

# Council Corner

*Updates and highlights on Council events, information and more!*

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## Public Hearings

March 6, 2017

-Municipal Budget for  
Fiscal Year 2017-2018

## City Hall Hours

Monday—Friday  
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

### **Wolf Creek Sanitary Sewer Project**

Sealed proposals were received on the 31st day of January, 2017 for the construction of the Wolf Creek Sanitary Connection Project. Proposals were opened and the amount of the bids announced by the City Administrator and Project Engineer. All work on the project shall be completed by May 31,

2017. The Wolf Creek Sanitary Connection Project was awarded to J&K Contracting in the amount of \$127,691.00.



### **28E Agreement for Polk County Area Public Works Agencies**

There has been longstanding Mutual Aid Agreement among Polk County police, fire/rescue, and emergency medical services and/or other entities to provide mutual aid in Polk County. The Parties have a desire to include emergency infrastructure services in similar framework of assistance, and to assist each other in time of need. The Parties each maintain adequate Public Works equipment and personnel to offer normal infrastructure services within their respective jurisdictions. Situations may arise in regard to emergencies or circumstances which exhaust available personnel, equipment, or facilities, or require additional or specialty personnel or additional and/or special equipment or facilities that the responsible jurisdiction may not have available at any given time. To combat such emergency situations, it is desirable for the Parties to render needed

emergency infrastructure services upon a reciprocal basis. The governing bodies of each party are desirous of entering into this 28E Agreement, the purpose of which is to provide for the Public Works agency of one entity to the other in such emergency or needed situation requiring additional, special personnel, and/or equipment and facilities.



## Cross Point Family Church Lease

The Lease Agreement is between the City of Bondurant and Cross Point Family Church of Bondurant, Inc. The Lease shall commence on the 1st day of March 2017, and end on the last day of the 31st day of December 2018. Cross Point Family Church of Bondurant, Inc. agrees to pay the City of Bondurant \$500.00 per month. The first month's rent payment is to be paid within seven (7) days of the City executing this Lease. Cross Point Family Church shall be entitled to possession on the first day of the term of the Lease. Cross Point Family Church covenants and agrees during the term of the Lease to use and to occupy the leased premises only for use as administrative offices and small group meetings. The Church shall be fully responsible for all care, maintenance, repair or replacement of any installed improvements, fixtures, build out and personal property on the premises.



## New Planning and Zoning Commission Member



The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of seven (7) members, who shall be residents of the City and qualified by knowledge or experience to act in matters pertaining to the development of a City plan and who shall not hold any elective office in the City government. The term of office of the members of the Commission shall be five (5) years. All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, except their actual expenses, which shall be subject to the approval of the Council. Karen Keeran applied for the vacant position in 2016 and has agreed to fill Laura Wood's vacancy. Her term goes into effect immediately until December 31, 2019.

## Leave Sharing/Donation Policy

The City of Bondurant recognizes that employees may have a family emergency or a personal crisis that causes a severe impact to them resulting in a need for additional time off in excess of their available sick/vacation time. To address this need, all eligible employees will be allowed to donate sick/vacation time from their unused balance to their coworkers in need in accordance with the policy. Employees who donate sick/vacation time must be employed with the City for a minimum of one year, and must complete a Donation of Sick/Vacation Time Request Form. Requests to donate sick/vacation time must be approved by the City Administrator. Donation requests which are denied may be appealed to the City Council.



## 28E Agreement for the Safety Coalition of Central Iowa Cities

The Safety Coalition of Central Iowa Cities (SCCIC) was established to share services among the members, to improve or enhance existing services more efficiently; and to share the time, talents, and resources of each community for better utilization of taxpayer dollars. This agreement sets out the general policies and organizations of the SCCIC. The updated 28E Agreement reflects Polk City's request to withdraw from the SCCIC group. This Agreement is made under provisions of the Iowa Code Chapter 28E and shall be interpreted consistent with such statute and any later amendments thereof, between the following legal political subdivision of the State of Iowa:

Altoona	Newton
Bondurant	Norwalk
Carlisle	Pleasant Hill
Colfax	<b>Polk City</b>
Mitchellville	Prairie City
Monroe	Baxter



## Highway 65 Crossing



The City Council will be discussing the Highway 65 Pedestrian Crossing on Monday, March 6 during the regular City Council meeting. A brief discussion with the City Engineer was held during the last City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 21, discussing the advantages and disadvantages of an overpass versus an underpass. Safety, erosion, flooding, maintenance, and ADA standards were topics of discussion.

The City Council encourages public input, and is inviting residents to attend the March 6 City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

## Encroachment Policy

The Council discussed the enforcement of the Encroachment Policy during the discussion items at the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting. The policy will be complaint driven similar to the City's nuisance procedure.

The City of Bondurant desires to maintain a harmonious relationship with property owners adjacent to City property while protecting the City's authority to control uses occurring on City property. Protection of undeveloped public lands includes but is not limited to protection of the natural environment, animal habitat and public access/enjoyment. Encroachment onto public lands is a form of trespass and erection of structures or modifications to natural areas. In order to maintain property lines, private adjacent property owners may mow up to 8' beyond the property line boundary on City property without obtaining an Encroachment Permit. Contact City Hall for more information.

## Calendar City Council Meetings

The following meetings will be held in the Council Chambers:

March 6 @ 6:00 p.m.

March 20 @ 6:00 p.m.

For the most current information, go to [www.cityofbondurant.com](http://www.cityofbondurant.com).

## Sign Vandalism

Recently, the City of Bondurant has been experiencing a rash of street sign vandalism throughout the town. Individuals have been removing signs and posts from the right-of-ways and parks. To some, this may seem like a harmless prank with little to no repercussions. Looking beyond the immediate inconvenience of those unfamiliar to Bondurant, you have to be mindful of the ramifications of this act when considering public safety.

Police and Fire Departments who, when called, utilize these street signs to respond to those in need. Putting aside the initial cost of replacing these signs and posts, it can cost into the thousands of dollars when you factor in the sign, post, time and labor it takes to install the growing number of vandalized signs.

We want to remind vandals that these actions are defined as a Criminal Mischief Misdemeanor according to Iowa Code 716.6, and the City will prosecute all guilty parties. If you have any information regarding the recent vandalism, please contact City Hall at (515) 967-2418 or at [info@cityofbondurant.com](mailto:info@cityofbondurant.com).



## Minimum Wage—Polk County Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors of Polk County, Iowa have enacted Ordinance No. 317, entitled Polk County Minimum Wage Ordinance, establishing a Polk County Minimum wage. The minimum wage as established in the Polk County Ordinance, differs from the State of



Iowa minimum wage, as set forth in Chapter 91D of the 2015 Code of Iowa. The Polk county minimum wage ordinance allows municipalities within Polk County to enact an ordinance rejecting the Polk County minimum wage standards as they differ from Chapter 91D, Code of Iowa, 2015. It is the intent of the City of Bondurant, Iowa to follow the provisions of Chapter 91D of the 2015 Code of Iowa and not the minimum wage standards as set forth in the Polk County Minimum Wage Ordinance.

The Council has approved the first and second reading; the third reading will appear on the March 6 agenda.

## Solid Waste Control

The Council amended Chapter 105, Solid Waste Control, of the City Code. A Municipal Compost Area and Yard Waste Disposal Site has been created, and the curbside service is officially no longer in effect.



The disposal of brush collection chipping shall be subject to the rules, regulations, and restrictions outlined in Chapter 105.14 of the Bondurant City Code.

## Pleasant Street Water Main Crossing Project

Synergy Contracting, LLC submitted a pay estimate on February 6, 2017. The original contract amount is \$116,048.80. The partial Payment Estimate No. 2 covers the work through February 1, 2017. Through partial Payment Estimate No. 2 Synergy Contracting, LLC has completed all of the work on the project with the exception of the final restoration and seeding. The payment requested this estimate is \$63,195.64.

