



Wednesday, March 19, 2025

## **Council Approves Daisy Brand Site, Stormwater Plans**

The Boone City Council reviewed and approved site and stormwater plans for the proposed Daisy Brand food-processing facility among the issues addressed during its second regular monthly meeting on Monday evening.

City building official Dave Ades presented the plans to council members, adding, "This project keeps growing. I think originally we started around 750,000 square feet. We're up to 1.2 million square feet. Daisy has presented a site plan, which staff has reviewed. They also presented a stormwater plan. And staff is good to go on this."

Daisy Brands announced plans last April to invest \$626.5 million in a dairy processing facility and create 106 new jobs to start. The number of jobs is anticipated to grow to up to 255 as product demand increases.

The council adopted a resolution approving a community development and housing needs assessment. Assistant city administrator/city clerk Ondrea Elmquist said the assessment "basically lays out to the grant writer or readers what is all on the city's plan that needs to be done – the water improvements, wastewater improvements, street improvements, things such as those."

The council set six public hearings with the first – consideration of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 tax levy – beginning at 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, at City Hall. The five other public hearings, set for 5:30 p.m., concern: the submission of a community development block grant for the City of Boone; ordering construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Headworks 2025 Project; consideration of the sale of property at 117 W. Ninth St.; consideration of rezoning in the 100 Block of South Boone Street from R-1 to R-3 (parcel 088426284282014); and rezoning in the 700 Block of West Mamie Eisenhower Avenue from R-2 to C-3, (parcel 088426291382113).

In other action, the council:

- Elmquist also told council members that last Friday night's storm disrupted the traffic signals at Story Street and Mamie Eisenhower Avenue. The signals are set on flashing red, and a four-way stop sign will remain in the intersection until repairs can be made.
- Parks department director/superintendent Mike Cornelis said the spring clean-up at Linwood Cemetery will take place Tuesday, April 1, adding, "Any flowers not in vases, wreaths, trinkets, things of that nature, they'll be picked up" if not secured for safekeeping before that day.
- Reappointed Lonnie Hikiji to the Civil Service Commission for a four-year term, expiring March 31, 2029.
- Voted unanimously for a resolution to approve an engagement agreement with Ahler and Cooney, a Des Moines law firm that provides comprehensive counsel to municipalities, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Headworks 2025 Project.
- Approved a resolution of support for the Central Iowa Waste Management Association Comprehensive Solid Waste Reduction Plan Update.
- Went into closed session to discuss the disposition of particular real estate in which premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase or decrease the price the government would either pay or receive.