

**Cedar County Ord.
No. 67**

CEDAR COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 67
AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A
MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT
AND CONSTRUCTION OF CARBON
DIOXIDE (CO2) PIPELINES IN CEDAR
COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, a county may exercise any
power and perform any function it deems
appropriate to protect and preserve the
rights, privileges, and property of the
county and its residents, and to preserve
and improve the peace, safety, health,
welfare, comfort and convenience of its
residents; and such powers are vested in
the Cedar County Board of Supervisors
under Iowa Code Sections

331.301 (1,2); and
WHEREAS, there are presently no projects
for the development or construction of
CO2 pipelines proposed or existing
within the bounds of Cedar County's
borders; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline and Hazardous
Safety Administration within the United
States Department of Transportation pro-
posed new comprehensive regulations
governing the requirements for carbon
dioxide (CO2) and hazardous liquid pipe-
lines on January 15, 2025 in a Notice of
Rulemaking, RIN 2137-AF60, and such
proposed rules and regulations are not yet
final for application to CO2 pipeline
development and construction which in
the future might involve lands of Cedar
County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, at least two states,
California and Illinois¹, have passed leg-
islation preventing the transportation of
liquid CO2 through pipelines unless and
until the proposed rules and regulations of
the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration are concluded and
adopted as its final rules emanating from
FIP 2137-AF60, applicable thereafter
throughout the United States to proposed
construction and development of such
pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has
passed no legislation to protect the health,
safety, and welfare of Iowa citizens by
temporarily preventing the development
and construction of carbon dioxide (CO2)
pipelines pending completion of the
rulemaking proceedings presently ongo-
ing before the Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration in RIN
2137-AF60;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY
ENACTED BY THE CEDAR COUNTY
IOWA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

SECTION 1:

No person, as defined in Iowa Code
Section 4.1(20), shall commence devel-
opment and construction, in Cedar
County, Iowa, of any carbon dioxide
(CO2) pipeline until the Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials Administration has
adopted as final its pipeline safety rules
and regulations consistent with its
1 California Public Resource Code
Section 71465 (effective January 1,
2023); Illinois Safety and Aid for the
Environment in Carbon Capture and
Sequestration Act, Senate Bill 1289,
Section 50 (amending §20 (g)), (effective
July 18, 2024).

proposed rulemaking designated
Regulatory Information Number 2137-
AF60 of January 10, 2025;

SECTION 2:

This ordinance shall not be construed
to conflict or interfere with the statutes
and rules governing the Iowa Utilities
Commission under Iowa Code Chapter
479B or otherwise, nor to be preempted
by any other statute unless such other
statute expressly cites this Ordinance by
name and number.

SECTION 3:

Savings Clause: If any section, provi-
sion, or part of this ordinance shall be
adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such
adjudication shall not affect the validity of
the ordinance as a whole or any section,
provision, or part thereof not adjudged
invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4:

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be
effective after its final passage, approval,
and publication thereof, as provided by
law.

Passed this 8th day of April, 2025.

First reading: March 25, 2025

Second reading: April 1, 2025

Third reading: April 8, 2025

Adopted: April 8, 2025

Published: April 16, 2025

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Cedar county board

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF
MINUTES-FULL TEXT OF DAY'S
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TIPTON, IOWA

April 1, 2025

Cedar County Board of Supervisors met
in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 1,
2025 with following members present:
Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and
Chairperson Bell. Minutes reported by
Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. Members of
public were also present.

Board viewed correspondence from vari-
ous agencies.

Manure Management Annual Updates
submitted.

It noted following Handwritten
Disbursement issued on 3/28/2025 to
Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits,
Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441881 for
\$7,922.15-self funded medical claims.
Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann
to approve agenda.

Ayes: All

Chairperson Bell addressed public for
comments. There were none.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart
to approve Board Minutes of March 25,
2025.

Ayes: All

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart
to approve Claim Disbursements #441794 -
#441880 paid on 3/27/2025.

Ayes: All

Moved by Barnhart seconded by
Kaufmann to approve a work request
for Treasurer Delaney to replace license
plates on wall in hallway that were
removed due to new ceiling.

Ayes: All

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by
Barnhart to approve handwritten warrant
#441883 to Outdoorsiness in amount of
\$6,240.00 for electrical boxes due to a
lost check and reissue via ACH.

Ayes: All

Board reported on Outreach/Committee
Meetings they attended.

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul
to approve 2025 Resolution for Destruction
of Noxious Weeds.

Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m. Board held their monthly
department head meeting. Discussion
held.

At 9:30 a.m. a Public Hearing on
Ordinance #67. This second hearing of
three. Those in attendance were
EMS Director Dinsch, Treasurer Delaney,
Recorder Bahnsen, Auditor Welch, Pam
Fluharty, Home Health Manager Snook,
Velma Hubner, Lisa Dircks and Jerry
Goldsmith. Dircks asked who enforc-
es Ordinances for County. Consensus
of Board said our County Attorney.
Goldsmith expressed a need for an
Ordinance in tandem with moratorium.
Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart
to end public hearing at 10:00 a.m. until
April 8, 2025.

Ayes: All

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to
adjourn at 10:02 a.m., to April 8, 2025.

Ayes: All

Jon Bell, Chairperson
Nicki Welch, Auditor
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Cedar county claims

3/27/2025

General Basic Fund

34.00-Advanced Business Systems-
copies

3175.04-Altadtec, Inc-time clock subs

216.90-Amazon Capital Services-labels

166.00-Melissa Bahnsen-mil

53.88-Baker Paper-cleaner

161.70-Caitlin Boyle-mil

40.00-Cedar County Clerk of Court-grand

juror

45.00-Cedar County Extension-Training

700.00-Cedar County Historical-well plug

45.98-Cedar County Repair-oil

3759.00-Cedar County Treasurer-taxes

164.00-Central Iowa Distributing-cleaning

595.00-Control Installations of Iowa-
Install

420.00-Control Solutions, Inc-Cloud storage

200.50-Crist Electrical Serv-repair

710.00-Mike Dauber-mthly svc

16.50-Grell Custom Metal Works Zane-
angle iron

22.48-H & H Auto-oil chg

481.13-Hermesen Automotive LLC-valve

48.70-Robin Housley-mil

140.70-Shelly Howsare-mil

100.00-Iowa Dept of Inspection and-
inspection

105.00-Iowa Law Enforcement Academy-
Training

2649.50-Iowa Prison Industries-Signs

550.00-Iowa State University-PH
Confrence

50.90-Bruce Jeffries-mil

35.46-Thiesen's-blade

671.42-Johnson Co. Medical Examiner-
ME

880.00-Klay Johnson-repair

3522.66-Kaseya US LLC-Endpoint

60.00-Mike Lodge-mtgs

106.00-McCloud Services-spray

125.36-ODP Business Solutions, LLC-
paper

6.31-Office Express-paper clips

60.00-Jeff Owen-mtgs

60.00-Richard Paulsen-mtgs

1000.00-Lucas Pearce-Home Base Iowa

80.00-Kent Pedersen-mtg

399.05-Reserve Account-postage

400.00-Joshua Pruitt, MD-case fee

25.20-Quest 8 Blue Lagoon Car Wash-
wash

165.25-Spahn & Rose Lumber Co-bolt

195.00-Spengler Auto Repair Inc-battery

54.20-Michael Stigers-mil

199.10-Julie Tischuk-mil

7966.30-Total Maintenance, Inc-Boiler
leak

156.82-Vestis-mats/mops

1945.23-VISA/Bankers Bank-repair

American Rescue Plan Act Fund

19913.00-Harger's Acoustics, Inc-Ceiling

4827.00-Total Maintenance, Inc-Hood
General Supplemental Fund

412.00-Thomson Reuters-West
Payment-info chg

Rural Services Basic Fund

85.50-Amazon Capital Services-sit to
stand

74.92-H & H Auto-oil chg

10.00-Iowa Law Enforcement Academy-
Training

56.59-Karl Emergency Vehicles-equip

216.90-Quest 8 Blue Lagoon Car Wash-
wash

EMS-Essential Srv(Ambulance)

578.00-American Ambulance
Association-dues

Secondary Road Fund

2665.25-Advantage FS, Inc.-gasoline

419.32-Alliant Energy-Utilities

11673.90-Altorfer Inc-Blades

75.00-Asphalt Paving Assoc-meetings

68.98-Cedar County Repair-Brush cutting

47.67-Copy Systems-Copies

851.48-Eastern Iowa Tire Inc-Tires

1800.00-Emmons & Oliver Resourses,
Inc-Consultant fee

254.45-Grainger Parts Inc. W.W. Grang-
Sundry/tools

38.00-H & H Auto-Tire repair

50.00-Ia Dept of Transportation-
Equipment

83.25-J.J. Nicting Company-Parts

239.89-Thiesen's-Paint

57.22-Lawson Products Inc-parts

740.22-Genuine Parts Company Inc
NAPA-Parts

9855.00-Ossian Inc-Materials

102.64-Phelps the Uniform Specialists-
Sundry

1682.36-R & D Dircks Land Co-Land
LFM-202502-7X-

259.65-Sadler Power Train, Inc-Parts

151.60-Spahn & Rose Lumber Co-Sundry

94.80-Truck Country of Iowa Inc-Parts
1969.52-Wendling Quarries Inc-Rock
Transfer Station Fund

1190.29-Altorfer Inc-oil leak

521.30-Cintas Corporation-towels

2379.28-Clinton County Waste Agency-
2nd qtr

21.70-MHC Kenworth Quad Cities-key

169.82-Genuine Parts Company Inc
NAPA-hose/socket

30.00-Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.-waste
oil

162.40-Windstream Auto-Pay-phone
Cedar Co Health Fund

16505.07-CEDAR COUNTY
TREASURER ACH-self funded med

9050.92-Delta Dental Plan of Iowa-ins

144246.80-Wellmark Blue Cross and
Blue-ins

PHNS Memorial Trust Fund

7.59-Amazon Capital Services-pedicure

Early Childhood Ia-Cedar/Jones

3915.98-Jones County Auditor-salary

Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund

166.27-AT&T Mobility-phone

39.82-US Cellular-wifi

E911

200.00-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-
data

227.25-Jones County 911 Service-maint

35.04-CenturyLink Lumen-data

Assessor

12.60-Quest 8 Blue Lagoon Car Wash-
wash

4357.00-Schneider Geospatial, LLC-
Hosting

410.75-VISA/Bankers Bank-Hotel/Meal

272004.78--Grand Total

End of Report

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**West Branch city
council**

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utes of the West Branch City Council
meeting. A video recording is available
for inspection at westbranchiowa.org.
The minutes are not approved until the
next regularly scheduled City Council
meeting.)

West Branch, Iowa; City Council; April
7, 2025

Council Chambers; Special Meeting;
6:30 p.m.

Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West
Branch City Council special meeting to
order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call: Council members present; Tom
Dean, Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Tom
Dean, Jerry Sexton. Jodee Stoolman
arrived at 6:32 p.m.

City Staff present: City Administrator
Adam Kofeod, City Clerk Leslie Brick
and Finance Officer Heidi Van Auker.

APPROVE THE AGENDa

Motion by Miller, second by Dean to
approve the agenda. Motion carried on
a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS / communications /
open forum - None

PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT
AGENDA

Public Hearing – Setting the Maximum
Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2026

Laughlin opened the public hearing at
6:31 p.m. Jim Hoffman, 110 Bickford
Drive was present and asked the Council
to explain the proposed levy and asked
how the city what their plans were for
spending the FY26 tax dollars. Kofeod
explained that the proposed levy will go
down this year from \$13.19 to \$12.69
and shared where tax dollars go.

Kofeod said that approximately sixty-two
percent of taxes go to the general fund
which includes; public safety, parks &
recreation, library and administration.
The remaining goes to employee benef-
its, FICA and IPERS, liability insurance,
emergency management, debts and
capital projects. There were no other
questions. Laughlin closed the public
hearing at 6:42 p.m.

COMments from mayor and council mem-
bers – No comments

adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by
Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote.

City Council special meeting adjourned
at 6:43 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Brick, City Clerk

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West Branch, Iowa; City Council; April
7, 2025

Council Chambers; Regular Meeting;
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West
Branch City Council regular meeting to
order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Council members present;
Tom Dean, Colton Miller, Mike Horihan,
Tom Dean, Jerry Sexton and Jodee
Stoolman.

City Staff present: City Administrator
Adam Kofeod, City Clerk Leslie Brick,
Finance Officer Heidi Van Auker, Police
Chief Greg Hall, Public Works Director
Matt Goodale and Park & Recreation
Director Erin Laughlin.

Attending via Zoom: Library Director
Jessie Schafer.

APPROVE THE AGENDa

Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to
approve the agenda. Motion carried on
a voice vote.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approve minutes from the March 17,
2025 City Council meeting.

Approve the minutes from the April 1,
2025 Special City Council meeting.

Approve a Special Event Permit for the
White Pumpkin Studio Warehouse Sale
at Heritage Square on May 24, 2025.

Approve the Monthly Financial Report for
February 2025.

Claims for April 7, 2025.

EXPENDITURES - 4/7/2025

AMAZON.COM-BLDG, PROG
SUPPLIES-LIBRARY-282.38

BRICK, LESLIE -MILEAGE

REIMB COURT HOUSE-23.80

CEDAR COUNTY COOP-FUEL-

PW-908.26

GOERDT INSPECTION -BLDG

INSPECTIONS-1,512.00

HARLESS, VERONICA-KIDS CAMP,
SR. FITNESS-875.00

HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-3,333.66

HI-LINE-SHOP SUPPLIES-PW-199.65

IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION

SERVICE-24.30

LAUGHLIN, ERIN-IPRA MILEAGE

REIMBURSEMENT-71.12

MUNICIPAL SUPPLY-WATER METERS

FOR REPLACEMENT-9,828.00

OASIS ELECTRIC-LIGHT FIXTURE

REPAIR-LIB-164.22

STERNBERG LIGHTING-STREET

LIGHT POLE-2,295.00

WEST BRANCH TIMES-

SUBSCRIPTION EXP 5-30-26

-37.00

TOTAL--19,554.39

PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE

BENEFITS - 3/28/2025

64,584.90

Social cues Unmasking autism in public leadership

By Adam Kofoed
City Administrator
City of West Branch

How do you wake up one day and realize you're autistic?

The truth is you don't become autistic, you always were. But for some of us, survival meant learning to mask our autism traits so well that we are unable to recognize who we truly are.

That realization hit me just four months ago. In our field, we navigate immense pressures — budget crises, community conflicts, unexpected tragedies. I've weathered my share, including the sudden death of a mayor in my first town.

I've served three years of active duty in the U.S. Army, earned an undergraduate and master's degree while raising two children, and built a career as a city administrator. By all accounts, I was thriving.

So how could someone like me have autism?

For years, I coped by pushing through, running on a 24/7 adrenaline high.

But a particularly stressful event, along with two of my children needing therapy for their basic development, disrupted my usual coping mechanisms, and something shifted.

I began to wonder: Could I be autistic like my younger brother? I hesitated before voicing the thought aloud.

When I finally asked my wife, she laughed and said, "Um, yes, I've always known you had a bit of the 'tism."

Her casual acknowledgment floored me as I had begun following an online group of autistic adults whose diagnosis resulted

Public Management Magazine posed several questions to West Branch City Administrator Adam Kofoed about his recent diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder:

Q. Were there particular situations where masking felt most necessary?

A. I often mask in one-on-one conversations — small talk doesn't come naturally to me. We all know the weather, so why talk about it? I also struggle with the give-and-take of relationships.

With staff and council, my guard is high. I have a strong team, but I've instinctively assumed that when someone asks a question, they are against the idea — or against me. That mindset helped me overprepare and succeed, but rewiring that thought process will take time.

Q. How did it feel to receive your diagnosis?

A. At first, I felt a strange sense of clarity — my life suddenly made sense. But then came embarrassment and fear that people would use it against me. I also mis-

understood autism as an all-or-nothing condition, not a spectrum.

Over time, I've come to understand myself better, though I still have moments of anger. Looking back, I realize how much I masked as a child.

One of many examples, I vividly remember being told I had "ants in my pants" because I couldn't sit still. That was just the common response to neurodiversity but it was incredibly hurtful to me as a child.

Q. Oftentimes when first telling others about one's autism diagnosis, there is some education involved, as many people don't fully understand what autism is and the fact that it presents differently from person to person. How did you explain your autism diagnosis to your staff and city council?

A. I haven't explicitly disclosed it.

Instead, I introduced a training called Reset 2025 to improve workplace culture. I shared that I would be attending

regular health appointments and explained my challenges — like distinguishing between a directive and a heads-up conversation, or between an employee venting versus a complaint. Staff read between the lines and clapped.

I haven't verbally spoken about it to my council yet. Writing is easier than speaking about it.

My advice? Start with those you trust and show your commitment to personal growth. People are more supportive when they see effort. Let them absorb it before diving into details.

Autistic people often walk a fine line — too guarded or too open. I overshare, so I'm giving it time before revisiting the conversation with council.

Q. How can we best support colleagues with autism?

A. First, recognize that autism is a spectrum — everyone's experience is different.

Verbal and written support matter as many autistics are embarrassed and feel alone.

as having "ants in my pants."

So, I adapted each time a moment like this occurred. I learned to survive and be normal.

By high school, I was scripting my speech in my head before speaking, ensuring I met expectations. Eye contact, once impossible, became a rehearsed performance.

And trust? That was something I extended to

More broadly, integrating mental health into workplace conversations would help everyone. The more we normalize discussing neurodiversity, the better our teams will communicate and collaborate to strengthen our communities.

Q. How has unmasking impacted your mental health and self-esteem?

A. Self-esteem is still a work in progress. Masking feels natural, and I sometimes worry I'm not unmasking enough.

The biggest shift has been in my energy levels. I no longer burn all my energy trying to "fit in," which has pulled me out of a constant fight-or-flight mode.

That's made me more present at home. My wife's mood has improved; my 3-year-old, whom we suspect also has autism, has started to talk and read for the first time; I'm building a stronger bond with my 9-year-old; and my 13-year-old has gained confidence.

Being in the moment has changed everything.

have the choice in hiding it anymore.

What happened next surprised me. Eventually, several councilmembers personally texted me with their support, and when I told my staff, they clapped.

The moment was overwhelming.

For the first time, I saw that I was in a safe space. And I knew that so many adults like me never find that kind of acceptance.

I can't tell my autistic colleagues whether they should come out in their own workplaces. That decision is deeply personal.

But I can encourage them to find their own West Branch — a community where they feel seen, accepted, and supported.

Their ability to see the world in a different lens is valuable to any municipal government looking to have an edge over others.

West Branch, Iowa, has long been a place where humanity prevails. As a Quaker community, it played a pivotal role in the Underground Railroad, with residents risking and, in some cases, losing their lives for the sake of justice.

West Branch shaped a young orphan named Herbert Hoover who defied all odds to become president of the United States.

And today, that same spirit of acceptance is making history again, as West Branch becomes home to the first known openly autistic city administrator.

To my fellow public servants on the spectrum: You are not alone. I see you. I support you. And I hope you, too, find your West Branch, a place where you can unmask, be yourself, and be embraced for who you truly are.

Autism

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nosis.

"I'm less distracted (with the earplugs). When I'm not wearing these, you will see a lot of natural squinting, or me looking away," Kofoed said. "This helps keeps me grounded and in the moment."

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, autism spectrum disorder "is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave."

Normally, symptoms appear by age 2, but Kofoed's diagnosis came at age 37.

Although autism can be diagnosed at any age, it is described as a "developmental disorder" because symptoms generally appear in the first two years of life, according to the NIMH.

Common symptoms include "challenges with social skills, repeti-

tive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication," according to AustimSpeaks.org.

Kofoed goes into more detail in an interview with *Public Management Magazine*, the text of which appears on Page 7 of this issue of the *West Branch Times*. The article is entitled, "Unmasking Autism in Public Leadership."

Kofoed said he hopes that while he learns more about himself, "I want children in West Branch to know that they don't have to fit the mold to be successful."

"I have one of the worst ACT English scores ever, and I still made it through college and got a graduate degree," he said. "I often didn't always fit in or I felt out of place. Despite those feelings, you can still do great things."

He said that, as both a little brother and a parent, "it takes awhile to get autism testing formalized."

"There's a sense of like doubt and hopelessness you would have because

you have no idea if your child is going to make it on their own," Kofoed said. "You're insecure about that and you worry."

He encouraged parents by saying children with autism can still find success.

"There's a lot better therapy now than existed even when I was growing up," he said. "The main takeaway for parents is that it's OK and it's going to be OK. Sometimes it may come sooner or later, but their kid can still be a leader in their own way."

April is Autism Awareness Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, autism affects about 1 in 36 children and 1 in 45 adults in the United States.

Kofoed states that he is "no different" than anyone else who grew up in West Branch.

"I have my past childhood frustrations with growing up in a small town," the city administrator said.

From coworkers to the

West Branch City Council to other colleagues in this area, "they were extremely supportive and backed me 100 percent."

"That's not the West Branch I remember growing up here," Kofoed said. "I want people to know this community is changing very fast. But I also think, despite our growing pains, we are becoming a much more inclusive and welcoming community."

The husband and father said he does not want people to treat him differently.

"No, not at all," he said. "I think it's more or less of an understanding or awareness. It's really not so much of what I'm getting — I can't really answer that. It's not about what I'm getting from it. It's about giving hope to people who are currently in that situation and aren't in an environment where they are able to discuss it. I don't expect anything from anybody."

Kofoed said "there's a lot going on in my head" since the diagnosis.



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LEGALS

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street to the west should the city annex the Rummells farm in the future. The Council had no concerns with the request.

Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2025-41. AYES: Dean, Miller, Stoolman, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion — Cedar-Johnson Road Reconstruction Project Bond proceeds. Kofoed said engineers estimates for the 2025 GO Bond of \$4.1 million was broken down as follows; \$3.4 million for the Cedar-Johnson Road Reconstruction project and \$750,000 for West Main Street milling. With the Cedar-Johnson

Road bids coming in much lower than expected, the City has extra money that they can use for other projects. Kofoed asked the Council to provide some ideas on what other projects could be done. The Cedar-Johnson Road project will commence just north of Meadows Place and extend all the way to Ember Lane and complete the last section of Serenity Circle. Laughlin and Sexton were in favor of asphaltting from Ember Lane to the Cedar's Edge maintenance shop (or city limits), but Miller was quick to squash that idea and said that there are still chip and seal streets in town that should be replaced before paving a road to a private maintenance building. Dean asked if there were any other infrastructure issues that were costing the city money that should be considered.

Goodale said there are a few areas with water mains that cause the city extra maintenance costs. Goodale also supported the idea of replacing the chip and seal streets as those also have annual maintenance costs associated with them. Sexton and Stoolman mentioned Greenview Subdivision and the issues it has. The consensus from Council was to put the extra money toward other city projects and asked Goodale to provide them with a top ten list of projects that may fit into the remaining bond money.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
Kofoed reported that he would have a few agenda items for the next Council meeting for consideration and discussion including Heritage Hill, Phase 4, Greenview street lights and admin revised job descriptions.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT — No report

CITY ENGINEER REPORT
Schechinger said a pre-construction meeting is being scheduled with Boomerang so the project can start. Meadows Part 6 utilities are in but that Barnhart is on hold until Boomerang can start their project. Schechinger said he is also keeping on FEMA with their review of the Wapsi Creek Widening project.

STAFF REPORTS
Goodale said the new yard waste site will be opening later this week to the public. The new site is north of the previous location and new signage will be placed to direct residents to the new site. Goodale also said that the yard waste site rules will be added to the City Code of Ordinances which the City Clerk has prepared and will

be coming to a future Council meeting.

Brick gave an update regarding the sewer meter at the West Branch Village that was supposed to be installed two years ago. Brick said a new meter had to be installed in January, but that it is still not recording accurate sewer flows which is used for billing purposes. Brick said she has contacted City Engineer Schechinger for his assistance as they work toward a solution in the matter.

Hall gave kudos to Sergeant Steen on her investigative skills which have led to arrests regarding recent criminal activities in the city. Hall also encouraged the Council to consider license plate recognition (LPR) cameras. License plate recognition, are specialized cameras and software designed to capture, read, and process vehicle license plate information,

often used for security, traffic management, and law enforcement purposes. Hall admitted that they are expensive, but worth the money for public safety and helping solve crimes.

COMMENTS from mayor and council members

No comments.

adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor
ATTEST:

Leslie Brick, City Clerk
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