



Thursday, March 21, 2024

City Council Welcomes New Member

The Boone City Council welcomed Lisa Kahookele as the Third Ward's new council member during its regular meeting on Monday evening.

Mayor Eli Stines, who was elected in November, administered the oath of office to his successor, Lisa Kahookele. She won a March 5 special election.

A full-time journalism instructor, Kahookele joined the Des Moines Area Community College staff in 1997. She is a former copy editor at the Ames Tribune and a former lifestyle editor at the Boone News-Republican. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a master's degree from Iowa State University. Her volunteer activities include legislative advocacy for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and serving as a Cub Scout leader.

In other action, the council:

- Appointed Kahookele to the Policy and Administration Committee
- Appointed Jessica Stanley, Rita Knight and Dan Gould to three-year terms to the Historic Preservation Board, expiring March 31, 2027.
- Appointed Bryan White and Ron Russell to two-year terms to the Historic Preservation Board, expiring March 31, 2026.
- Approved a request from building official Dave Ades and the unanimous recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to allow the Big Sale Group, Inc., to construct an 8,400-square-foot building at 1805 Mamie Eisenhower Ave.
- Set a public hearing for 5:00 p.m., April 1 for consideration of the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 tax levy.
- Approved the third reading and adopted an ordinance to change the boundaries of Precinct 1 due to the annexation of property.

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