Meeting No. 09-02 February 12, 2009

# CITY OF BONDURANT

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

## MINUTES

A meeting of the City of Bondurant Planning & Zoning Commission was held in the Community Room at the Bondurant City Center on February 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commission Chair John Bein
Commission Member Roy McCleary
Commission Member David Higgins
City Council Member Michele Bailey
City Council Member Mike Adams, Sr.
City Administrator Mark J. Arentsen
Finance Director Lori Dunham

Absent: Commission Member Judi Mendenhall
Commission Member Marvin Skinner
Commission Member Roland Mark

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Bondurant City Center, Casey's General Stores, Legacy Bank and the Bondurant Post Office on February 6, 2009. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Commission Chair Bein called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken and there was insufficient attendance to declare a quorum.

Lorne Wazny, Iowa Department of Transportation District One Planner and City Administrator Arentsen led a discussion on the Highway 65 Access Control Plan. Mr. Wazny stated that US 65 is a Priority 3 Highway which allows for 1,000 foot spacing between access points. The Access Management Plan is a collaborative effort between the Iowa Department of Transportation and the City to manage traffic as growth occurs.

Current plans for the highway include resurfacing, which is to begin this spring, and the reconstruction of the interchange with Interstate 80, which will occur in a couple of years. The bridge over Highway 65 at that interchange is 50 years old and has clearance issues. The fly over ramp will most likely be eliminated.

As growth occurs, future signal locations need to be studied. In addition to the Grant Street signal, future signal locations could be at 32nd Street, Southwest, and Second Street, Northeast. Commission Member Higgins asked if the speed was going to be reduced through town. Mr. Wazny stated that the speed limit is driven by traffic. A speed study would need to be done. The speed limit is driven by the amount of turning traffic at access points.

Council Member Bailey inquired about the Paine Heights resident that has a drive that is used to access Highway 65.

Mr. Wazny stated that there is certain criteria that must be studied for a stop light to be considered. Some of those criteria have to do with peak hours, daily traffic count, number of accidents and pedestrian crossing. Signals need to be ½ mile apart. The City Zoning Map and a map of the City were given to Mr. Wazny. Mr. Wazny also stated that access on side roads close to the access points can present safety problems. Examples of such occurrences exist at the drive off of Second Street, Northeast, to Victory Auto, or the drive to Diamond Crystal.

Commission Member Higgins inquired if there could be documentation in the Access Control Plan about the City Ordinance concerning billboards along Highway 65.

City Administrator Arentsen would like to proceed with the plan at the next meeting and prepare for the public information meeting with landowners in April. Mr. Wazny stated that he would be in attendance at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for February 26 at 7:00 p.m.