

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

Flood Plain Management: Paul Stagg has recently become a member of the Association of State Flood Plain Managers (ASFPM) and will be attending "Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program" training through FEMA region VII in Kansas City June 16-19. At the conclusion of the training and subsequent testing he will gain the national accreditation of ASFPM Certified Flood Plain Manager.

One of the keys to reducing flood losses is to properly manage new development in the floodplain. All cities and counties must abide by the floodplain management requirements of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and – if they are participating in the National Flood Insurance Program - the rules and regulations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Mayor Mark Worrell and Public Works Director Matt Goodale will be attending an all-day floodplain management workshop for local officials in Manchester, Iowa on Tuesday, June 30, 2015. The workshop will cover floodplain mapping, regulatory standards and the administrative procedures that comprise an effective floodplain management program. These topics will be reviewed through presentations, discussions and practical exercises. Both Mayor Worrell and Director Goodale will receive copies of the DNR's *Floodplain Management Desk Reference* and its accompanying *Ready Reference*.

Another Training Scholarship: West Branch has been very fortunate to be on the receiving end of training scholarships recently, with a large portion of Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt's recent International Institute of Municipal Clerk's Annual Conference costs covered by scholarship funds. We have just received word this week that the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association Board of Directors has selected Deputy City Clerk Leslie Brick to receive a \$330 scholarship to offset the cost of training that Leslie will attend in July. Leslie will be attending the Iowa Municipal Professional's Institute, also known as "Clerk School" in Ames in July.

Upcoming City Meetings & Events: Please see the Calendar of Events on the City Website at <http://westbranchiowa.org/home> for a complete list of all upcoming events. There are several Council, Board and Commission Meetings and other events currently scheduled:

- Monday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. Music on the Village Green – Brass Transit Authority
- Friday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m. Summer Reading Kickoff Party at the Public Library
- Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. Animal Control Commission Meeting
- Thursday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m. Music on the Village Green – Highway Home (Bluegrass)

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.