City Information

Bettendorf Human Rights Commission

The Bettendorf Human Rights Commission will accept complaints beginning March 15, 2005. We believe it is every resident's right to be free from discrimination. If you feel you have been the subject of discrimination, you may file a complaint with the City of Bettendorf or visit the city's web page (www.bettendorf.org). The commission strongly encourages resolution of disputes, as a quick, cost effective method of resolution.

Important City Ordinances

Special Events Ordinance

(1) In an owner/custodian of any animal shall keep all structures, pens, coops, or yards where an animal is confined clean and free from excrement and odors. Such premises shall be unfenced for an owner/custodian to permit an animal to discharge excrement upon any public property, common area, park, or private property in an immediate and timely manner where excrement is not disposed of in an appropriate container. Animal excrement shall not be placed in storm sewers or streets, gutters, or shall be picked up and disposed of in a hygiene manner in an appropriate container. Any violation shall constitute a municipal infraction and shall be fined not less than $15, not more than $200 and three or more times the fine for each offense.

(2) It is unlawful for the owner of any dog, cat, or other animal to fail to keep them from running at large within the city. An animal shall not be deemed running at large, even if the animal is not restrained, as long as one of the following situations applies:

- An animal is restrained either on the premises of the owner or custodian or upon another's premises where the owner of that premises has consented in writing or oral agreement to have the animal restrained in such a manner that it cannot enter on the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, other public property or properties owned or operated by the owner, custodian, or permittee.
- The animal is confined or restrained upon the premises of the owner/custodian with- in a secured building or pen, or similar structure which has secured sides, bottom, and top such that the animal cannot escape, or within fencing or similar means secured such that the animal cannot escape and cannot find a way to escape.
- When the animal is being walked off the premises of its owner/custodian as long as the animal is on a leash not more than six feet in length and under the control of a person committed to restrain or control the animal or at heel.
- When the animal is properly housed in a veterinarian's office and under the supervision of a veterinarian.

Guidelines for Garbage Sales

(a) The council may erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles for a period not to exceed three consecutive days during daylight hours. Signs are specifically prohibited from being posted on any city right-of-way, which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Iowa City or the city of Bettendorf.

(b) The total cost and expense of destroying the weeds or growth shall be paid and assessed to the owner and to his, her, or its assigns.

The City of Bettendorf made a tremendous number of decisions last year. A plan was set in place to fund essential city services, foster economic development in the community, and ensure that Bettendorf strives to be a premier community in which to live and work. Today, I will focus on two initiatives related to the aforementioned goals, keeping city costs in line with value received. For additional information, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 522-2444-6446.

City Hall

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Voicemail: 522-2444-6000
Email: bettendorf@bettendorf.org

General Information Numbers

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City Council Meetings

City Hall Council meeting is the regular meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. Committee of the whole meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Committee meetings are open to the public, and a public forum is conducted on the fourth Monday of each month. If necessary, all meetings are held at City Hall, 1069 5th Street, 2nd floor.

City Offices Closed on the Following Holidays:


Watch City Council Meetings online at www.bettendorf.org. Meetings can be found under the Government Center/City Hall News. Watch City Hall TV on the Channel 9 button.

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The Mayor and Council are pleased to report that they have adopted a balanced budget for fiscal year 2005/06. The budget as adopted provides funding for all existing City services and responds to the funding needs of the Vision and Mission Statements to make the City of Bettendorf a Premier City in which to live. The budget maintains the City’s key role at $12.13 per resident and includes increases in overtime pay for all employees. The budget also provides funding for an expanded Economic Development Program, which includes funding for an Economic Development Director and enhanced marketing.

The FY 2005/06 budget “Follows the Plan” established by the Mayor and Council during public budget sessions last year. The budget reduces reliance on gaming funds to supplement the City’s operating budgets, by $2.5 million. It maintains reserves of at least 36% of annual expenses in the General Fund, and is designed to include no increase in the garage and stormwater user fees established last year.

The Mayor and Council are proud to report that the City remains financially stable and continues to maintain its Aaa bond rating. The budget remains balanced at levels appropriate to provide financial flexibility and adherence to Council directed policies.

In the year ahead, management will continue to monitor legislation relative to property tax reform and other state funding, and will continue to streamline, consolidate and enhance efficiencies of City operations - as a matter of course.

Glossary of Funds

Internal Service Funds account for the financing of goods and services provided by one department of other city departments on a cost reimbursement basis. Reimbursements for charges for services, and interest earnings.

Enterprise Funds account for goods and services that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent is to provide goods or services to the public on a non-revenue basis. Reimbursements for charges for services, and interest earnings.

Debt Service Fund account for the payment of interest and principal on the City’s long-term debt obligations for capital asset, improvements, and land acquisition.

Resource: property taxes, interest, and local option sales tax.

Capital Projects Funds account for resources and/or expenditures for development of major capital facilities and capital assets. Resource: bond proceeds, gaming revenue, grants and local option tax revenues.

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### Review Community Investment Programs

#### 2005 Targets

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#### Debt Service Programs

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### Libraries Together

The Libraries Together project is designed to give library patrons an opportunity to review the facts, consider the various options and consequences of action, and identify which options they prefer. The study, conducted by the non-profit Consensus organization, will include a customer-satisfaction survey, a comparative survey in option for action, and a panel of public forums. The libraries will then develop a report detailing their recommendations to the City Council. The libraries hope the process of engaging the public in planning for the Libraries Together project will lead to creative and innovative ideas.

Funders include the Scott County Regional Development Authority, the Riverboat Development Authority and the State Library of Iowa, as well as many of the libraries’ patrons.

### Early Childhood Development Classes at the Family Museum

Give your child a head start at the Family Museum! The Early Childhood Development classes help shape fine and gross motor skills, teamwork and sharing, creative thinking, and verbal skills. Spaces are still available for next fall.

### 2005 Vision

- The Mission for the City of Bettendorf defines the purpose of the organization.
- Bettendorf citizens value safety, education, families, cultural and recreational opportunities. They expect good communication, quick response, quality services. They want wise planning and effective use of resources. Our City responds to these diverse community expectations by delivering the finest services making Bettendorf a Premier City.

### Public Libraries Begin “Libraries Together” Project

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### Vision Statement for the City of Bettendorf

- The City of Bettendorf is a premier city in which to live. The City of Bettendorf is the most livable community for families with rich educational, cultural and recreational opportunities where we have a vibrant riverfront and a growing, competitive business environment. We take pride in our great community.

### Key vision components and their meanings:

#### Premier City

- **Mission, Vision, Belief Implementation**

- **Public Libraries**

- **Experiences**

- **Police**

- **Education**

- **Social Services**

- **Transportation**

- **Public Works**

- **Business Development**

- **Infrastructure**

- **Fire Protection**

- **Public Safety**

- **Public Health**

- **Environment**

- **Visitor Services**

- **Economic Development**

- **Culture**

- **Government**

- **Communication**

- **Citizen Engagement**

- **Citizen Services**

- **Quality of Life**

- **Economic Growth**

- **City Management**

- **Financial Management**

- **Equity and Inclusion**

- **Parks and Recreation**

- **Healthcare**

- **Community Development**

- **Water and Wastewater**

- **Utility Projects**

- **Street Projects**

- **Parking and Acquisition**

- **Library Improvements**

- **Art Projects**

- **Tourism**

- **50th Anniversary**

- **Museum**

- **Parks and Recreation**

- **Citizen lamendities**

- **City Resources**

- **Community**

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