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City Council Approves FY 2017 Budget

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa (March 8, 2016) – Tonight the Pleasant Hill City Council unanimously approved the City's fiscal year (FY) 2017 budget totaling \$28.5 million. The budget as adopted, maintains for the seventh consecutive year a property tax rate of \$11.65 per \$1,000 valuation.

"The budget that was unanimously approved focuses on the priorities set forth by the Council and our citizens," Mayor Sara Kurovski said. "The budget focuses on the commitment to public safety through personnel additions, service enhancements, and also puts the City in a stronger position to accommodate development. I want to thank Council and City staff for their hard work throughout this process. Together, we're doing things for the people of Pleasant Hill. This FY budget is the roadmap to Pleasant Hill's future."

Some key components of the budget include funding for the following initiatives:

Commitment to Public Safety

- The hiring of one additional police officer for a total budgeted police force of 18 officers.
- Purchase of body worn cameras for police officers.
- Purchase of one new police vehicle, bringing the fleet to 10.
- Funding for the City's portion to upgrade the communication system at Southeast Polk Community Schools.

Service Enhancements

- Funding to continue the Des Moines Water Works fire hydrant replacement program.
- Purchase of a one-ton truck and a boom truck for the Public Works Department. The boom truck will end up saving the city approximately \$15,000 annually, based upon current expenditures.

Building for Our Future

Funding to join Bravo Greater Des Moines to enhance arts, culture and heritage, creating a strong and vibrant quality of life for members within the community.
\$12 million in the 2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for road repairs and infrastructure improvements, including:

- Oakwood Drive overlay
- Reconstruction of NE 60th Street south of University Avenue and Morningstar Court
- Resurfacing of SE 43rd Street
- Reconstruction of NE 70th Street south of University Avenue
- Extension of Meacham Drive west of NE 70th Street
- Reconstruction of Vandalia Road and Pleasant Hill Boulevard intersection

The City of Pleasant Hill continues good long-term planning and monitoring of current operations, which allow the city to deal with budget gaps, if they should arise. The ongoing review and updating of the CIP will facilitate the City Council when making long-term decisions for the community.

To learn more about the approved budget and to review the entire document, [click here](#).

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