



City of Bondurant

Mayor's Quarterly Report

Spring of 2023

I am excited to provide an update on the progress we have made over the past quarter in achieving the City's goals. We welcome your input as we continue to work towards advancing our community.

- Doug Elrod, Mayor

Quality of Life

- Thank you to Storey Kenworthy and Lincoln Dix (Bondurant Chamber of Commerce President) for their advocacy and grant of \$10K to be used towards the future Skate Park!
- The Council initiated the process of creating an Arts, Culture, and Wayfinding Master Plan. This plan will celebrate the history of Bondurant, expand public art installations, and contribute towards our Hometown feel.
- The City secured a MidAmerican Energy Trees Please! grant to continue the planting of trees along the Chichaqua Valley Trail.
- Thank you to the American Legion for its contribution to the Summer Reading Program through the Bondurant Community Library.
- The Library was honored with the Best Development Award from 1,000 Friends of Iowa and Organization of the Year from the Chamber of Commerce.

Resident Advocacy

- With the adoption of LED streetlights in recent years, the visibility range is more directionally focused resulting in large gaps in lighted areas between lights. New standards will increase the number of streetlights contributing to greater visibility and safety within our neighborhoods.
- A sewer JetVac was recently purchased to increase our ability to maintain our sewer infrastructure.
- Stormwater master plan takes action! Three recommended projects within our master plan were identified and prioritized for enhancements. These include increasing intakes, upsizing piping, and a maintenance project necessary within a detention basin.
- The Council passed another balanced budget for FY24. Another surplus was passed along to Bondurant residents through a reduction in the property tax levy rate. Find the full budget [here](#).

Future Planning

- It's final! The proposed annexation of nearly 1,000 acres was formally approved by the City Development Board. This will provide space for Commercial/Industrial growth, water infrastructure, and the potential for long-term projects to include the addition of a future interchange off I-80 and the creation of a business trucking route for Northbound traffic provide traffic relief to Highway 65.
- The site plan for Hawthorne Crossing 2 was passed. This development will focus on providing multi-family townhomes and some apartments. This development will contribute towards the Council's strategy of providing a diversity of home offerings in town.
- Bondurant secured a TEAP grant from the State to pursue an engineering study for better traffic flow and pedestrian connectivity around the elementary schools.

Ongoing Challenges

- The City experienced yet another increase in our water rates passed through from Des Moines Water Works. The Council continues its focus and study on Bondurant's options for our future water supply. Preliminary engineering studies show that we have both the quantity and quality of water necessary to produce our own water. We continue to focus on the financial implications of each option.
- As the City moves forward with the installation of a Water Tower and a major water main construction project, we appreciate the assistance from Congressman Nunn's office for their advocacy to secure funding which will be essential to this critical infrastructure project.

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