City Council Meetings
City Council holds its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the Wednesday prior to the regular meeting and on the fourth Monday of each month, if necessary. All meetings are held at City Hall, 1609 State Street, 2nd floor.

City Council Members
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- James Stewart Event Center Takes Shape
- Tim Stecker Alderman At-Large 6550 34th Street Court home: 563/332-8880 work: 563/344-0690 tstecker@bettendorf.org
- Nielson at the Library by calling 563/344-4183.
- You can contact Mr. Steven P. Nielsen was recently the Executive Senior Vice President in product development for Alpha Bay in Salt Lake City, Utah. With over 20 years of experience in both marketing and library information technology, Mr. Nielsen noted that he is well-prepared to meet the challenges of a fast growing library and thrive in this opportunity to work with an innovative and contemporary staff.

City Hills
- Mike Freemire Mayor 4805 Heatherstone home: 563/322-1090 work: 563/359-0477 mfreemire@bettendorf.org
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During my State of the City Address, I touched on what makes Bettendorf a Premier City. We are a thriving, diversified community offering attractive, well-maintained neighborhoods, as well as a full-service City, which maintains a professional staff, award-winning library and family museum, nationally accredited parks, and police and fire departments that are well-trained and well equipped to protect our homes, families, and businesses.

This year, our particularly proud of receiving the Voice of the People Award from the International City/County Managers Association and the National Research Center. We were rated in the top 10% for our general service, and specifically highlighted were our library, police, and firefighter services.

I believe it is important to mention that over the last two years, we received approximately $1 million dollars to develop the riverfront trail as part of an overall plan for the Mississippi River Road and the Mississippi River Trail. We look forward to connecting the Riverfront Trail with the Duck Creek Trail and taking the trail north to Pigeon Creek and beyond.

We are also a community that promotes a growing and competitive business environment. We want to support and help existing businesses grow, plus encourage new businesses to locate here. When people can work close to home, they can spend more time with family. When they can shop locally, the dollars they spend stay here, helping to support the businesses grow and provide jobs for our children.

City officials recently learned that a developer is assembling the area of Iowa and Shawno, which is now under single ownership control. We hope to participate in that development to ensure the same quality that occurred on the Duck Creek Pkwy site.

Another topic that has been discussed is the condition of our streets. Because of the harsh winter we experienced, many areas are in need of repair. The City has allocated $1.9 million for capital projects; with $6 million directed at reconstructing a number of city streets.

Quality of life is of paramount importance in Bettendorf. Our staff works around the clock, in both high profile and behind-the-scenes positions, to deliver quality municipal services with the hope to exceed your expectations. I am proud of the evaluation demonstrated by our 200 full and part-time employees, and the pleasure they take in serving the public. Our staff’s commitment to meet the challenges of a fast growing library and library information center to provide high quality service to our residents. On behalf of the City Council, staff, and myself, we look forward to hearing from you.

Event Centers Takes Shape
- The City of Bettendorf and the Isle of Capri Casino are in the second phase of a multi-phased downtown/riverfront redevelopment project entitled RivER'Sedge. From its beginning at the turn of the century as another manufacturing town along the Mississippi River, Bettendorf became, over many decades, a moderately affluent bedroom community of the Quad City area. Over the past dozen years, efforts from the public and private sectors have begun a transformation to a more diversified economy.

Bettendorf is in the process of constructing a 53,000 square foot event center, at a cost of $17 million, that will be connected by a skywalk to the new Isle of Capri hotel. The facility will include a 16,800 square foot multi-purpose showroom with an elevated stage. The room will seat roughly 900 for dinner or 2,000 in a theater style arrangement. Video screens will face all directions and the room can be divided into smaller groups. In addition, there are two breakroom rooms directly adjacent to the main showroom and a separate breakroom for other unassigned groups. The building will measure roughly 30 feet in height but contain only one story. Changing rooms will be the main stage, a complete kitchen to serve all facility needs, and an office (ticket office) will also be included along with full restrooms and storage areas. An all-grade parking lot will be part of the project and will significantly increase parking.

All phases of the project are expected to be completed by the Fall 2008.

City Hires New Library Director
- The City of Bettendorf has hired a new Director for the Bettendorf Public Library Information Center.
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The Bettendorf Public Library Information Center consists of 48 full and part-time staff members who provide services to nearly 349,947 patrons per year.

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In the early days, the department responded to 10-12 alarms a year. In 1912, the Department at 563/344-4178. Top: Volunteer fire department. Since then, Bettendorf Fire Rescue has grown to a state of the art department. It now has 23 full-time and 32 volunteer firefighters. The first paid firefighter was hired in 1976.

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