

PUBLIC NOTICE

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OGDEN LEGACY MEETING RECAP - JANUARY 13, 2021

The Housing Committee, with the help of the City of Ogden and Ogden Legacy, helped fund \$24,587 in fix up grants to homeowners which resulted in \$114,000 in outdoor improvements to Ogden properties in 2020. The Housing Committee is exploring their focus for the 2021 program. The Housing Committee will gather some more information to present to the Ogden Legacy Executive Board along with the City of Ogden before moving forward.

The City Council will meet February 3, 2021 for their annual budget session. They also plan to set up another meeting with Region XII to discuss TIF and Tax Abatement. The Council will also be looking into making plans for the future of the Howe school recreational grounds.

The Boone County Chamber of Commerce will be sending membership notice to Ogden Legacy sometime in the near future. There is a lot of interest in entrepreneurship in the Boone County area including the restaurant, automotive and medical businesses. The BCSD will be issuing a bond for an Early Childhood Center in Boone.

Craig Christensen and Jean Mallicoat met with Garren Zanker, manager of the grocery store in Jewell on January 12. Garren has 19 years of grocery experience working with both HyVee and Fareway. He shared details on how the need for maintaining the Jewell store, town

hall meetings, fundraising efforts, and moving forward with getting the store opened again. Craig and Jean both mentioned the store was clean, well-stocked and active. There was never not someone in the store while they were there. They left very optimistic and positive there was still a market for a small town grocery store in the Ogden Community too! The Ogden Legacy Board has put together an incentive plan to present to potential proprietors and is working on getting that finished and approved. From there, they will reach out to the Iowa Grocers Association for input as well as take any feedback from other resources.

The Board has decided to postpone the Annual Meeting, otherwise known as "Ogden Night", to this fall.

The Ogden Legacy congratulates the new owners of Ogden Total Fitness, Jason and Michelle Simpson and look forward to helping get their business to where they want it to be in any way they can.

New opportunities for new committees and leadership are coming available. The Board is looking to add 2 or 3 new members to the Executive Board this year, as well as new committees focused on business development in the community. Our existing committees are always looking for volunteers, also. If you are interested in serving on the Ogden Legacy Executive Board or committee member, please reach out to Shannon at ogden.legacy@gmail.com.