



Tuesday, January 20, 2026

## **Applications for 2025 Residential Tax Abatement Receive Approval**

During its Monday evening meeting, the Boone City Council approved 26 residential applications received in 2025 under the city's tax abatement program.

Building Department official Dave Ades noted that the tax abatement program was created to encourage growth and development. The valuation of 2025 residential improvements and new construction approved totals \$6.14 million. Qualifying properties receive a 100% tax abatement on the first \$75,000 of added value for five years.

Ades also reported that the city received a total of 30 applications. "The others just didn't get done last year," he said. "They'll get pushed back to the next calendar year."

Ericson Public Library Director Jamie Williams reported that the library has completed the re-accreditation application process through the State Library of Iowa's Accreditation and Standards Program overseen by the Iowa Commission of Libraries. The commission evaluates municipal libraries against standards for funding and quality service. Accreditation is valid for three years.

Williams said the library has met all 29 Tier 1 standards, all 12 Tier 2 standards and all six Tier 3 standards. She added, "We also met 35 of the 38 non-tier standards, of which 20 are required. This is an amazing accomplishment of the Library Board and a true testament to the excellent library service we continue to provide to our community."

The council unanimously supported resolutions:

- to pay \$210,895 to Absolute Group for work completed on the ongoing Hancock Drive expansion project associated with the construction of the Daisy Brands state-of-the-art dairy-processing facility.
- promoting Kendall Hilsabeck to the utilities foreman position in the Public Works Department.
- to approve Mayor Dave Casotti's appointment of David Byrd as representative to the Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority (CIRHA).

The public meeting concluded when the council voted to go into closed session to discuss the disposition of particular real estate in which premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the government body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property.

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