rd/4th grade girls -1 team
- 3rd/4th grade boys-3 teams
- 1st/2nd grade girls-3 teams
- 1st/2nd grade boys-5 teams
- Kindergarten-5 teams

IMFOA 2015 Spring Conference: City Administrator Matt Muckler, Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt and Deputy City Clerk Leslie Brick will be attending the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association (IMFOA) Spring Conference next week. Educational sessions will be presented on both finance and clerk issues, including the State of Iowa Offset Program, cemetery issues, illness & injury recordkeeping and reporting, financial policies, and the Main Street program. A keynote address will be given by Emily Saveraid, the Marketing Director with the Iowa Wine Growers Association, who will discuss the benefits and economic impact of the wine and grape industry in Iowa, as well as how communities can support Iowa's wineries and attract more visitors to our communities. Park & Recreation Director Melissa Russell will be staffing the City Office on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday (April 15th through April 17th) of next week.

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.