



Tuesday, November 19, 2024

## **Council Approves Hancock Drive, Southwest Boone Urban Development Projects**

The Boone City Council voted at its regular meeting on Monday evening to approve several resolutions to advance economic vitality projects, including a new housing development on the southwest side of town and related to the proposed Daisy Brands facility near the airport business park.

Council members approved a resolution authorizing an agreement for Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., to oversee the Hancock Drive RISE Roadway Extension Project. It includes the construction of approximately 1,700 feet of Hancock Drive, including turn lanes and a traffic signal at the intersection of Corporal Roger Snedden Drive and Hancock Drive, to provide access to the proposed Daisy Brands food-processing facility and future development.

The city was awarded a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) grant for those infrastructure improvements, which also include sanitary and storm sewers and a water main will be extended to the Daisy Brands site within the new street right-of-way. The RISE grant will pay for 80% of the project cost.

SEH will provide project management and coordination, field survey and mapping, preliminary design, final design and bidding, construction administration services and construction observation services under a contract not to exceed \$497,100.

The council also approved four additional professional services agreements with SEH related to significant improvements to the city's wastewater and water treatment systems as part of the city's 20-year growth plan.

Also approved was the first reading to place tax revenues from the Southwest Boone Housing Urban Renewal Area into a special fund for the payment of principal and interest on loans, monies advanced to and indebtedness incurred by the city in the urban renewal area.

The council voted to enter into a development agreement with Hansons and Gardner LLC related to the renewal area, located at South Marion Street and West Park Avenue. The developer will install streets (including curbs and gutters), sanitary and storm sewers and water infrastructure as part of a 32.7-acre subdivision that will include at least 25 single-family houses. Each house will contain "at least 1,600 square feet of livable space for ranch homes and 2,600 square feet for two-story homes, at least a two-car garage and a 20% hard surface requirement for the front façade." The homes will have a minimum sale price of \$400,000.

In other action, the Council:

- Approved a resolution to authorize the fire department to burn the structures at 2115 Boone St. and 2121 Boone St. for training purposes and to facilitate the demolition of the properties.
- Adopted the first reading of Ordinance 2314 to allow boundary changes to Precinct Two based on the recent annexation of adjacent property.
- Approved the third reading of Ordinance 2313 to change the city code's deer regulations to prohibit feeding deer.

- Approved resolutions authorizing agreements between the city and the police bargaining unit and a union contract between the city and the Local 678 International Association of Fire Fighters.

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