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## Cape Air takes off



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Passengers line up to get on the inaugural Cape Air flight to Chicago Tuesday morning at Southeast Iowa Regional Airport. The new service offers daily trips to Chicago and St. Louis starting at under \$50 each way.

### DAILY SERVICE: Daily flights to O'Hare and St. Louis started Tuesday morning

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – About seven passengers got on board an 18-month-old Tecnam Italian aircraft headed to Chicago out of the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport in Burlington early Tuesday morning.

With the sun just starting to peak over the eastern horizon the white-and-blue 12-seat Cape Air craft lifted gently into the southern skies above Burlington and quickly banked to the east as dignitaries of the small market airline were on hand to watch the inaugural flight.

The aircraft, and another one in the hangar on the airport property, were both on hand for flights out of the Burlington airport.

Cape Air was awarded the service in a competitive bidding period in 2021, after failing to get the award for Burlington through the Department of Transportation four years ago.

Brian Callahan, Cape Air's regional Trainer and Safety Auditor out of Billings, Mont, said the company has in the past 20 years expanded into what is called Essential Air Service

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### CITY COUNCIL

## Council nixes increase to next Avenue H project costs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A recommendation, of sorts, was put in front of the Fort Madison City Council Tuesday to approve a \$143,000 increase in inspection

costs on the city's 10th to 18th Street Avenue H reconstruction project. But the council voted unanimously to deny the added costs.

According to a report that was presented to the council with a recommendation from Public Works Director Mark Bousset and City

Manager David Varley, costs were reduced on the inspections because HR Green, the city's engineer on the project, anticipated having a cost-share on the inspection costs with another project being done simulta-

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### FORT MADISON

## Council OKs FMPD K9

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Police Department could introduce a new K9 officer to the community before the end of the spring.

At Tuesday's regular City Council meeting, the council approved a request from the Fort Madison Police Department to bring a K9 officer onto the police department.

The cost of the project will be \$77,000 and will be reflected in the 2022-23 budget, however Police Chief Mark Rohloff said his diligence on the program indicates that there could be a zero cost factor to the city with donations and sponsorships of the program.

City Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker said she supports a K9 program in the



BOWKER

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### PARADE

## 4th of July parade planning to start Sunday at Moose

FORT MADISON – A meeting to begin planning for the 110th annual Charlie Korschgen 4th of July Kiddie Parade will be held, Sunday, February 8 at 4:30 pm at the Loyal Order of Moose Family Center.

L. D. "Andy" Andrews, general chairman of the event, always need volunteers to serve on the committee to make the parade a success. It takes several volunteers to help plan the parade, assist with registration, line-up, fundraising and ensure the participants safety.

The 2021 patriotic event on July 4th went well with an average number of participants as in previous years despite the onset of the COVID 19. Getting volunteers to assist the parade committee was hard to accomplish according to

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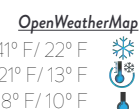
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### WEATHER

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### IOWA LOTTERY

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### MARY PETERSON

Mary "Jean" Peterson, 89, of Keokuk, Iowa, passed away on Friday, January 28, 2022 at Clarence Care Center in Clarence, Missouri.

Jean was born on February 7, 1932, in Springfield, Missouri, the daughter of William and Lucy Agnes (Ward) Freeborn. She graduated from Unionville High School and went on to attend Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville. Jean was united in marriage to Wendell "Pete" Peterson on July 28, 1957 in Unionville, Missouri. He preceded her in death on October 26, 2013. Teaching was Jean's passion, and she taught elementary school in Keokuk for more than thirty-four years.

Jean was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Keokuk, where she sang in the church choir. She was also a member of the Sweet Adelines, Keosippi Kickers, BPW and Red Hat Ladies. In her free time, Jean enjoyed solving crossword puzzles. She loved to dance and was known as "Dancin' Jean" to family and friends. She was very social, loved to travel, and enjoyed wintering in Florida with her husband Pete. Jean had strong family ties and cared for others deeply. She was known as "Gigi" to the grandkids and great-grandkids and loved spending time with them.

Jean is survived by one daughter: Wendy (Roxanne Bercik) Peterson of Bend, Oregon; daughter-in-law: April Peterson of Shelbyville, Missouri; granddaughter: Nikki Peterson of Poteau, Oklahoma; step-grandchildren: Trey (Caroline), Tony (Madalynn) and Harlan (Arielle) Million; four step-great-grandchildren: Brady, Aizlynn, Zane and Lennox; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Michael Lee Peterson, and siblings Ruth Harris, Dorothy Leckbee, and Jim Freeborn.

Funeral services will be held at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 11:00 am followed by a private family burial. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:30 to 11 am on Tuesday directly before the service. Memorial donations may be mailed to Trinity United Methodist Church (2330 Plank Rd Keokuk, IA 52632) or City of Christmas (PO Box 73 Keokuk, Iowa 52632).

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



PETERSON

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### ROBERTA E. SMITH

Roberta "Bertie" F. Smith, 91, passed away on January 31, 2022 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 26, 1930 to Robert and Flossie (Horner) Tarr in Moravia, Iowa.



SMITH

Bertie was the matriarch of our family as well as being the best wife, mom, grandma, great grandma and great great grandma anyone could ever ask for.

Bertie moved to Fort Madison when she was 18 after graduating High School, she worked for Sheaffer Pen Company and J.C. Penny's in Fort Madison. Bertie met the love of her life Eddie Smith while he was playing 12th Street Rag at a house party. Bertie and Eddie married on November 10, 1951 at Santa Fe United Methodist Church in Fort Madison and he preceded her in death on September 25, 1992. She was a long-time member of Santa Fe United Methodist now Fort Madison United Methodist Church.

She was a lover of animals; she grew up on a farm surrounded by animals of all kinds but had a deep love for her cats and her dogs. She was a woman of many talents from baking delicious deserts, making clothing, working on projects around the house, and playing with her grandchildren. Bertie would spend hours playing with her grandchildren and making sure that they had everything they could ever ask for. If they wanted something that couldn't be bought, she would try to find a way to make it for them.

As her grandchildren got older, she started to Volunteer at the Salvation Army in Fort Madison where she would meet many people and listen to their stories. She became a staple there and would spend countless hours listening to people (which she loved to do). Bertie met some life-long friends while there and would still talk with them on a weekly basis just to check in and chat for hours some more. She was greatly loved by many and will be sorely missed by.

Bertie is survived by her loving daughters Teri (Glenn) Welborn of Ft. Madison, IA, Trudi (Dave) Burak of Dingmans Ferry, PA and Traci (Steve) Huecker of Pound, WI; her loving grandchildren Michelle (Matt) Kirchner, Brandon (Renea) Welborn, Levi (Brandon Kreider) Welborn, Josh (Alicia) Burak, Serena (Chance) Dorsey, Zach Burak, and Elise (Athen) Bloyer; her loving great grandchildren Tayler, Jaxon, Mona, Marlin, Jack, Arbor and Angus; her loving great great grandchildren Myra and McCoy; her niece Pat (Roger) Bove; her nephew Art Waggoner; great niece Johnna Bove; her dear and close friend Loraine and her beloved cat who was spoiled beyond belief Callie and many friends. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Eddie, her sister Susie Magee, her niece Judy Boltz, and her parents.

The family will greet friends from 10 - 11 AM on Monday, February 7, 2022 at King Lynk Funeral Home, & Crematory. The Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM following the visitation with Rev. Kayla Carney officiating. She will be laid to rest next to the love of her life in Soldier's Circle at Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter or Ft. Madison United Methodist Church and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com). We love you and we will see you later alligator!

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### AARON M. BAKER

Aaron M. Baker, 46, of Nauvoo, Illinois passed away Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, Fort Madison. He was born June 26, 1975 at Fort Madison, Iowa, a son of Joseph P. Jr. and Carolyn K. (Hofmann) Baker.



BAKER

Aaron graduated from the Fort Madison High School in 1993 and enjoyed performing in the high school rodeo, working crew and racing "wild thing" four-cylinder class stock cars, hunting and bowfishing. He was an officer for Bowfishing Association of Illinois and loved teaching others about the sport. He had been a truck driver for over 15 years, and most recently worked as a service technician for WIN Propane, Wever, for the past year.

On June 3, 2017, he married Rhonda McKinney at Monmouth, Illinois. Aaron's faith was a big part of his life. He spent time regularly studying and reading his bible, and recently learning about how to serve in missions work through his church; he had a deep love of God, his church family, his family and friends and especially Rhonda.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Baker, of Nauvoo, Illinois; his parents: Joseph P. Jr. and Carolyn K. Baker of Montrose, Iowa; his children, Brandon (Savanna) West, of Berwick, Illinois and Abigail Berg, at home; one granddaughter, Freya Lilly Jo, his siblings, Jo Lyn Shipman, of Gilbert, Arizona and David (Traci) Baker, of Washburn, Iowa, one brother-in-law and sister-in-laws; aunts and uncles, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John F. Jr. and Beverly Hofmann and Joseph P. Sr. and V. Lorean Baker; father-in-law, Jack Danley and mother-in-law, Deborah Lytinen.

Family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 pm Friday, February 4, 2022 at the Harmony Bible Church, 1602 Avenue F, Fort Madison. Memorial services will be 11:00 am Saturday, February 5, 2022 at the Harmony Bible, Fort Madison Campus with Pastor Andrew Wiese, officiating. A memorial has been established for his family, contributions may be made to Rhonda Baker in c/o of Barr Memorial Chapel or left at the church during the services. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Aaron Baker family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

### TRACY E. HENSLEY

Tracy Eugene Hensley, 59, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 7:12 p.m. on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, IA. He was born on October 12, 1962 in Chicago, IL to James Marvin & Goldie Marie



HENSLEY

Dunn Hensley. He was a mechanic most of his life. He served in the U.S. Army and loved to work on race cars, motorcycles, and build classic model cars.

Tracy is survived by: 2-daughters: Tabitha Atwater of Fort Madison, IA & Gina (Brandon) McMann of Wapello, IA; 1-son: Kyle (Therese Donaldson) Hensley of Fort Madison, IA; 7-grandchildren: Raimi Monnier, Austin Monnier, Ethan Hall, Dylan Hall, Brielle Hall, Jackson McMann, Jacob McMann & Kaiden Hensley and 1-sister: Candy (Wayne) Rehm of West Burlington, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2-brothers: Stephen & Gregory Hensley & 1-sister: LeAnn Walker.



A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 4, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. He will be cremated following the funeral service. A memorial has been established in Tracy's memory. Online condolences to the Hensley family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## OBITUARIES

### GEORGE K. BROWN

George K. Brown, 67, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa died Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at the Henry County Health Center, Mt. Pleasant. He was born March 7, 1954, a son of Laborn and Ruby Faye (Atwell) Brown. He married Julie Ilmberger, they had two children, Amanda and Ryan. They later divorced.



BROWN

George attended Fort Madison High School. He served in the United States Army. For years he worked at Fruehauf as a certified welder. He earned his Computer Science Degree from Southeastern Community College. He worked at Dodd Printing and then moved to Kansas City where he worked in IT at Gateway 2000. George was a die hard Chicago Cubs fan, he shot pool, and did woodworking. He loved cooking and grew vegetables in his garden and shared them with family and friends. George loved his family especially his grandkids.



He is survived by his daughter, Amanda Brown of Mt. Pleasant; three siblings: Wesley (Violet) Brown of San Antonio, Texas; Judy Rotchford of Havelock, North Carolina; and Deborah Armstrong of Donnellson, Iowa; three grandchildren: Samantha, Dani, and Van Crawford and their father, Jeremy; nieces and nephews; his former wife, Julie, and husband, Steve Long; and numerous other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Ryan, five siblings: Liz, Karen, Roger, Seldon, and Steve; and his dog, Girlfriend.

His family will greet friends from 4:00 - 6:00 pm Friday evening, February 4, 2022 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Donations to help cover his cremation services may be made out to and mailed to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Brown family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

### MARIA L. HELLWEG

Maria L. Hellweg, 35, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 4:10 PM at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics.

She was born on January 4, 1987 in Ft. Madison to Terry Strah and Linda Bohnenkamp. On June 5, 2010 she married Cody Hellweg in the Lake of the Ozarks. Maria was a homemaker and loved every moment of caring and spending time with her family. She enjoyed camping, cooking and making crafts, especially tie blankets and doing anything with her kids.



HELLWEG

Survivors include her husband, Cody Hellweg of Ft. Madison; her children, Cadence, Alexis, Kylie and Cash Hellweg all at home; her father, Terry (Beverly) Strah of New London; her mother, Linda Bohnenkamp of Ft Madison; two brothers, Tyler Strah of New London and Ryan Strah of Burlington; several aunts, uncles and cousins including James, Joshua and Jody Bohnenkamp whom she considered brothers. She was preceded in death by her Maternal and Paternal grandparents.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4-6:30 PM. A rosary will be recited at 3:30 PM prior to the family visitation. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## From the Front

# City to replace bridges over Dry and French creeks

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department, but still had concerns with a two-week training period for the officer and the animal and didn't recommend the kennel being used.

She said Iowa State Penitentiary, her employer who has a successful K9 program in place, is not recommending the kennel either. But Rohloff said he's had conversations with several law enforcement groups including Lee County K9 Association in the information gathering process.

The officer/handler will go through training in March with the animal and the K9 could be with the department by April.

"I'm frustrated and concerned that the kennel we're using is only going to give our handler two weeks training. I'm still for the program and support the police department, but the liability exposure here in a two-week training for a K9 handler is problematic for me," Bowker said.

"You have a K9 on the street that's not properly handled and it bites one person,

that pretty much bankrupts the city."

Rohloff said the liability would be covered by the city insurer's general policy as are city employees' actions, vehicles, and anything the council does as well.

In other action, the council:

- approved the first reading of an ordinance defining "Tiny Homes" within the city with special use permits and a minimum lot size of 3,500 square feet, lot width of 25 feet and dwelling size no less than 576 square feet.

- awarded construction bids to replace bridges on Avenue F over French Creek and on 27th Street over Dry Creek to Iowa Bridge and Culvert of Washington, Ia., for a combined cost of \$2,032,011.

- set a public hearing for Tuesday, Feb. 15 to set the Fiscal Year 2023 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levy.

- appointed Ron Welder and Lyle Brown to the city's Planning & Zoning Commission with terms expiring March 31, 2025.

# Committee looking for volunteers for 2022 event

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Andrews.

This year registrations for prizes, judging, awarding of prize money and trophies will return to normal. This is also the year to celebrate the State of Iowa's 175th anniversary. If you are unable to attend this meeting, four other meetings will be scheduled in next few months in preparation for the parade on July 4, 2022. If willing to help with the planning, visit the Charlie Korschgen Fourth of July Kiddie Parade Facebook page, attend this meeting, or contact Andy Andrews at 319-371-5379.

Tax deductible donations to support the parade may be sent to Kiddie Parade at PO Box 243, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 to assure this event continues for many more years.

# City says no to engineer's request for full-time inspection

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neously.

Bousselot told the council that, due to timing changes on the 20th to 30th Street resurfacing, there are no longer simultaneous projects happening at that time so the cost-sharing can't take place. HR Green was asking the city to shift all the costs of inspections during that time to full-time inspection on the 10th to 18th project. They also added an additional five weeks of inspections due to the project most likely requiring more than one construction season.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said Green, who's been the city's engineering firm to date on the two other Business 61 reconstruction projects, included the cost of the inspection as part-time in their scope of work, so full-time work and its related increased costs, shouldn't be needed.

"I believe we'll start out here, that I'm adamantly opposed to this change at this point in this project," Mohrfeld said.



**MOHRFELD**

Bousselot said that, although he signed the agreement as a recommendation, he was just getting the information in front of the council.

"I'm not necessarily on board with the five weeks at this point in time and I've expressed that to them. You have it now with the increase of 20 to 40 hours plus the five weeks at that \$143,015. If you guys weren't wanting to do the five weeks you could amend it down to \$119,912 which would get them from 20 to 40 for the 41 weeks," Bousselot said.

Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker asked if the extra inspection would identify the issues after they've been completed. Mohrfeld said they were construction observations.

"We have a document from HR Green which is a proposal on a project they designed of that highway and a proposal for management of this project... It says in their proposal that it would take 24 hours per week to do this. It does not say in hopes there would be another job we could piggy-back this to," Mohrfeld said.

"That's \$140,000, we could run construction management on a consolidated public works department for that."

"For them to design and present this to us and now come back to us and ask for \$140,000 from arguably not a discount firm in the first place, I think is an insult to this council."

Bousselot said it's important to have someone on site watching the project. "There's a lot of things that can happen when you're not on site and you depend on your contractor. When you put things in the ground and cover them up if you're not there observing....," Bousselot said.

Mohrfeld said there were misplaced drains on top of 15th Street that were put in with an inspector on site on that one.

"Yes you did. Yes you did," Bousselot agreed.

Mohrfeld said Bousselot did have concerns about the added costs in conversations they have had about the amendment.

Councilman Tom Schulz said he had a problem with extending it five weeks.

"This is a project that hasn't even started yet. To me that's like saying, 'Hey, let's plan to fail.'"

Bowker said she didn't want the project unnecessarily delayed or to fail because of an inspector not being on site, nor to hear five years later that the contractor screwed up and the inspector didn't catch the issue.

"I'm a little frustrated but I would like to revisit this," Bowker said.

Mohrfeld called for the vote and the increase was voted down unanimously.

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# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

**MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

#### REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING MONTROSE CITY HALL AGENDA

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:** The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public during discussion. If you wish to speak, please step up to the Council table, state your name and address for the record and limit the time used to present your remarks to five minutes in order that others may be given the opportunity to speak. The normal process on any particular agenda item is that the motion is placed on the floor, input is received from the audience, the Council is given an opportunity to comment on the issue or respond to the audience concerns, and the vote is taken. On ordinances, there is time provided for public input at the time of the first reading. In consideration of all, if you have a cell phone, please turn it off or put it on silent ring.

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Council members vote on the motion.

1. Approve Agenda as written.
2. Approve January 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; January 12, 2022 Budget Workshop Minutes, and January 18, 2022 Budget Workshop Minutes as submitted.
3. Approve January 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** This is a time set aside for comments from the public on topics of City business other than those listed on this agenda. Please understand that the Council is not likely to take any action on your comments at this meeting due to requirements of the Open Meetings Law, but may do

so at future meetings. The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public; however, at no time is it appropriate to use profane, obscene, or slanderous language. The Mayor may limit each speaker to five minutes.

#### EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety, General Government & Enterprise, Culture & Recreation, Public Works, Economic & Community Development.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lynch-Dallas Representative: discussion about City Attorney.
2. Public Hearing on FY2023 Maximum Levy:
  - A) Resolution 2-2022 approving maximum levy amount of \$264,444.00.
  - B) Resolution 3-2022 setting March 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall as date of final public hearing on adoption of FY2023 City Budget. Roll call vote.
3. Discussion about the Montrose Gym.
4. Discuss raising water and sewer rates.
5. Discuss how to spend ARPA funds.
6. Consider L.L. Pelling seal-coat proposal.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve a Library credit card for Librarian Tierra Griffith; limit not to exceed \$700 per month.
  2. Approve Payment of Claims.
- MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**
- ADJOURNMENT:**  
\*Please note that this agenda may be changed up to 24 hours before the meeting time as provided by Section 21.4(2). Code of Iowa.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 2, 2021 501 Main Street 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on December 2, 2021 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, two absent. Linda Altheide, Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Steve

Andrews, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant (entered after roll call at 5:32 p.m.) and Susan Dunek were present. Mike O'Connor and Roslyn Garcia were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Sewer Manager Michael Clark, Police Chief Dave Hinton, and Celeste El Anfaoui.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Encouraged visits to City of Christmas.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST:** Dan Winn inquired about privatizing refuse collection. Chris Happs & Rachel Spellerberg from Interstate Power and Light gave an overview of a project bordering city property. It would involve the city granting an easement for the project.

Motion made by Dade, second by Altheide to approve the agenda, (less Item #12 Airport Rescue Grant, to be brought back at future date) including the consent agenda. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Safety

Committee meeting of November 15, 2021;

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of November 18, 2021;
- RESOLUTION NO. 321-21: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE FOLLOWING HOME-OWNERS:

- James & Ginger Knisley, 3405 Middle Road, renovation /remodel house;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5244-5245;

Motion made by Bryant, second by Helenthal to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5.20.020 regarding Sanitation fees. ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES – Altheide, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dade, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 322-21: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AQUATIC CENTER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOERNER YMCA." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mars-

den, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 323-21: "A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried. (Kira Kruszynski gave an update on Main Street activities).

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 324-21: "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ANNUAL BUDGET." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 325-21: "A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE CANVAS OF VOTES FOR THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2021." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Removed from the agenda: Consider resolution accepting Airport Rescue Grant and authorizing signature (to be brought back at a future

date).  
**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Rand Park Pavilion: Richard West-5-year term to expire 10/22/2023 (2nd notification-no vote required).

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Marsden to approve the final reading to re-appoint Kevin Helmick, Maureen Hutchcroft, Shane Etter and Ted Elting, 5-year terms to expire 10/22/26, to the Rand Park Pavilion Commission. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Dade to accept the resignation of Steve Celania, term to expire 6/1/22, from the Depot Commission. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** O'Donnell reported on the following: DNR grant to cover lead-based paint/asbestos inspections, swearing in of newly elected officials/council photos, and setting meetings for personnel and ARPA committees.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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**COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION/ SPECIAL MEETING February 7, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87213541654?pwd=R1FsMHpmNVh6VkpSY0Zic0JqZThTQT09>

**AGENDA**

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Approve the agenda
- IV. Consider approval of Resolution Fixing the Date of Sale, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Approving Official Statement
- V. Approval of Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
- VI. Consider approval of Request to SBRC for Funding Related to FY22 School Wide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) Increased Enrollment: "As part of the district's response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for funding related to FY22 SWVPP increased enrollment in the amount of \$61,429.50.
- VII. Approve Bid Specifications and Set Bid Opening Date for FMHS HVAC Phase 4 project for

- March 15, 2022
- VIII. Set Public Hearing Date for FMHS HVAC Phase 4 project for March 21, 2022
- IX. Discussion of proposed 2022-2023 calendar
- X. FY2022-2023 Certified Budget Discussion
- XI. Update on MS/HS Additions and Renovations - Budget vs Expenses Worksheet
- XII. Board Professional Learning
- XIII. Public Comments
- XIV. Announcements
- A. February 16, 2022 Board Instructional Tour, High School, 1:30 p.m.
- B. February 22, 2022 Public Hearing, Board Room, Central Office, 6:00 p.m.
- C. February 22, 2022 Public Hearing, Board Room, Central Office, 6:05 p.m.
- D. February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office, 6:10 p.m.
- XV. Adjourn
- Exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) for the purposes of a negotiation session

**PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 16, 2021 501 Main Street 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on December 16, 2021 at 501 Main

Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent. Mike O'Connor, Linda Altheide, Roslyn Garcia, Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant, and Susan Dunek were present. Steve Andrews was absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Sewer Manager Michael Clark, and Celeste El Anfaoui.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Gave thanks and appreciation to outgoing council for their teamwork and thinking of the greater good of Keokuk.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST:** Joe Shuman gave thanks for all the help and support he received getting the City of Christmas up and running. Noted a small amount of damage from the windstorm on Wednesday December 15th.

Motion made by Dade, second by Bryant to approve the following agenda, including the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of December 2, 2021;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for November 2021;
- RESOLUTION NO. 326-21: Approving a Liquor License for Rasca's Pub & Grub, Inc., 820 Main Street, effective January 2, 2022 – Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service;
- RESOLUTION NO. 327-21: Approving a Liquor License for Hy-Vee Food Store, 3111 Main Street, effective January 2, 2022 – Class E Li-

quor License with Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit and Sunday Sales;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5246-5247;

Continuation of public hearing on amending the budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 ending June 30, 2021.

**COMMENTS:** Public Hearing was continued from the workshop which began at 5:30 p.m. O'Donnell gave an overview of the amendments being made.

No further comments were received, Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Altheide to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 328-21: "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ENDING JUNE 30, 2021." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. for Rainbo Drive Lift Station replacement. A public hearing was published in the Daily Gate City on Monday, November 29, 2021.

**COMMENTS:** O'Donnell gave an overview of the bids; four bids were received. He explained part of the project will be carried into Fiscal Year 2023.

No further comments were received, Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Altheide to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 329-21: "A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO KEOKUK CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE RAIBO DRIVE LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Dade to approve the third reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5.20.020 regarding Sanitation Fees. ROLL CALL VOTE: (8) AYES - O'Connor, Altheide, Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Marsden, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by O'Connor to adopt and give final approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2020 amending Chapter 5.20.020 regarding Sanitation Fees. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 330-21: "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY ALLOWING ACCESS TO CITY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES COVERED BY IOWA CODE CHAPTER 411 AND RETIRING DUE TO ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, second by Dunek to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 331-21: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AIRPORT RESCUE GRANT THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by O'Connor to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 332-21: "A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO INTERSTATE LIGHT & POWER (ALLIANT ENERGY) FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING TO AN UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SUPPLY SYSTEM." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 333-21: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING

SUBMITTAL OF FY 2023 FAA 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Marsden to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 334-21: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CJ COOPER." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, second by Altheide to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 335-21: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ITC MIDWEST LLC." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 336-21: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR THE RIVER FRONT TRAIL." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Motion made by Marsden, second by Dunek to approve the appointment of Richard West to the Rand Park Pavilion. 5-year term to expire 10/22/2023 (fulfilling Jeff Arntzen's term). (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** O'Donnell reported on the following: City owned buildings in the 600 Block of Main, recommendations from the Personnel and ARPA Committee meetings will be discussed in January and informed council of the budget calendar for FY 22-23.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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From the Front

# Essential Services act preserved small community service

**FLIGHTS** - Continued from Page 1

contracts where the federal government subsidizes flights from about 140 smaller communities in the lower 48 states, such as Burlington and Quincy.

“Before 1977 every single route by an airline was ruled by the Civil Aeronautics Board, so if you wanted to fly from here or Quincy you applied to the CAB. They bid for competitors and they determined the flights and rates,” Callahan said.

President Carter deregulated the industry in 1977 allowing for competitive bidding that forced larger airlines from smaller communities. Callahan said that move caused the creation of the Essential Air Service Act or EAS and that provided protection of service for smaller communities.

Cape Air won the bid for Burlington in 2021

for the next four years, and were re-selected for another four years in Quincy. Cape Air has about 104 aircraft in the United States. They specialize in small market subsidized flights, as well as unsubsidized flights in specific markets on the east coast and in certain island groupings.

Callahan, said the company has Essential Service operations in the Montana region, the Midwest, half of New England and one route in Puerto Rico. They also operate flights on the open market.

John Schulz, a 10-year-board member at Southeast Iowa Regional Airport, said one of the big selling points for Cape Air was direct baggage, in addition to comparable rates to former supplier AirChoiceOne.

“We can check our

suitcases here and if we’re going to Florida we don’t worry about them until we get there,” he said. “We don’t want to overlook that because that’s what the deciding factor was. Plus they have a really good reputation and they got the new planes and plan on growing like crazy.”

Midwest Marketing Manager Stacy Schuchardt, said the company was thrilled to be in Burlington and allows the company to have a presence along the Mississippi River.

“We had bid on Burlington four years ago and it was awarded to AirChoiceOne, and when it was bid again, we all came up here in August and presented,” she said.

Schuchardt said she’s originally from Illinois and graduated from Western Illinois University and was happy to see service start in Burlington.

“I really want to come back up here and spend a few days. It really fits well, we have service in Quincy just down the way so we can move between St. Louis, Quincy and Burlington. It makes good sense to go to St. Louis and Chicago to provide service.”



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Southeast Iowa Regional Airport board member John Schulz sits in the new Tecnam 11-seat aircraft that now flies out of the Burlington Airport. The planes hold nine passengers, a co-pilot, and a pilot.

“I love the history of the Mississippi and the history of these communities for trading, economy and those things.”

Schuchardt said those wanting to book flights with St. Louis or Chicago as layovers should book direct with American or United for a single booking. If they just want to go to Chicago or St. Louis and back they should book direct at Cape Air.

The company has direct partnerships with American and United Airlines and on a smaller scale, Delta.

Erin Hatzell, Managing Director for Marketing and Public Relations said the marketable differences in Cape Air over AirChoice was the partner airline agreements and baggage agreements.

“Having that is key for communities like this. EAS is here to connect communities like Burl-

ington to the national air transportation system. For us it’s ease of travel, comfort, and the peace of mind knowing that checked bags here and it will end up in Tokyo, LA ,or Texas – wherever you’re going to go,” she said

The caveat is that flyers have to book a single itinerary. If you fly United out of Chicago or St. Louis you have to book on United, or through an OTA, Online Travel Agency, such as Orbitz, Travelocity, etc, she said.

Andrew Bonney, Senior Vice President of Planning said Cape Air started near Cape Cod, Mass., in 1989 and Boston. with a single route.

He said the company basically did Cape Cod and island routes for the first 10 years and then went to the Caribbean and Florida to connect communities. But it wasn’t

until 2002 until Cape Air entered Essential Air Service sector.

That year Cape Air worked with the U.S. Department of Transportation to take over two contracts for service in Puerto Rico, and then in 2007 Cape Air was asked to do some EAS flights in Vermont.

“Now today we are the second largest carrier in the EAS program. We have 18 contracts and about half of Cape Air is inside the EAS system, and half is outside,” Bonney said. “We still have a very robust island business, but we also serve a number of small communities like Burlington and connect them with major hub airports.”

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