

*(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**

**November 9, 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, Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt, Park and Rec Director Melissa Russell, Fire Chief Administrator Dick Stoolman, and Library Director Nick Shimmin. Council members: Mark Worrell, David Johnson, Robert Sexton, Dan O'Neil and Jim Oaks.

Discussion of High Quality Job Creation Program Funding Agreement 09-HQJC-021.

Joe Baker, Chief Executive Officer at Acciona Windpower North America, Joe Raso, President of the Iowa City Area Development Group, Bill Schulte, Executive Director of the Cedar County Economic Development Commission, and Jerry Schroeder, Economic Development Director with the East Central Intergovernmental Association provided additional information to the Council concerning the HQJCP Funding Agreement and answered questions from the Council on this issue. Councilman Johnson voiced his opposition to the HQJCP funding agreement. He felt that this money could be better used in other areas of government. He stated that he does like Acciona as a business and hopes that they do well. In his opinion if Acciona does not get this \$80,000 in tax relief it will not affect Acciona's business or employment levels.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Don Kessler to adjourn. City Council Work Session adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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MAYOR DON KESSLER

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