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### Cedar county claim

4/23/2026  
 General Basic Fund  
 212.50-Aavantis LLC-snow  
 38.00-Advanced Business Systems-copies  
 11992.28-Advanced Correctional-inmate med  
 60.00-Steven C. Agne-meeting  
 198.83-Amazon Capital Services-cable  
 2153.70-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone  
 434.11-Bob Barker Company-inmate sup  
 320.00-Rebecca Bohde-meeting  
 5.22-Cedar County COOP-fuel  
 2500.00-Chapman Funeral Home-funeral  
 884.30-Conservative Publishing-legal  
 17.48-County Automotive Services-fuel  
 907.35-Mike Dauber-April  
 200.00-Dent Relief-dent  
 2011.99-Diamond Drugs, Inc-meeds  
 20.00-Lori Dunn-mtg  
 31.53-Joanna Foor-meals  
 468.82-Galls Inc-clothing  
 116.00-Gordon Flesch Company-copies  
 150.00-Teri Jo Griebat-ME  
 80.00-Carolyn Gritton-meeting  
 155.45-H & H Auto-oil chg  
 3657.00-Hometown Mechanical-E-Stop  
 48.70-Robin Housley-mil  
 48.70-Shelly Howsare-mil  
 333.10-Jennifer Hubler-ME  
 230.00-Iowa City Animal Services-Dog mville  
 975.00-Iowa Law Enforcement Academy-training  
 442.00-iPrint Technologies, Inc-toner  
 72.00-ISCTA Attn: Angie Dow-training  
 50.90-Bruce Jeffries -mil  
 29.98-Thiesen's-nozzle  
 60.00-Rodney J Kress-mtg  
 49.80-Michael Male-mil  
 45.78-McKesson Medical - Surgical-med  
 40.00-Jeff Meier-mtg  
 452.69-Menards-Campground  
 108.98-O'Rourke Motors Inc-oil chg  
 51.65-ODP Business Solutions, LLC-paper  
 350.56-Office Express-paper  
 40.00-Logan Peitscher-mtg  
 142.50-Andy Petersen-Supplies  
 2237.98-Reserve Account-auditor  
 942.48-Professional Office Services-mot veh renewal  
 156.00-Progressive Rehabilitation-prework  
 1200.00-Joshua Pruitt, MD-case fee  
 4241.25-River Bend Transit-4th qtr fund  
 25.61-Secondary Road Fund-fuel  
 60.00-Secretary of State Notary Publ-notary sc lr  
 1089.00-Solutions, Inc Harris Local-duo  
 67.68-Spahn & Rose Lumber Co-Wood  
 1712.50-Cedar Hygienic Laboratory-sampling  
 100.00-David Swan-meeting  
 42.00-T & M Clothing-clothing  
 20.00-Jared Timmerman-mtg  
 14.37-US Cellular-cell  
 79.65-Vestis-mats/mops  
 1234.85-VISA/Bankers Bank-meals  
 20.00-Dave Vonmuenster-mtg  
 46.20-Stefanie Wagaman-mil  
 60.00-Weiland Clinical Lab, P.C-labs  
 904.40-West Branch Times-legal  
 166.76-Windstream-phone  
 General Supplemental Fund  
 8779.64-Election Systems & Software-audio  
 140.45-Reserve Account-election  
 4080.00-S.I.A.D.S.A. Lee/Lucas-detention  
 206.00-Thomson Reuters-West Payment-info chrg  
 Rural Services Basic Fund  
 26.87-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone  
 27.30-Conservative Publishing-legal  
 20.00-Student Publications, Inc Moun-pub  
 106.62-Reserve Account-EZ  
 3299.37-Secondary Road Fund-fuel  
 36.40-West Branch Times-legal  
 EMS-Essential Srv(Ambulance)  
 562.54-Amazon Capital Services-supplies  
 1000.00-DRSE, LLC-EMS Contract  
 0.74-Reserve Account-EMS  
 24814.05-Racom Corporation-radios  
 1625.00-Zoll Medical Corporation World-contract  
 Secondary Road Fund  
 2501.95-Advantage FS, Inc-Diesel  
 26200.00-Allender Butzke Engineers, Inc-Soil  
 655.28-Altorfer Inc-Parts  
 26.49-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-Phone  
 23728.32-Cedar County COOP-Diesel  
 198.00-Central Petroleum Equip Co-Gasoline  
 155.66-Certified Power-Parts  
 282.65-Cove Equipment-Filters  
 1000.00-Custom Builders-repairs  
 964.67-Robert Fangmann-NACE  
 754.00-H & H Auto-Tire  
 112.32-Gary Hadden Jr-Safety  
 807.00-Iowa Hearing Conservation-Hearing  
 279398.39-Jim Schroeder Construction-L-202401--73-16  
 84.71-Thiesen's-Sundry  
 471.20-Lawson Products Inc-Parts  
 967.00-Manatt's Inc-Bridges  
 1368.33-Genuine Parts Company Inc NAPA-Parts  
 113.44-Phelps the Uniform Specialists-Sundry  
 27.35-Reserve Account-Postage  
 16614.00-Powers' Seeds Bob Powers-Seed  
 6923.44-River Products Company-Rock  
 186.72-Sinclair Tractor-Parts  
 173.04-SJ Smith Co-Welding  
 96.31-Storm Steel-Steel  
 100.00-Troy Stutzel-shoes  
 498.18-Truck Country of Iowa Inc-Filter  
 18692.67-Wendling Quarries Inc-Rock  
 199.64-Wieles of Tipton-Parts  
 Transfer Station Fund  
 616.11-Cintas Corporation-unif  
 2254.34-Clinton County Waste Agency-hazmat  
 1074.10-Jim Hawk Truck Trailers-Dav-tarp  
 40.62-Genuine Parts Company Inc NAPA-wsh fluid  
 17.44-Reserve Account-Solid Waste  
 17873.17-Quad Cities Landfill Millenni-landfill  
 3463.65-Secondary Road Fund-fuel  
 Local Govt Opioid Abatement  
 150.00-VISA/Bankers Bank-opioid conf  
 Cedar Co Health Fund  
 23833.27-CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER ACH MED-self funded med Conservation Trust Fund  
 168.48-VISA/Bankers Bank-Clothing Reserve Officer Fund  
 500.00-Iowa Law Enforcement Academy-train  
 Early Childhood la-Cedar/Jones  
 590.00-Bennett Comm. School-Scholarships  
 7500.00-Dollywood Foundation Finance-jones  
 500.00-Durant Community Schools-scholarships  
 6697.33-Grant Wood AEA-CART  
 5209.72-Hawkeye Area Community Action-Head Start  
 756.10-Sherri R. Hunt-mil  
 2077.12-Jones County Auditor-salary  
 960.00-Little Panther Preschool-Scholarships  
 3772.08-Lutheran Services in Iowa-PAT-LSI  
 250.00-North Cedar CSD Lowden-Scholarships  
 50.00-North Cedar CSD Mechanicsville-Scholarships  
 75.00-Sacred Heart Preschool-Scholarships  
 183.33-St Patrick's Preschool-Scholarships  
 7178.55-Young Parents Network-PAT-VPN  
 Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund  
 589.56-All Seasons Glass & Mirror-window repair  
 247.15-Amazon Capital Services-

bathroom  
 304.00-All Star Turf-spray  
 954.95-JEO Consulting Group, Inc-haz mit plan  
 E911  
 519.80-Alliant Energy-clarence tower  
 200.00-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-data  
 374.19-Dubuque County 911-elec  
 229.52-Jones County 911 Service Board-amber tower  
 35.04-CenturyLink Lumen-data  
 0.74-Reserve Account-E911  
 Assessor  
 25.27-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone  
 129.60-Conservative Publishing-legal  
 269.38-Reserve Account-Assessor  
 129.60-West Branch Times-publication  
 10.00-Stephanie Wiese-class  
 562251.13--Grand  
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### Cedar county board

(FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES.FULL TEXT OF DAY'S MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE--WWW.CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV) TIPTON, IOWA  
 April 28, 2026  
 Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 28, 2026 with following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler absent. Minutes reported by Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. Members of public were also present. Board viewed correspondence from various agencies. Manure Management Annual Updates submitted.  
 It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 4/24/2026 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #445525 for \$5,858.41-self funded medical claims. Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve agenda.  
 Ayes: All  
 Absent: Bixler  
 Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. Public Health Director informed Board an Environmental Specialist started today and provided an HHS map. Community Services Director Tischuk informed Board that she plans to transfer Community Services vehicle to Public Health and if they needed a vehicle for a meeting, they would ask to use it. Consensus of Board is they agreed to transfer. Tischuk also indicated that CSN would be offered free of charge for one more year. Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann informed Board of dates she will be out of office for training events. Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of April 21, 2026.  
 Ayes: All  
 Absent: Bixler  
 Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #45525 - #45650 paid on 4/23/2026.  
 Ayes: All  
 Absent: Bixler  
 Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.  
 IT Director Pierce asked Board if he could sell old IT equipment on Purple Wave. Pierce said he will follow policies PS-105, PS-115, PS-150, PS-165.  
 Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve IT Director Pierce to sell IT equipment on Purple Wave following policies.  
 Ayes: All  
 Absent: Bixler  
 Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to renew a Tobacco Permit for TJ's Gas & Grub effective 7/1/2026.  
 Ayes: All  
 Absent: Bixler  
 Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign FY26 Audit Services Engagement Letter.  
 Ayes: All  
 Absent: Bixler  
 Community Services Director Tischuk informed Board that she has updated job descriptions for Community Services Director and Community Services Assistant Director. HR Attorney Galloway reviewed Community Services Director job descriptions but not other one. Barnhart asked if HIPAA should be a part of job description since they are receiving a stipend. Tischuk will work with Galloway on this and report back.  
 Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign a letter in support of grant application for X40 safety enhancements.  
 Ayes: All  
 Absent: Bixler  
 Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve Resolution awarding project HDP-C016(114)--6B-16, Cedar River bridge near Rochester on F44 (290th St.).  
 Ayes: All  
 Absent: Bixler  
 Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. to May 5, 2026.  
 Ayes: All

City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
 Roll call: Council members present; Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Jerry Sexton, Chantry Noel and Tom Dean.  
 City Staff present: City Clerk Alycia Friis, City Administrator Adam Kofoed, Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken, Police Chief Greg Hall, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, City Attorney Kevin Olsen, City Engineer Dave Schechinger.  
 Attending by Zoom: Library Director Jessie Shaffer  
 APPROVE THE AGENDa  
 Motion to Approve the Agenda with items 6c (Approval of the Farmers Market Special Event Permit) and 6d (Approval of new Library Board Members) from the Consent Agenda being tabled for further discussion, made by Dean, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote.  
 APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA  
 Approve Minutes from the April 20, 2026 City Council meeting.  
 Approval of The Summer Kickoff Special Event Permit.  
 Approval of the Farmers Market Special Event Permit. TABLED  
 Approval of new Library Board Members. TABLED  
 Approve Claims for May 4, 2026.  
 EXPENDITURES - 5/4/2026  
 ACTION SEWER & SEPTIC-TELEVISION & CLEAN LINE -2,130.10  
 BROWN, JESSICA-IMFOA MILEAGE REIMBURSE-BROWN-194.30  
 FRIIS, ALCYIA-MILEAGE TO TRAINING- FRIIS-119.34  
 GOERDT INSPECTION -BLDG INSPECTIONS-1,596.00  
 HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-2,760.22  
 HD SUPPLY-HAND SOAP- TH-44.70  
 IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION SERVICE-45.90  
 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-SHOP SUPPLIES & CLOTHING - PW-469.04  
 JOHNSON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE-CELL PHONE EXTRACTOR-POLICE-175.00  
 KIMS CUSTOM PAINTING-BEG. WATER COLOR CLASS-P&R-225.00  
 KOFOD, ADAM-TRAVEL REIMBURSE-KOFOD-52.20  
 MENARDS-CLEANING SUPPLIES - PW-128.25  
 MISCELLANEOUS VENDOR-NICOLE OLDMSTEAD-REFUND P&R-50.00  
 RACOM CORPORATION-TRUCK RADIO - PD-420.00  
 REVIZE -WEBSITE BUILD DEPOSIT-2,000.00  
 SCOTT ALLEN STUELAND-CEMETERY STUMP GRINDING-6,580.00  
 STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-CHEMICALS-265.62  
 STERICYCLE-SHREDDING SERVICES-98.61  
 TRUGREEN PROCESSING CENTER-LAWN TREATMENT - P&R-35.00  
 WEST BRANCH ANIMAL CLINIC-ANIMAL CONTROL-AT LARGE DOG-66.00  
 TOTAL--17,455.28  
 PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 4/24/2026  
 70,740.99  
 PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS  
 ALTORFER-SKIDLOADER REPAIR - PW-360.86  
 AMAZON.COM-MULTIPLE VARIOUS ITEMS- LIBRARY-907.08  
 E.O. JOHNSON BUSINESS TECH-COPIER MAINTENANCE - LIB-250.23  
 PETERSON CONTRACTORS-WAFPS1 CREEK WIDE PAY EST 3--341,878.81  
 PLASTIC RECYCLING OF IOWA-PB TRASH CANS - P&R-2,337.75  
 PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL -PEST CONTROL - TOWN HALL, CITY-114.54  
 SPECTRUM PAINT COMPANY-STREET PAINT - PW-4,595.40  
 STRYKER SALES CORP-REPLACEMENT BATTERIES-PD-1,030.50  
 TRUGREEN PROCESSING CENTER-LIONS LAWN CARE - P&R-195.00  
 UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HEALTH-DRUG TESTING - PW-243.00  
 US BANK CORPORATE CARD-CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-4,153.09  
 VERIZON WIRELESS-VERIZON WIRELESS-424.61  
 WEST BRANCH TIMES-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS & FIRE JOB-835.60  
 METLIFE-INSURANCE PREMIUM-2,468.44  
 SISCO-INSURANCE PREMIUM -17,336.43  
 SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 4-20-2026-3,439.43  
 SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 4-27-2026-407.72  
 TOTAL--380,978.49  
 GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES--469,174.76  
 FUND TOTALS  
 001 GENERAL FUND-47,174.29  
 022 CIVIC CENTER-101.97  
 031 LIBRARY-6,224.47  
 110 ROAD USE TAX-11,067.04  
 112 TRUST AND AGENCY-34,946.94  
 321 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-341,878.81  
 600 WATER FUND-14,487.17  
 610 SEWER FUND-12,580.64  
 740 STORM WATER UTILITY-713.43  
 GRAND FUND TOTAL-469,174.76  
 Motion by Dean, second by Horihan to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Horihan, Sexton, Noel, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.  
 PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum  
 Jessi Simon shared how great information on Main Street West Branch's achievements for 2025. Some of the changes include: 5 local businesses open on Sundays now for enhancement for the community, being awarded a \$47,000.00 Rural Initiative Grant for further support, and building new welcome kits for our residents. She shared the breakdown of funding for MSWB and where potential funding increases could come from, such as making the addition of a new hotel a priority from the City to raise the annual amount of Hotel/Motel tax that is given to MSWB for funding. There was also a request that with the change of the special events permit, that the city continue to waive fees for things like equipment rental and deposits. Jessi shared information on the Spacer AI Platform that they have now utilized for a 1 year. There was a requirement of a 3 year contract at \$5000 annually

and Jessi shared how the data from this platform could assist both the city and Hoover Museum and would like to discuss a three way split of this annual fee. Jennine Miller requested that the city focus on preserving the historic value of West Branch and looking at signage to share some of the history of the area would be a great way to do this and to educate residents and visitors on the rich history of West Branch.  
 PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA  
 Public Hearing - Regarding Adoption of the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2026./ Move to Action.  
 Mayor Laughlin called the public hearing to order at 7:22 pm. With no questions or concerns, the public hearing was closed by Mayor Laughlin at 7:23 pm.  
 Third Reading of Ordinance 838 - Amending Chapter 165 - Zoning Regulations. / Move to Action.  
 ORDINANCE NO. 838  
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 165 - ZONING REGULATIONS  
 BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa:  
 Section 1. Amendment. Section 165.11 is hereby amended adding the high-lighted areas to Section 11, Subsection 2, 3, and 4.  
 165.11 PERMITTED OBSTRUCTION IN REQUIRED YARDS. The following obstructions, when located in the minimum area required for specified yards, shall be permitted.  
 1. In all yards:  
 A. Chimneys projecting 18 inches or less into the yard;  
 B. Flag poles;  
 C. Ordinary projections of signs, belt courses, cornices and ornamental features projecting not more than 18 inches into a yard;  
 D. Ornamental light standards;  
 E. Steps which are necessary for access to permitted buildings or for access to lots from streets and required exterior fire escapes;  
 F. Fences, hedges, and walls (see Section 165.43 for requirements);  
 G. Retaining walls (see Section 165.43 and requirements specific to Retaining Walls in 165.43(7)).  
 2. In front yards:  
 A. Fuel pumps and air and water outlets in conjunction with automobile service stations, provided they shall be set back at least 15 feet from the front lot line;  
 B. One-story bay windows projecting three feet or less into the yard;  
 C. Open terraces not over four feet above the average level of the adjoining ground and not projecting over 10 feet into a yard, but not including permanently roofed-over terraces or porches;  
 D. Signs and nameplates, as regulated there in.  
 E. In all residential districts there shall be a minimum front yard required for that particular zoning district in this chapter; provided, however, that where lots comprising 30 percent or more of the frontage within 200 feet of either side lot line are developed with buildings at a greater or lesser setback than stated in said particular zoning district, the front yard requirement for an undeveloped lot shall be the average of these building setbacks. In computing the average setback, buildings located on reverse corner lots or entirely on the rear half of lots shall not be counted. However, in no case shall the required front yard setback exceed 50 feet.  
 F. Uncovered patios and decks constructed two feet (2') or less above grade must be set back at least ten feet (10') from any front or street-side lot line and set back at least two feet (2') above grade must be set back at least ten feet (10') from any front or street-side lot line.  
 3. In rear yards:  
 A. Air-conditioning condensers for central air conditioning units;  
 B. Arbors and trellises;  
 C. Balconies of not more than five feet into the required yard;  
 D. Breezeways and open porches;  
 E. Private garage;  
 F. One-story bay windows projecting three feet or less into the yard;  
 G. Overhanging roof eaves and gutters, provided eaves and gutters of detached accessory buildings are not less than two feet from a lot line;  
 H. Open terraces not over four feet above the average level of the adjoining ground, but not including permanently roofed-over terraces or porches;  
 I. Open accessory off-street parking spaces;  
 J. Playground and laundry-drying equipment;  
 K. Private swimming pools and tennis courts;  
 L. Sheds, tool rooms or similar buildings customarily accessory to the principal use.  
 M. Satellite dish.  
 N. Uncovered patios and decks constructed two feet (2') or less above grade no rear setback is required. Uncovered patios and decks constructed more than two feet (2') above grade must be set back at least five feet (5') from any rear lot line.  
 4. Side yards:  
 A. Open accessory off-street parking spaces;  
 B. Overhanging eaves and gutters projecting 24 inches or less into the yard;

C. Air-conditioning condenser for air-conditioner units  
 D. Uncovered patios and decks constructed two feet (2') or less above grade no side setback is required. Uncovered patios and decks constructed more than two feet (2') above grade must be set back at least five feet (5') from any side lot line.  
 Section 2. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances not specifically provided for and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.  
 Section 3. Adjudication. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be 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 in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.  
 Passed and approved this 4th day of May, 2026.  
 First Reading: April 6, 2026  
 Second Reading: April 20, 2026  
 Third Reading: May 4, 2026  
 Motion by Miller, second by Noel to approve the Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 838. AYES: Miller, Noel, Dean, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolving the Construction Contract for the West Main Street Overlay Project./ Move to Action. This project will also add in some side basins as well for water retention/storm sewer. There is some careful consideration to add storm sewer without causing water to push towards Dawson St and the Retirement home areas. Project to start at the end of May following the close of the school year and end mid to late August.  
 Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2026-45. AYES: Sexton, Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.  
 DISCUSSION ITEMS  
 Kait Marks from Cambio Communities shared that there are currently 65 homes connected to City Sewer and 185 homes that are tied to the lagoons within the village. She was asking for the capacity to add the 185 houses to the city connection, the next steps needed for that hook up, the process overview and so forth. A question of high iodide levels was asked from previous reports. She shared that a full system just and televiewing was done to accurately identify areas for improvement and that has been implemented. The city shared that they are open to the opportunity for the remainder of West Branch Village to be connected to the city sewer system and that Cambio can begin the design work to be reviewed by the city engineer for further approval. Engineer Schechinger shared that CDBG funds could be applied for and utilized to increase the hook up line and study work that would be needed. Discussion about solar options for various city facilities was used to share the road blocks that stand in the city's way to be able to fully approve and move forward with this project within the various channels that the vendors shared with the solar committee. Obstacles include the timing and being able to successfully complete the project after all that is required and to get the tax credits for the project. Work was done with John Danos from Dorsey and Whitney to review the tax law and see about the potential of completing the project by 12/31/2027, the reports that would need to be obtained and the approvals that would be needed from Alliant and Linn County REC. It was recommended to continue with obtaining the reporting that is needed and to work with both companies for approval so that we are prepared when a new tax credit program is available.  
 CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT  
 Kofoed shared his appreciation for all of the good conversation and work that was done ahead of time to produce a very productive meeting with so many items to discuss. He also shared that there have been some property tax reform items that have passed the State level and he will share more details at our next meeting.  
 CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - None  
 CITY ENGINEER REPORT - Wapsi Creek - This project is almost complete and the contractor has done a great job of staying on track and getting this project done so well. Cedar-Johnson Road - Pipe has been put in on the sides and the contractor is looking to complete and clean up this area.  
 STAFF REPORTS  
 Clerk Friis reminded everyone that tonight's meeting will be the last regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 pm and that on May 18th, the meetings will begin to regularly be scheduled to start at 6:00 pm, per our Ordinance change.  
 COmments from mayor and council members - The mayor commented and questioned the trash pickup times for LRS adjournment  
 Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor  
 ATTEST:  
 Alycia Friis, City Clerk  
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### Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CEDAR COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DALIUS KAZLAUSKAS, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR 019974 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dalius Kazlauskas, Deceased, who died on or about November 12, 2025: You are hereby notified that on April 30, 2026, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.  
 Dated on May 1, 2026.  
 Suzanna Kazlauskas, Administrator of the Estate 336 S. Maple Street West Branch, Iowa 52358  
 Kevin D. Olson, ICISr, Attorney for the Administrator 1400 5th Street PO Box 5640 Coraville, IA 52241  
 Date of second publication: May 14, 2026  
 (Date to be inserted by the publisher) WBT 18-19

### West Branch council

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes 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; May 4, 2026  
 Council Chambers; Regular Meeting; 7:00 p.m.  
 Mayor Laughlin called the West Branch

City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
 Roll call: Council members present; Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Jerry Sexton, Chantry Noel and Tom Dean.  
 City Staff present: City Clerk Alycia Friis, City Administrator Adam Kofoed, Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken, Police Chief Greg Hall, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, City Attorney Kevin Olsen, City Engineer Dave Schechinger.  
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 FRIIS, ALCYIA-MILEAGE TO TRAINING- FRIIS-119.34  
 GOERDT INSPECTION -BLDG INSPECTIONS-1,596.00  
 HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-2,760.22  
 HD SUPPLY-HAND SOAP- TH-44.70  
 IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION SERVICE-45.90  
 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-SHOP SUPPLIES & CLOTHING - PW-469.04  
 JOHNSON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE-CELL PHONE EXTRACTOR-POLICE-175.00  
 KIMS CUSTOM PAINTING-BEG. WATER COLOR CLASS-P&R-225.00  
 KOFOD, ADAM-TRAVEL REIMBURSE-KOFOD-52.20  
 MENARDS-CLEANING SUPPLIES - PW-128.25  
 MISCELLANEOUS VENDOR-NICOLE OLDMSTEAD-REFUND P&R-50.00  
 RACOM CORPORATION-TRUCK RADIO - PD-420.00  
 REVIZE -WEBSITE BUILD DEPOSIT-2,000.00  
 SCOTT ALLEN STUELAND-CEMETERY STUMP GRINDING-6,580.00  
 STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-CHEMICALS-265.62  
 STERICYCLE-SHREDDING SERVICES-98.61  
 TRUGREEN PROCESSING CENTER-LAWN TREATMENT - P&R-35.00  
 WEST BRANCH ANIMAL CLINIC-ANIMAL CONTROL-AT LARGE DOG-66.00  
 TOTAL--17,455.28  
 PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 4/24/2026  
 70,740.99  
 PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS  
 ALTORFER-SKIDLOADER REPAIR - PW-360.86  
 AMAZON.COM-MULTIPLE VARIOUS ITEMS- LIBRARY-907.08  
 E.O. JOHNSON BUSINESS TECH-COPIER MAINTENANCE - LIB-250.23  
 PETERSON CONTRACTORS-WAFPS1 CREEK WIDE PAY EST 3--341,878.81  
 PLASTIC RECYCLING OF IOWA-PB TRASH CANS - P&R-2,337.75  
 PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL -PEST CONTROL - TOWN HALL, CITY-114.54  
 SPECTRUM PAINT COMPANY-STREET PAINT - PW-4,595.40  
 STRYKER SALES CORP-REPLACEMENT BATTERIES-PD-1,030.50  
 TRUGREEN PROCESSING CENTER-LIONS LAWN CARE - P&R-195.00  
 UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HEALTH-DRUG TESTING - PW-243.00  
 US BANK CORPORATE CARD-CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-4,153.09  
 VERIZON WIRELESS-VERIZON WIRELESS-424.61  
 WEST BRANCH TIMES-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS & FIRE JOB-835.60  
 METLIFE-INSURANCE PREMIUM-2,468.44  
 SISCO-INSURANCE PREMIUM -17,336.43  
 SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 4-20-2026-3,439.43  
 SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 4-27-2026-407.72  
 TOTAL--380,978.49  
 GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES--469,174.76  
 FUND TOTALS  
 001 GENERAL FUND-47,174.29  
 022 CIVIC CENTER-101.97  
 031 LIBRARY-6,224.47  
 110 ROAD USE TAX-11,067.04  
 112 TRUST AND AGENCY-34,946.94  
 321 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-341,878.81  
 600 WATER FUND-14,487.17  
 610 SEWER FUND-12,580.64  
 740 STORM WATER UTILITY-713.43  
 GRAND FUND TOTAL-469,174.76  
 Motion by Dean, second by Horihan to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Horihan, Sexton, Noel, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.  
 PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum  
 Jessi Simon shared how great information on Main Street West Branch's achievements for 2025. Some of the changes include: 5 local businesses open on Sundays now for enhancement for the community, being awarded a \$47,000.00 Rural Initiative Grant for further support, and building new welcome kits for our residents. She shared the breakdown of funding for MSWB and where potential funding increases could come from, such as making the addition of a new hotel a priority from the City to raise the annual amount of Hotel/Motel tax that is given to MSWB for funding. There was also a request that with the change of the special events permit, that the city continue to waive fees for things like equipment rental and deposits. Jessi shared information on the Spacer AI Platform that they have now utilized for a 1 year. There was a requirement of a 3 year contract at \$5000 annually

and Jessi shared how the data from this platform could assist both the city and Hoover Museum and would like to discuss a three way split of this annual fee. Jennine Miller requested that the city focus on preserving the historic value of West Branch and looking at signage to share some of the history of the area would be a great way to do this and to educate residents and visitors on the rich history of West Branch.  
 PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA  
 Public Hearing - Regarding Adoption of the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2026./ Move to Action.  
 Mayor Laughlin called the public hearing to order at 7:22 pm. With no questions or concerns, the public hearing was closed by Mayor Laughlin at 7:23 pm.  
 Third Reading of Ordinance 838 - Amending Chapter 165 - Zoning Regulations. / Move to Action.  
 ORDINANCE NO. 838  
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 165 - ZONING REGULATIONS  
 BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa:  
 Section 1. Amendment. Section 165.11 is hereby amended adding the high-lighted areas to Section 11, Subsection 2, 3, and 4.  
 165.11 PERMITTED OBSTRUCTION IN REQUIRED YARDS. The following obstructions, when located in the minimum area required for specified yards, shall be permitted.  
 1. In all yards:  
 A. Chimneys projecting 18 inches or less into the yard;  
 B. Flag poles;  
 C. Ordinary projections of signs, belt courses, cornices and ornamental features projecting not more than 18 inches into a yard;  
 D. Ornamental light standards;  
 E. Steps which are necessary for access to permitted buildings or for access to lots from streets and required exterior fire escapes;  
 F. Fences, hedges, and walls (see Section 165.43 for requirements);  
 G. Retaining walls (see Section 165.43 and requirements specific to Retaining Walls in 165.43(7)).  
 2. In front yards:  
 A. Fuel pumps and air and water outlets in conjunction with automobile service stations, provided they shall be set back at least 15 feet from the front lot line;  
 B. One-story bay windows projecting three feet or less into the yard;  
 C. Open terraces not over four feet above the average level of the adjoining ground and not projecting over 10 feet into a yard, but not including permanently roofed-over terraces or porches;  
 D. Signs and nameplates, as regulated there in.  
 E. In all residential districts there shall be a minimum front yard required for that particular zoning district in this chapter; provided, however, that where lots comprising 30 percent or more of the frontage within 200 feet of either side lot line are developed with buildings at a greater or lesser setback than stated in said particular zoning district, the front yard requirement for an undeveloped lot shall be the average of these building setbacks. In computing the average setback, buildings located on reverse corner lots or entirely on the rear half of lots shall not be counted. However, in no case shall the required front yard setback exceed 50 feet.  
 F. Uncovered patios and decks constructed two feet (2') or less above grade must be set back at least ten feet (10') from any front or street-side lot line and set back at least two feet (2') above grade must be set back at least ten feet (10') from any front or street-side lot line.  
 3. In rear yards:  
 A. Air-conditioning condensers for central air conditioning units;  
 B. Arbors and trellises;  
 C. Balconies of not more than five feet into the required yard;  
 D. Breezeways and open porches;  
 E. Private garage;  
 F. One-story bay windows projecting three feet or less into the yard;  
 G. Overhanging roof eaves and gutters, provided eaves and gutters of detached accessory buildings are not less than two feet from a lot line;  
 H. Open terraces not over four feet above the average level of the adjoining ground, but not including permanently roofed-over terraces or porches;  
 I. Open accessory off-street parking spaces;  
 J. Playground and laundry-drying equipment;  
 K. Private swimming pools and tennis courts;  
 L. Sheds, tool rooms or similar buildings customarily accessory to the principal use.  
 M. Satellite dish.  
 N. Uncovered patios and decks constructed two feet (2') or less above grade no rear setback is required. Uncovered patios and decks constructed more than two feet (2') above grade must be set back at least five feet (5') from any rear lot line.  
 4. Side yards:  
 A. Open accessory off-street parking spaces;  
 B. Overhanging eaves and gutters projecting 24 inches or less into the yard;

C. Air-conditioning condenser for air-conditioner units  
 D. Uncovered patios and decks constructed two feet (2') or less above grade no side setback is required. Un