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City Council
City Council holds its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the regular meeting and on the fourth Monday of each month, if necessary. All meetings are held at Bettendorf City Hall, 1609 State Street, 2nd Floor.

Hours for City Offices
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

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www.bettendorf.org

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fire emergency: 911

Engineering
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Downtown Takes Shape

On December 15, 2003, the Council passed a revised civil rights ordinance bringing Bettendorf’s civil rights ordinance in line with State of Iowa and Federal legislation. In August, the Bettendorf Human Rights Commission recently voted (4-0) to have the Council review our civil rights ordinance and consider adding the term “sexual orientation” as a protected class just like “race, creed, color, etc.” The Commission set their own rules that required a “super majority” (5-2) for any issue to be passed along to Council. In the history of Bettendorf there has never been a discussion of breaking classes or groups of people not already protected under federal or state legislation within the city’s boundaries. Consequently, I have instructed that the city attorney develop a “request for proposal” to help study and gather information relative to the issue. Research would be conducted with the goal of informing Council how citizens feel regarding this issue. I would expect the council to consider this matter before year end.

Downtown development is progressing rapidly. The dance studio has been razed and the Windmiller and Koellner building construction is beginning. We are in the process of applying for $5.4 million from the Vision Iowa, CAT Grant funds. This will be the final piece of the puzzle needed to begin development of the Riveredge events center. A development agreement has been reached regarding the former Lindquist showroom lot with the Greater Quad City Board of Realtors. They should begin construction on a new “class-A” office space.

Our government is open and well repre-
sented. It is better to have more information than less information. My hope is that while we gather this information on a formal basis, concerned citizens will talk with their Alderman regarding this and other issues.

It is a pleasure to serve. I hope this letter finds you even more enthusiastic about developments around the area.

Dear Bettendorf Residents,

The purpose of this letter is to discuss what I believe are significant issues in our community and to update you on our recent successes.

First of all, I would like to say, the City of Bettendorf is having a very good year, but just like you, the City Council and I are pulled in multiple directions at an ever-increasing pace. When this happens and the issue may impact the quality of life that residents enjoy, it is prudent to slow down and deliberate. This has been the case regarding changes within the downtown area. Recently, a request was made to Council to change the provisions and allowable uses within C-2 districts. Specifically, this request, if granted, would allow for car washes to be located “within” the district. The Council is deciding if the issue should be handled as an individual issue or if this begs a larger question, should the council consider reexamination of all zoning districts allowable uses? As residents you can feel comfortable with the knowledge that your local government is working quickly and prudently on matters such as these.

On Wednesday, August 11, 2004, Mayor Mike Freemire and several city staff representatives gave a brief presentation to the Scott County Regional Authority, the Scott County Board of Supervisors, the Federal Government and the City of Bettendorf and the City of Davenport. The CAT Board is studying the proposal to bring a CAT Bus to Bettendorf and Davenport. The CAT Board has already committed $10 million over 10 years to the Quad City region. The number one goal of this project is to create tourism activity, not only for Bettendorf but for the entire Quad City area as a whole. To accomplish this goal a 40,000-50,000 square foot conference/event center would be constructed, along with an expansion to the existing Isle of Capri Casino Hotel that would double the number of rooms to 500, and a 900 seat parking garage with a skywalk connecting it to the existing facility. Drawing a greater number of tourists from outside a 50 mile radius is a criteria that the CAT Board will be using in part to rate the request. Currently the existing Isle of Capri Casino Hotel draws roughly 70 percent of its clientele from outside a 50 mile radius and perhaps more importantly from outside the State of Iowa.

In addition to the State dollars, the Isle of Capri, the Island City Authority, the Scott County Regional Authority, the Quad City Board of Supervisors, the Federal Government and the City of Bettendorf have been asked to fund portions of the project costs. By design, the CAT funds are supposed to be the last dollars needed in making a project come together. If approved, this project would actually provide the impetus to 100 other projects that the community has long planned and worked to bring about. Over the next several months the CAT Board will determine how many dollars, if any, will be coming our way.

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Fitness studio - tennis courts - nursery - locker rooms with saunas - basketball courts

3 weight rooms - 8 lap to the mile indoor track - cardio room & equipment

**BroadCast Vision - activity pool**

**Facilities Includes:**

- Any bagged items set out need a $3.00 sticker
- No paint or hazardous materials are accepted
- There is no payment plan offered on this option. No discounts apply to 6-month offer.
- The fee for recycling collection is included in the garbage fee.
- Set your cart out by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

**For accepted items:**

- At least an arm's length of clearance on all sides of your driveway
- Set your cart out by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.
- Leave an arm's length of clearance on all sides of your driveway.
- Each extra bag of garbage must have a $3.00 sticker affixed, place bag on top of cart.

**Prepare Bulk Items:**

- Encourage residents to bag all garbage before placing it in the cart.
- The City recommends you bag all garbage before placing it in the cart.
- Bulky waste items include: furniture, appliances, tires.

**Additional sources of information:**

- City's website, www.bettendorflibrary.com
- Local media
- Cable Channel 9
- Parades: Jaycees' Halloween Parade, September 25 - January 2.
- Jaycees' Halloween Parade is Sunday, October 24 2 p.m.
- The parade will begin at the intersection of 23rd Street and Middle Road. It will then travel on Spisce Hills Drive to 18th Street, turning left at 18th Street, continuing south to Middle Road, turning left on Middle Road and ending at the parking lot located at Middle Park.

**Around Town:**

**New Solid Waste Program**

The new garbage carts will be delivered to all residents in October. **DO NOT BEGIN USING THE CARTS UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A POSTCARD IN THE MAIL ANNOUNCING YOUR START DATE.**

Old garbage cans can be disposed of on your bulky waste pick up day.

Please keep the packet of materials you receive with your cart, as it contains your new 2004-2005 GARBAGE GUIDE, which has important information about your new waste program and the new bulky waste program. The packet also contains your new recycling calendars for the rest of 2004 and all of 2005, and the Residents' Guide.

To help the City provide you with the most cost effective service, please follow the following tips for your new garbage collection:

1. All garbage must be placed in the cart with the lid closed.
2. The City recommends you bag all garbage before placing it in the cart.
3. To keep costs down, cart placement is key!
4. Please see below for correct placement.
5. Each extra bag of garbage must have a $3.00 sticker affixed, place bag on top of cart.

**Recycling Collection**

Recycling collection is once every 4 weeks on your garbage collection day. A refrigerator magnet and vinyl calendar for your cart showing your collection day is delivered annually. If you need a calendar, please call 344-4088. The carts are divided in the middle with paper items on one side and containers on the other.

**PARK IT.**

Near the curb, on the curb, or at the edge of your driveway.

**POINT IT.**

Handle should face your house at least an arm’s length of clearance on all sides.

**GIVE IT SPACE.**

At least an arm’s length of clearance on all sides.

**Special 6-Month Membership**

The Life Fitness Center offers a 6-month membership for individuals who only need the use of the center during specific season.

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**Basic tips:**

- Make sure your cart is out by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.
- Look under the lid of your cart for accepted items.
- Place cart near the curb, on the curb, or near edge of driveway.
- Leave an arm’s length of clearance around your cart. Do not set directly next to your garbage cart, vehicle, or telephone pole.
- No plastic bags, lids, frozen food containers, beverage cartons or food contaminated pizza boxes.

**New bulky waste program begins the week of November 1-5**

The City is pleased to offer residents a new bulky waste collection program that is convenient and easy to use. The new bulky waste collection program will begin the week of November 1-5. Residents may set out bulky waste on their recycling collection days.

**The City is no longer offering Clean-up Week**

**Basic tips for bulky waste collection:**

- Set out your bulky waste material(s) on your recycling collection days only by 7:00 a.m.
- Leave an arm’s length of space between your bulky items and your garbage and recycling carts.
- Consult your new 2004-2005 Garbage Guide for bulky items that you may set out.
- No paint or hazardous materials are accepted
- Any bagged items set out need a $3.00 sticker