

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

Date: April 15, 2016 Weekly Council Update

Alliant Energy 2015 Investments in West Branch: In 2015, Alliant Energy invested nearly \$1.7 million in West Branch. The Community Annual Partnership Assessment for 2015 is now available for review and is attached to this week's *Update*. Electrical infrastructure improvements accounted for \$1,553,285 in expenditures. Other areas of investment included assistance for a laborshed study, a Hoover's Hometown Days contribution, a Trees Forever Grant, customer rebate incentives, property taxes and natural gas infrastructure improvements.

4th & College Project: Lynch's Excavating and Public Works staff completed the second sanitary sewer repair on N. 4th Street this week and will reopen the street to traffic on Monday April 18th. These repairs had to be completed prior to beginning any lining and grouting of the sanitary sewer pipes. These two repairs were also the largest remaining repairs in Phase II of the City's I & I program. The next step in this process, prior to lining and grouting will be installing chimney seals to approximately eighteen manholes.

Other Public Works News: Public Works has also been cleaning up numerous areas of town in preparation for the mowing season. Staff mowed, trimmed, picked up trash and removed several trees on the outlot at the intersection of West Orange Street and Scott Drive this past week. This area will now be placed on the schedule for weekly mowing. Public Works did a similar cleanup at Beranek Park on the eastern property line. This area at Beranek Park borders a waterway that connects directly to the creek. The cleanup of this area was in preparation of the regrading of this waterway. This area provides drainage for South Maple Street and is in need of regrading in order to more effectively carry water from South Maple Street to the creek. Mowing began this past week on all City owned properties as well as the yearly cemetery cleanup. The cleanup at the cemetery also included regrading of a former stockpile area at the northwest corner of the cemetery. This area has typically been used for storage of dirt removed during burials or city projects. The area has been seeded and will no longer be used for this purpose. Another project completed this week was the planting of thirty three trees in the cemetery. These trees were planted to replace trees that previously died and were removed. Public Works also began potholing this week and will continue on an as needed basis throughout the summer.

Hydrant Flushing: Public Works will begin flushing hydrants on Monday April 18th and will continue through Friday April 29th. Any questions or concerns on this process can be directed to Lead Water Operator Tim Moss (319) 631-2950 or to Public Works Director Matt Goodale (319) 325-8213.

Main Street Intersection and Sidewalk Improvements: Earlier this afternoon, Dave Schechinger and Eric Gould with Veenstra & Kimm, Public Works Director Matt Goodale and City Administrator Matt Muckler visited four sites that will likely be under construction in June. The same group walked the four sites earlier this year. The purpose of both walk-throughs is to ensure that city staff and the City Engineer are on the same page when it comes to capital improvement projects. The group discussed intersection improvements at Main & Oliphant and at Main & Foster and Main Street crossings at Pedersen Street and Scott Drive. These improvements will make our city more accessible and pedestrian friendly. They will also make conditions safer for children walking to and from the elementary, middle and high schools.

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



COMMUNITY ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT (CAPA)

West Branch, Iowa

January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Economic Development Support (2015) – \$3000

- Assisted Corridor Alliance with funding for a laborshed study in multiple counties including Cedar.

Community Support (2015) – \$250

- Contributed funds towards Herbert Hoover's Hometown Days.

Environmental Partnership Program Support (2015) – \$5935

- Participation in Branching Out Program and Trees Forever

Energy Efficiency Community Participation and Impacts (2015)

		CO2 Emissions Metric Tons/Year	Equivalent: Vehicles	Equivalent: Acres of Forest	Equivalent: Energy Use
Number of Rebates	75				
Customer Rebate Incentives	\$69,692				
Annual kWh Impact	170,411 kWh	118 metric tons	25 vehicles	96 acres	11 homes
Annual Therm Impact	17,278 therms	92 metric tons	19 vehicles	75 acres	8 homes

West Branch and Cedar County Property Taxes (FY 2015/16)

- West Branch - \$43,100
- Cedar County - \$232,493

West Branch Infrastructure Investment (2014-2015) – \$1,639,011

- Electrical Infrastructure Investment - \$1,553,285
- Natural Gas Infrastructure Investment - \$85,726

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