

BONDURANT CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
April 06, 2015 6:00 P.M.
Bondurant City Center

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Keith Ryan, Council Member Wes Enos, Council Member Brian Lohse, Council Member Robert Pepper, Council Member Mike Reed, Council Member Curt Sullivan

City Officials

Present: City Administrator Mark Arentsen, Assistant to City Administrator Mary Rork-Watson, Library Director Jill Sanders, Finance Director Lori Dunham, City Engineer Bob Veenstra, City Attorney David Brick

2. Call to Order and Declaring a Quorum

Mayor Keith Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and declared a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Abstentions declared — Council Member Lohse abstained from voting on Resolution 15-43.

5. Perfecting and Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Enos, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6. Consent Items:

- a. Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2015
- b. Claims Report
- c. Tax Abatement Applications – Casey Doser, 3308 Hawthorn Drive, Southwest, Bondurant

Motion made by Council Member Lohse, seconded by Council Member Pepper, to approve the Consent Items. Roll Call: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7. Polk County Sheriff's Report — Chief Joe Simon, Polk County Sheriff's Department, reported 248 calls for service in March. An arrest was made for the construction burglaries mentioned at last meeting. He said he would follow up with information regarding an incident on the CVT and that the Sheriff's department would be assisting with traffic at the Live Healthy 5K on April 11.

8. Guests requesting to address the City Council – Jeff Cook, 708 Jefferson Avenue, SE, gave a progress report to Council on the upcoming Grand Opening of the Berwick to Bondurant trail connection on April 25. The event begins in Berwick at 10 a.m. and continues into Bondurant and other communities along the CVT.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 15-43 — Resolution approving the Street Closing Application submitted by Brick Street Market to close Brick Street for the Market's anniversary celebration on April 18, 2015

Motion made by Council Member Enos, seconded by Council Member Pepper, to amend the resolution to close Brick Street from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Enos Y Peffer Y Reed Y Sullivan Y Lohse Abstain Motion carried.

Motion made by Council Member Enos, seconded by Council Member Peffer to approve Resolution 15-43 as amended.

Enos Y Peffer Y Reed Y Sullivan Y Lohse Abstain Motion carried.

10. ORDINANCE NO. 15-200 – Ordinance amending the City Code of the City of Bondurant by amending Chapter 92 – Water Rates to establish New Rates for Service within and outside the City (First Reading)

Council Member Peffer asked why rates are different in communities that purchase water from Des Moines Water Works. Finance Director Dunham explained the City purchased 700,000 gallons of water purchase capacity from Pleasant Hill which cost 1.7 million dollars. The City has \$1.5 million debt from the purchase. Also the water cost has doubled in the last six years.

Council Member Sullivan asked if the City will need to increase fees next year. City Administrator Arentsen stated that he hoped the City would not need to increase rates again next year.

Motion made by Council Member Lohse, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-200. Roll Call: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

11. ORDINANCE NO. 15-201 – Ordinance amending the City Code of the City of Bondurant by amending Chapter 106 – Collection of Solid Waste (First Reading)

City Administrator Arentsen said garbage rates were last increased in 2013.

Motion made by Council Member Enos, seconded by Council Member Reed, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-201. Roll Call: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

12. Discussion Items – Citizens Committee for Tax Abatement

- a. City Administrator Arentsen said letters have been sent to 10 suggested organizations and he has asked for their appointments to the committee by the April 20th. He will follow up with the organizations as needed.
- b. Sidewalk Snow Removal Accumulation Requirement

City Administrator Arentsen proposed changing the current ordinance to include the following sentence: *“There is no minimum accumulation which does not require removal. Any accumulation which is visible must be removed. This includes snow which blows or drifts onto a sidewalk at any time.”* The rules for the senior snow removal program will be updated to include this proposed change. Council agreed with the proposed change to the Ordinance which will be included on next meeting’s agenda.

13. Reports / Comments and appropriate action thereon:

- a. Mayor – attending the Metro Waste Authority annual dinner on April 15 at Prairie Meadows Event and Conference Center. The City will pay the \$40 ticket for Council Members who want to attend. He and Council Members Lohse and Enos are attending the DC trip. Council Members were reminded to make an appointment with Nicole Thomas for their official city photos.

- b. City Administrator — The Polk County Assessor’s report increased valuation for Bondurant properties by 5.9 percent which is the highest percentage increase in Polk County.
 - The excavation for the City Park Shelter will begin next week.
 - The Wolf Creek playground is completed. Benches, tables and shelters will be installed at neighborhood parks this year.
 - Live Healthy 5K is April 11.
- c. Council Members
 - Council Member Sullivan — No comment
 - Council Member Enos — No comment
 - Council Member Peffer — Had a question regarding the City elections. He was appointed until December 31, 2015 and will need to stand for election in the upcoming City election. The winner of that seat will serve a two-year term.
 - Council Member Lohse – Metro Arts Alliance is honoring Stewart Buck, former art instructor at Bondurant High School, at its upcoming event Dining for the Arts on April 11.
- d. City Attorney – No comment

14. Adjournment

Motion made by Council Member Peffer, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mary Rork-Watson, Asst. to City Administrator

ATTEST:

Keith Ryan, Mayor

(SEAL)

I, the understated Mayor of the City of Bondurant, Polk County, Iowa, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and City Council on April 06, 2015, that all the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for the public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting and the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten business days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

Keith Ryan, Mayor