

Council Corner

Updates and highlights on Council events, information and more!

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Holiday Closings

City Hall will be closed on the following days:

Friday, December 23

Monday, December 26

Friday, December 30 (@ noon)

Monday, January 2

City Hall Hours

Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Home Base Iowa

Home Base Iowa is a program that assists veterans and transitioning service members. Currently, Iowa's unemployment rate is just over four percent, but businesses need skilled workers. This program helps connect these businesses with qualified veterans looking for career opportunities. Countless resources help veterans and their families with education and in transitioning to a new community with focused support and individuals who want to help.

Bondurant is currently in the process of becoming a Home Base Iowa City. Home Base Iowa Cities provide incentives that stand alone or complement those offered by the county or state. They offer additional resources and discounts for veterans who relocate into Home Base Iowa communities. Bondurant has completed a City Council Resolution supporting the program, we will provide an incentive/welcome package, 10 percent of eligible businesses are Home Base Iowa businesses, and we plan to purchase Home Base Iowa signs to post at entry points around the City.

Once all of the steps are completed and approved, the City will coordinate with the Governor's office to finalize a date and time for a City of Bondurant Home Base Iowa Designation Event. More details to follow.

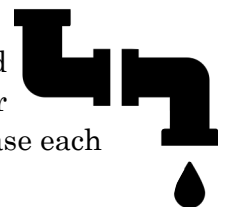


Connection Fee District

The City is in the process of establishing a Connection Fee District for the Wolf Creek Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. The Wolf Creek Sanitary Sewer Connection Fee District consists of an area located in Section 12 of Township 79 N, Range 23 West and is generally bounded by Franklin Street SW on the west, Interstate Highway 80 on the south, NE 72nd Street on the east and a line approximately 1/4 mile north of 32nd Street SW on the north.

The sanitary sewer facilities within the Wolf Creek Sanitary sewer Area consist of a trunk sewer to be constructed by the City of Bondurant in two or more phases.

The connection fee for the property owners within the benefited district that connect to the proposed facilities will be \$3,400 per acre for the period through June 30, 2018. The fees shall increase each July 1 starting on July 1, 2018.



East Polk Innovation Collaborative (EPIC)

Eastern Polk Regional Development Inc. is about to make an EPIC effort to promote economic development. The organization was formed in 1997 and currently promotes economic development efforts for Altoona, Bondurant, Mitchellville and Pleasant Hill. After Wednesday, the organization will be known as the East Polk Innovation Collaborative (EPIC) in a rebranding that includes a new logo and website. Alex Lynch, executive director of Eastern Polk Regional Development, said the Maclyn Group, a marketing company that is based in Chicago and has an office in Des Moines, spent the last six months "discovering what makes eastern Polk County great." The company might have had some insight, given that other clients are the city of Altoona, which promotes the city through the AltoonaNow brand, and Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino. Altoona dropped out of Eastern Polk Regional Development for

a short time after launching AltoonaNow. The city has rejoined the regional marketing effort, Lynch said. He will continue as executive director for the East Polk Innovation Collaborative.

Business Record



Good News!

The water and garbage rates recently increased for the City of Bondurant. Using our fund balance, the City was able to absorb the increase without raising the rates for our residents.

The Iowa Division of Workers' Compensation recently did a site visit and the City was given a good report.



Franklin Street, Southwest Asphalt Overlay



The FY 2017/2018 5-year Capital Improvement Program proposes to include NE 64th Street from NE 78th Avenue to NE 62nd Avenue in Polk County's Hot Mix Asphalt resurfacing program. Because a portion of the roadway is joint jurisdictional with the City of Bondurant and Polk County, a Cooperative Service Agreement was approved for the project.

Work will be completed in 2017. The total cost of the project is \$372,600, the County's estimated share by jurisdiction length is \$189,000, and the City's estimated share by jurisdiction length is \$183,600.

DART Forward

DART is undergoing a study to update the DART Forward 2035 Transit Services Plan. The DART Forward 2035 Plan was adopted by the DART Commission in September 2011, establishing a 25-year blueprint for building a regional transit system in Greater Des Moines.

The first service changes were implemented in June 2012, and DART continued to introduce service improvements over the past three years. Other notable changes to date include the opening of a new transfer station in downtown Des Moines, launch of a redesigned and expanded route network, and addition of service hours, frequency and routes over the past three years.

Since the original study began in 2010, the Greater Des Moines region has experienced changes in population growth and development, economic development, employment, and transit ridership. DART is seeking to update the DART Forward 2035 Transit Services Plan to ensure that it continues to meet the mobility needs of the growing region.



Project Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives of the DART Forward 2035 Plan update include the following:

- Engage riders and the general public throughout the entire process to ensure the updated service plan meets the needs and wants of the community.
- Determine how population and development patterns have changed since the original study and identify any unmet needs for transit in the service area.
- Analyze ridership to determine how riders responded to the original DART Forward 2035 service changes and identify opportunities for improvement.
- Create a vision for transit service that will meet the needs of our growing and changing population.
- Develop a transit service plan that is consistent with helping the Greater Des Moines region realize The Tomorrow Plan's vision for being a livable and sustainable region.

Memorial Items Policy



The Council recently passed a Memorial Items Policy which sets out criteria for donations to City parks or other City owned properties. Persons making a donation are responsible for installation of the donated item, but the City will take responsibility for maintaining donated items upon acceptance by the City. The City reserves the right to determine where donated items are installed.

For more information, please contact City Hall at 967-2418 or info@cityofbondurant.com.

Bondurant Little League Lease

Beginning next season, the City of Bondurant will be leasing the Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex (BRSC) to the Bondurant Little League. Scheduling and maintenance inside the complex will be handled by the Little League organization.



Calendar City Council Meetings

The following meetings will be held in the Council Chambers:

December 5 @ 6:00 p.m.

December 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

For the most current information, go to www.cityofbondurant.com.

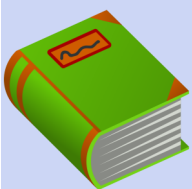
Planning & Zoning Commission Appointment

Angela McKenzie was recently appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Her term begins January 1, 2017.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will take place on Monday, December 19 for the establishment of the Connection Fee District. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

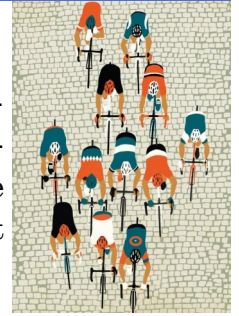
District Regulations



At the November 21 City Council meeting, an ordinance was passed to modify the bulk regulations for R-1 and R-2 zoning. The new regulations will take effect January 1, 2017.

Pedalers Jamboree

The Pedaler's Jamboree is a music festival created for bicycle riders and non-riders alike. Bondurant is the final destination and will host the feature event with main stage music. The event will be August 26-27, 2017.



Polk County Conservation Board Memo of Understanding



The City and Polk County Conservation Board entered into an agreement to establish a cooperative arrangement to maintain public access, during the winter season, on a section of the Chichaqua Valley Trail between Efnor Estates and the Middle and Elementary schools. The City shall provide all necessary labor and machinery to remove ice and snow from the 1,800 feet of Polk Conservation Board trail between Efnor Estates and the school campus. The City is responsible for ensuring the multiuse trail surface is free and clear of weather related hazards during the snow removal season.

Polk County Sheriff's Department Donation



The Polk County Sheriff's Department donated their unused items to the Bondurant Emergency Services. The items will be used for spare parts for the Department's trucks and equipment. The City and the Bondurant Emergency Services extends our gratitude to the Polk County Sheriff's Department for their generous donation.

Notice to Bidders

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Bondurant, Iowa, at the City Hall, 200 Second Street, NE, Bondurant, Iowa, until 11:00 a.m. on the 16th day of December, 2016 for the construction of the Pleasant Street Water Main Crossing, as described in the plans and specifications therefor, now on file in the office of the City Clerk. Proposals will be opened and the amount of the bids announced in said Council Chambers by the City Administrator and Project Engineers at the time and date specified above.