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147 toss tassels Sunday



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison seniors Jakob McGowan and Kylie McFadden move their tassels as part of graduation ceremonies at FMHS Sunday afternoon. Below, HTC students do their traditional mortarboard toss at the flagpole outside the high school.

HTC/FMHS Graduate 147: Senior say goodbye with dual events at HTC/FMHS

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It was a day of speeches, hugs, laughter, and tears, and, in a span of about 100 minutes, 147 Fort Madison students lifted a tassel, signifying the end of an early chapter at two separate commencement exercises.

At Holy Trinity Catholic, 19 students received diplomas in a short ceremony at Shottenkirk gymnasium following a baccalaureate earlier in the day where the school's salutatorians, Kassi Randolph and Jack Malinski, gave speeches to parents and guests.

But it was senior Valedictorian Mitchell Pothitakis who allegedly threw out the script and told his classmates to be a Kanye (West) and not a Kim (Kardashian).

Pothitakis said he prepared a speech that had been approved by the administration, but said a bit tongue-in-cheek that he didn't like that speech. And proceeded to crinkle it up and pitch it over his left shoulder.

"I want my voice to be heard," he said, and pushed the pros of a Kanye West, saying if Kim Kardashian had gone to a school like Holy Trinity, she would have been more receptive to West's – direction.



He said he really wanted to focus on politics, gas prices, the coronavirus, the Biden Administration, Supreme Court decisions, who really killed Nicole Brown Simpson, but he pushed the Team Kanye proposition and then thanked his parents, teachers, HTC staff, and fellow classmates.

He talked about the value of a small school atmosphere and the support that is special to small classes and individual

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SUPERVISORS

Farmers ask county for pipeline help

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A sentiment of opposition is growing in Lee County over a proposed carbon capture pipeline that will run diagonally through the county, if approved.

About 14 agriculture property owners attended Monday's Lee County Board of Supervisors meeting to ask the board for support in opposing the project.

Navigator CO2 Ventures proposes to run a \$2 billion pipeline from North Dakota southeast through Lee County and into Illinois, where it plans on liquefying CO2 and then sequestering it deep in the cavernous rocks of central Illinois.

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Softball games back on at FMHS' Hoskins Field

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A potential legal issue that could have moved Fort Madison softball games to the Baxter Sports Complex has been averted.

According to FMCSA Activities Director Ben Fry, a lawsuit threatened against the district regarding potential damage to property behind the high school's softball field almost moved play out to the west side of town.

In an email to Pen City Current, Fry declined to disclose who was threatening the district, but said there were concerns things could escalate, but for the time being the district is comfortable continuing to play at

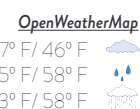
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WED 25 May.....Rain, 75° F/ 58° F
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL MOORE

Michael "Frog" Moore, 67, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 4:28 PM at the SEIRMC in Ft. Madison.

He was born on July 25, 1954 in Ft. Madison to Leroy J. and Genevieve E. Bohnenkamp. On September 18, 1982 he married Brenda Boyer and they later divorced. In his early years



MOORE

Frog was a commercial fisherman and then was a farmer and also raised cattle. He enjoyed fishing and hunting mushrooms. Frog was a very friendly person and loved to socialize. He had a big heart and would do anything for anyone.

Survivors include two daughters, Rachel (Anthony) Huber of Kansas City, MO and Alta Snook of Ft. Madison; five grandchildren, Savannah, Jacob, Emmerie, Athena & Edward; two brothers, Bob Moore of Des Moines and Carl (Kim) Moore of Sumner, IA; four sisters, Bonnie (Greg) Hunold of Argyle, Margaret (Larry) Penrose of Bostic, NC, Julie Vowels of Moline and Alice Moore of Ft. Madison and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Tom; two sisters, Kathy and Janet and a nephew, Levi.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life was held on Sunday, May 22, 2022 from 10 AM until 12:00 PM at the Franklin Park. A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

CHRISTOPHER J. CROWELL

Christopher "Chris" Joseph Crowell, 42, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, May 16, 2022 at his home.

He was born June 2, 1979 in Keokuk, IA the son of Bennie Joseph and Diana Pezley Crowell. Chris graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1997.



CROWELL

On May 14, 2008 he was united in marriage to Jessica Schmid in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Todd Crowell and Bryce Crowell both of Keokuk, two daughters, Courtney Crowell and Sherry Crowell both of Keokuk, one child on the way, due in October and one grandson, Tylor Crowell. He is also survived his parents, Bennie "B.J." and Diana Crowell of Keokuk, one brother, Daniel Crowell (Jackie) of Keokuk, his grandmother, Julia Pezley of Nauvoo, IL and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Cynthia Schmid and his grandparents, Gene Pezley, Paul and Jean Schmid, Eddie and Betty Crowell.

Chris was currently employed at Henniges Automotive in Keokuk.

He loved hunting for geodes and arrowheads and also enjoyed collecting coins. He was an avid fan of the Kansas City Chiefs. Most of all, Chris loved his family and was very proud of his children and very excited about the one on the way.

A funeral service was held at 7:00 p.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Steve Hendricksmeier officiating.

Visitation was held prior to the service from 5:00 -7:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home in Keokuk with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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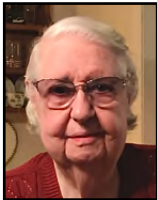
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MILDRED L. EWING

Mildred L. Ewing, 94, of Keokuk, passed away on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at the Montrose Health Center in Montrose, Iowa.

Mildred was born on July 31, 1927, in Keokuk, the daughter Arthur and Velma (Wise) Piersee. On July 20, 1947, she was united in marriage to Robert Ewing in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on July 10, 2009.



EWING

Mildred worked at Sheller-Globe in Keokuk for many years and was a member of Trinity United Methodist in Keokuk. She enjoyed spending her free time reading novels and doing needlepoint. She was hard-working and helped her husband fix up their home on Des Moines Street. Mildred will always be remembered for her caring and thoughtful personality.

Mildred is survived by her son Craig Ewing of Keokuk; her daughter Diane (Tom) Carlson of Keokuk; six grandchildren: Tim (Stephanie) Ewing of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Amy (Shaun) Waldemer of Phoenix, Arizona, Douglas (Mini) Ewing of Keokuk, Chad (Krystal) Ewing of Hamilton, Illinois, Jason Ewing of Keokuk and Brett Carlson of Keokuk; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mildred is preceded in death by her parents; her sons Doug and Stuart Ewing; her sister Gladys Dunlap; and her brothers Lester and Howard Piersee.

A graveside service was held at 11:30 am on Monday, May 23, 2022, at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa. Visitation was held on Monday from 10 to 11 am at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. A procession to the cemetery left the funeral home at 11:15 am following the visitation.

Memorials may be directed to the Montrose Health Center.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

PEGGY J. BURCH

Peggy J. Burch, 92, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 1:15 AM on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at her home.



BURCH

She was born on November 7, 1929 in Wever to Clem and Opal Marsh Ireland, Sr. On July 10, 1946 she married James Burch in Keokuk. Peggy was a homemaker. She was a former member of the Santa Fe Methodist Church where she was very active in all aspects. Peggy is a member of Fort Madison United Methodist Church. She and Jim enjoyed camping and riding motorcycles. Peggy loved doing hand crafted bead work, especially ornaments. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Burch of Ft. Madison; two sons, Ronald (Gail) Burch of Ft. Madison and Tom (Sara) Burch of Pontoosuc, IL; seven grandchildren, Connie Langiano, Tom Burch, Jr., Jason Burch, James Timothy, Tammy Palumbo and Anson Burch; eighteen great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Karen Cox; a grandson, John Geiger; two brothers, Robert Ireland and Clem Ireland, Jr.

The funeral service was held on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Kayla Lange officiating. Burial followed in Claypoole Cemetery. The family met with friends from 9:30 AM until the time of the service.

A memorial has been established for the Fort Madison United Methodist Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

JEFFREY E. MUNFORD

Jeffrey Ernest Munford, 80, of Farmington, Iowa passed away at 9:56 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at the Keosauqua Health Care Center in Keosauqua, Iowa.

He was born on August 20, 1941, in Farmington, Iowa, the son of James and "Mickey" Arling (Corns) Munford. On January 20, 1963, he married Marilyn Dovsenspike in Burlington, Iowa.



MUNFORD

Survivors include his wife: Marilyn; daughter: Amber (Gerald) Cochenour of Revere, Missouri; son: Scott (fiancé Dana Donaldson) Munford of Memphis, Missouri; grandchildren: Matthew and Cassandra Munford, Bradley (Jeanne), Brandon (Ashley), Travis (Jackie) Cochenour; great grandchildren: Avalon, Tiffany, Jacklyn, Evelyn, Ethan, Ella and Penny. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jeff was a 1959 graduate of Farmington High School. He served in the United States Army. He retired from the United States Post Office as Postmaster in Cantril. Jeff was a member of First Baptist Church in Farmington. He participated in the Farmington Jamboree for thirty years. He enjoyed his friends and family and he knew his Lord was his personal Savior.



His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Farmington.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2022, at First Baptist Church in Farmington, with Pastor Chad Welch officiating.

Burial will be held at a later date in the Greenglade Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory for the Farmington Public Library.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Sports

Bloodhounds set rematch of 2021 substate final

AT PELLA: FM travels to Pella Wednesday for shot at going to state in 2A soccer

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Two goals in the span of 97 seconds put Fort Madison's boys soccer team at ease, and helped the Bloodhounds get within one match of going to the state tournament.

Mitchell Pothitakis scored twice in the first half, and the Bloodhounds added two more second-half goals in Monday's 4-0 win over Washington in a Class 2A substate semifinal at the Baxter Sports Complex.

Fort Madison (14-5) will play at Pella (16-2) in Wednesday's substate final. It's a rematch of last season's final, in which Pella won 1-0 on penalty kicks.

"Last year, it was a tough loss, but we played well," Pothitakis said. "I think we're ready this time."

The Bloodhounds have won their last three matches, outscoring their opponents 17-0. But the Demons (12-5) had challenged Fort Madison twice this season, losing 2-1 and 3-1.

But when Pothitakis scored with 33:06 left in the first half, then added another goal at the 31:29 mark, the Bloodhounds had a control of the match that they wouldn't surrender.

"Two goals can be easy (to rally from) if you play hard," Fort Madison coach Kevin Wellman said. "But it

can put a little question mark in your mind. So yeah, (the two goals were) really important, so we can play the same style, but not be as nervous about it. Our style is to play high (on offense). But sometimes when you play high, if you mess up, you let people behind you. When you get a couple of goals, you can breathe easier."

"Oh, it was huge," Pothitakis said of the lead. "We got our confidence after that. We knew we could play how we normally play."

Fort Madison's defense kept the Demons from mounting any sort of attack. Then the Bloodhounds put the match away with two second-half goals, one from Leif Boeding with 12:11 to play and one from Henry Graham with eight seconds left.

Pothitakis leads the Bloodhounds with 28 goals. He has been the main focus of an offense that lost Jacob Pothitakis and Xander Wellman to knee injuries for most of the season.

"Obviously, he's been super important," Kevin Wellman said. "The kid has the knack for getting his body into position to receive the ball. Once he receives the ball, it's really hard for an opponent to take the ball away from him. His ability to possess takes opportunities away from the other



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Mitchell Pothitakis lets go with a left-footed shot from atop the box into the north goal Monday night. Pothitakis scored twice in the first half to lead the Hounds to a 4-0 win over Washington in Class 2A substate semifinal action.

team."

Xander Wellman, who has a torn ACL that will require surgery to repair, played in Monday's match, wearing a brace on his right knee. Wellman, who has 14 goals this season, nearly had one in the second half, but his header attempt missed.

"Once he gets his brace, his surgeon said he felt like it wouldn't be that big of a risk to try it," said Kevin Wellman, Xander's father. "He's not at 100 percent, but he can go out there and add some stability, some confidence for his teammates."

"He's great in the middle," Pothitakis said. "It's nice having another

attacking player at the top. He's a great all-around player."

The challenge now is for the Bloodhounds to face the team that ended their run last season.

"Last year, that game was a lot of fun," Kevin Wellman said. "The coach there, he runs a team, runs a program that has good kids there. They work hard, they're good sports. Yeah, the ball's in play and there's a battle — they're trying to win, we're trying to win. It's nice to go up and there and play a really good team like that, where we don't have to worry about something stupid happening. It'll be fun. It'll be fun."

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Fort Madison to participate in Public Nuisance Tax Sale

The City of Fort Madison has determined 25 abandoned properties in Fort Madison are hereby to be placed in the Lee County Treasurer's yearly Public Nuisance Tax Sale. The City is seeking developers, neighbors, and interested parties who would like to acquire these properties through the Public Nuisance Tax Sale process. The properties can be purchased for rehabilitation or demolition but must be completed in a timely manner once in possession.

The steps to the process are:

1. The City has deemed a property as abandoned property and a nuisance;
2. A qualified developer (adjoining property owner, contractor, potential home owner) signs a development agreement with the City to rehabilitate the property;

3. The County then pulls the property from the normal tax sale and sells the certificate exclusively to the qualified developer the City has a signed agreement with;
4. The County holds the Public Nuisance Tax Sale with City staff members and Developers present on June 21;

5. The "developer" pays the delinquent property taxes (and/or outstanding tax certificates);
6. 90 days after the Public Nuisance Tax Sale, the developer can begin the redemption process (includes mailing of notices);

7. If no one steps up to pay the developer the delinquent property taxes (and/or outstanding tax certificates) within 90 days of notice being mailed, the developer can

request the County Treasurer for a tax sale deed to the property;

8. Following receipt of the tax sale deed, the developer can then rehabilitate according to the development agreement or demolish the structure.

Interested parties may contact Planning and Zoning Director Doug Krogmeier at (319) 372-7700, ext. 212 or dkrogmeier@fortmadison-ia.com, or City Clerk Melinda Blind at (319) 372-7700, ext. 206 or mblind@fortmadison-ia.com for a list of these properties. All potential "developers" are encouraged to learn more about the process, including the steps for the redemption process. The deadline to apply for a property is June 6, 2022.

All these properties are considered nuisances by the City and the nuisance process will continue until such time until the nuisance is abated.

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 27, 2022, at Heartland Co-op, east of Wever.

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST POINT CITY COUNCIL WEST POINT, IOWA 52656 MAY 9th, 2022

Mayor Paul Walker called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the West Point Library, 309 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on May 9, 2022 at 6:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Joe Loving; Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuergen; Dan Waters; and Phil Kruse. Absent: None.

Mayor reported the following: Memorial Day, May 30, 2022, City Hall will be closed; West Point City Wide Garage Sale will be Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 7:00am to 2:00pm. Municipal Utility Board Meeting Tuesday, May 10 at 5pm; Library Board Monthly Meeting Tuesday, May 10 at 6pm; Regular City Council Meeting Monday, June 13 at 6:30pm.

Dennis McGregor presented City Administrator's report.

On motion adopted Resolution No. 830-22 Approving of the Lee County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the City of West Point; On motion adopted Resolution No. 831-22 Approving Laboratory Services Agreement for testing the parameters on influent and effluent samples based on the current NPDES Permit; On motion presented regular Council Meeting of April 11, 2022 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for April 2022 was approved as presented. On motion warrants payable for May 2022 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m., May 9, 2022.

CLAIMS REPORT FOR APRIL 2022

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SYNCB/Amazon, books, supplies 529.51
 Trophy Outlet, desk plates 10.45
 US Postal Service, postage..... 87.00
 Verizon Wireless, tough-book..... 120.03
 Wellmark BC/BS, premiums 2968.24
 West Point Lumber, supplies 25.48
 West Point Prof Group, lease 685.00
 West Point Utilities, utilities 2146.89
 Wex Bank, fuel 580.05
 Windstream, telephone 200.47

RECAPITULATION

FUND: PREV BAL, RCPTS, DSBSD, CUR BAL: Gen. Govt.: 548786.88, 26234.99, 90378.07, 484643.80; Grants: 1045.26 ---, ---, 1045.26; Cap Equip: 4127.06, ---, ---, 4127.06; Lib County/St: 5612.63, 2461.65, 918.47, 7155.81; Lib Mem & Gift: 12539.23,

242.45, 1057.51, 11724.17; Hoenig Estate: 554609.76, 24007.19, 56.71, 578560.24; Road Use: 50793.64, 9171.10, 6797.05, 52985.69; LOS: ---, 9886.82, 9886.82, ---; Walk Path: (3974.58), ---, (3974.58); Am Rescue: 69551.52, ---, ---, 69551.52; Sewer: 50585.73, 20807.45, 32840.36, 38552.82; Sewer Sinking: 50410.02, 8401.68, 14910.00, 43901.70; Landfill: 259.53, ---, ---, 259.53

/s/ Paul Walker, Mayor
 Attest: Dennis McGregor, City Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE MOUNT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS APRIL 27, 2022

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 307

East Monroe Street, second floor meeting room. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the roll being called there were present Steven K. Brimhall in the Chair and the following named Councilmembers- Present: Engberg, Crull, McWilliams, White, Griffith, Batty Absent: None It was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council approve the following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote:

the minutes of the April 13, 2022, City Council meetings; the payment of bills totaling \$1,411,086.40; Renewal of a Class E Liquor, Class C Beer Class B Wine and Sunday Sales Permit for Hy-Vee Food-Store, Inc. at 1700 E Washington Street. Renewal of a Class C Beer Permit for Mt. Pleas-

ant Redemption at 1001 N. Broadway Ste 102.

Amendment of a Class E Liquor, Class C Beer & Sunday Sales Permit for Hy-Vee

C-Store at 1702 E. Washington Street to include Class B Wine Permit.

Renewal of a Class E Liquor, Class C Beer, and Sunday Sales Permit for Reif Oil

Company, Mt. Pleasant Fast Break, at 201 E. Washington Street.

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Joy Lapp, with the Historical Preservation Commission of the City gave the Council their annual report of activities.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember McWilliams seconded that the Council approve the agenda as printed.

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Council-

member McWilliams that the Council read for the second time the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA "ANIMALS AND FOWL" TO PERMIT QUALIFIED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO TRAP, NEUTER, AND RELEASE STRAY CATS AND TO PROVIDE OTHER CARE TO STRAY CATS AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council read for the second time the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, APPENDIX D, CHAP-

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TER 19.06 ENTITLED LOADING AND PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS, TO PERMIT RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS TO BE WIDENED FOR PARKING

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

5:51 p.m. Public Hearing was held on the proposed City ward/precinct voting map. 5:52 p.m. Councilmember Crull moved, and Councilmember McWilliams seconded that the Public Hearing close. No oral or written arguments were presented.

Roll call vote 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Batty and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-33:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT DESIGNATING CITY WARDS AS COUNTY PRECINCTS

AND DIRECTING THE CLERK TO SUBMIT THE AGREEMENT AND ORDINANCE REDEFINING WARD BOUNDARIES BASED ON 2020 CENSUS DATA AND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE UPON PASSAGE

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the Council waive the 1st and 2nd reading and that Council approve the third reading, adopt, and assign the ordinance amendment to Ordinance #1394:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, SECTION 2-47 ENTITLED "WARDS" TO REDEFINE WARD BOUNDARIES BASED ON 2020 CENSUS DATA

Roll call vote 6-0. Mo-

tion carried.

Councilmember Crull moved and Councilmember Griffith seconded that the Council approve the Mayoral Appointment of Cole Smith to the Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term of Devyn Larsh.

It was moved by Councilmember Batty and seconded by Councilmember Crull that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 5:56 p.m. to meet in regular session, Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

Steven K. Brimhall, Mayor

ATTEST: Lori Davis, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
West Burlington
Regular City Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington

City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Teater, Andy Crouner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Newberry
ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Jesse Logan, Fire Chief/Building Inspector Shaun Ryan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PERFECTING & AP-

PROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on April 20, 2022
- Hiring additional staff for the 2022 swimming pool season

- Liquor License renewal for MK Mini Mart, 101 E. Mt. Pleasant

- Hiring Land & Water Vegetation Control LLC for weed spraying - \$6,300

- Claims as listed on 05/05/2022, Expense Approval Report

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

- ADMINISTRATOR:
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- POLICE DEPARTMENT:
- FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
- CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
- OTHER STAFF REPORTS:
- COUNCIL REPORTS:
- COMMUNITY REPORTS:

CITIZEN INQUIRIES
No inquiries.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider the final reading of an Ordinance restricting parking on Division Street from Broadway to S. Gear Ave.

City Administrator Mandsager informed Council that he had received a letter from COBO explaining that they were planning an expansion that would increase the size of their building and the parking area. They anticipated

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having a plan in place by September of 2022. Once the parking lot was expanded they would not need to park on Division Street. COBO requested that Council consider waiting to adopt the final reading of the Ordinance restricting parking on Division until they complete their expansion. Council agreed they would be willing to wait until October to make a final decision about restricting the parking on Division.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Crowner, to table the final reading of an Ordinance restricting parking on Division Street from Broadway to S. Gear Ave. until the first Regular Council meeting in October. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

NEW BUSINESS

Consider the Renewal of Health, Dental & Life Insurance for 2022 with IGHCP

City Administrator Mandsager presented the Wellmark BCBS annual renewal for employee Health, Dental & Life Insurance. The renewal reflects an increase of 5.22%. The Health insurance plan has a single rate of \$564.56 and a family rate of \$1388.76. The dental rates and structure remain the

same. Life and AD&D coverage remains the same, but with a new carrier. Additional/Optional life is still available to employees at their cost. Portability of Life Insurance will also improve for employees with the new company.

Moved by Young, seconded by Lees, to approve the renewal of Health, Dental & Life Insurance for 2022 with IGHCP. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution hiring Temporary Summer help for the Public Works Department

Public Works Director Brissey asked Council to hire Jacob Fritz as temporary summer at \$15.00 per hour. At this time Fritz was the only person who applied to for the position.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, to approve a Resolution hiring Jacob Fritz as temporary seasonal laborer for the Public Works Department. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution amending the City's Master Fee Schedule to include Swimming Pool Fees

Council discussed

setting rates for the 2022 Pool Season. After a brief discussion Council agreed to set the daily admission rate at \$4.00. Council had a lengthy discussion regarding season passes. Instead of season passes, Council agreed to offer a punch card with twelve visits for \$44.00. This would amount to buying eleven daily admissions and getting the twelfth admission free. Johnson wanted to find a way to continue offering family passes. Rental for private group parties would be \$350 and rental of the Gazebo inside the pool during regular pool hours would be \$25.00.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to approve a Resolution amending the City's Master Fee Schedule to include swimming pool rates for the 2022 pool season. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Lees, and Young
Nays: Johnson

Consider a Resolution approving funding for the 2022 4th of July Celebration. Each year \$10,000 is transferred from the Hotel/Motel Revenue Fund to help fund the 4th of July Celebration. Crowner informed Council that the \$10,000 was used to pay for the fireworks display each year. Crowner told

Council that he may request additional funding to help pay for some electrical work that was needed to supply power for the event. City Administrator Mandsager recommended approving the use of \$10,000 in funding from the Hotel/Motel Fund and declaring the expenditure of Hotel/Motel Funds, as well as the annual budgeted amount of \$42,000 as a Public Purpose.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Resolution authorizing funding for the 2022 4th of July Celebration. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the first reading of an Ordinance setting Water Rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Council discussed amending the water rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to reflect a decrease of \$3.00 in the base charge of the water rate structure. The current base rate is \$33.16 for 3,000 gallons of water. The proposed new base charge will be \$30.16.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance setting water rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the second reading of an Ordinance amending City Code Section 90.11 to include the installation of tracer wire on newly constructed or reconstructed water service lines

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending City Code Section 90.11. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the second reading of an Ordinance adding a new Section 90.22 prohibiting theft of services and tampering with the water service system

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the second reading of an Ordinance adding a new Section 90.22 to the City Code prohibiting theft of services and tampering with the water service system. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the City Code by adding a new Section 91.11 prohibiting the tampering of water meters

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the City Code by adding a new Section 91.11 prohibiting the tampering of water meters Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 96 of the City Code to include a new Section requiring the installation of tracer wire on newly constructed or reconstructed sewer lateral pipes and mains

Moved by Young, seconded by Crowner, to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 96 of the City Code to include a new Section requiring the installation of tracer wire on newly constructed or reconstructed sewer lateral pipes and mains Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the first reading of an Ordinance

amending City Code Section 90.11 to include the installation of tracer wire on newly constructed or reconstructed water service lines

Public Works Director Mike Brissey explained to Council that having tracer wire on water and sewer lines will make it easier to locate services in the future and is a requirement of the International Building Code. Council considered the first reading of an Ordinance amending Section 90.11 of the City Code to include paragraph 90.11 (3) which reads as follows: "3. All newly constructed or reconstructed water service lines and mains shall have a tracer wire installed to locate the line. The tracer wire shall be a minimum size of 10 gauge, insulated, single-conductor copper wire, and run parallel with the pipe from the curb box to the meter setting. The tracer wire shall have a termination point above ground in an access box next to the curb box with a minimum of 2 feet of slack wire. The tracer wire access box is manufactured explicitly for this purpose and shall be purchased from the city."

Moved by Young, seconded by Johnson, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending City Code Section 90.11 to include the installation of tracer wire on newly constructed or reconstructed water service lines. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved
Ron Teater, Mayor
Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

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From the Front

FM Board president wants grads to come back

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attention. The volunteer efforts and student support of all extra curriculums is especially poignant in smaller schools.

“As you head out into the world, whether it’s college or work, don’t be a Kim, be a Kanye.”

Teacher Kevin Barnes was the selected speaker for the class of 2022. Barnes said being a Language Arts teacher at the school has given him a unique perspective on each of them.

“Call me, beep me, if you want to meet me. We’ll all be here. Young men and women of the Class of ’22 – the world awaits you. Go forward – make it your own. It is now up to you.”

HTC Principal Craig Huebner said graduations are the showcase of years of hard work.

“Graduation is the actualization of goals attained and the acknowledgement of successes achieved. It’s only fitting today we commemorate the road we’ve traveled together the last few years,” Huebner said.

He said the Class of 2022 has set a high bar for classes to follow.

“You are true Crusaders and you have made this year a special one.”

At the Hound Dome, Dr. Erin Slater told the 128 student graduates they’ve earned the right to be there, to be proud, and to be thankful to those who helped get them there.

“And not just this year. And not just the last four years at FMHS. They’ve been in your corner reminding you that you can do whatever you desire to do. That doesn’t change in the next few minutes when you walk across this stage, or when you move your tassel. But what’s next?”

Slater said if “Next” is college or the armed forces, technical schools or training programs, the pathways always start with a purpose and a goal.

“You’ve earned that right with hard work and dedication. So continue to set goals for yourself. Continue to surround yourself with those that will continue to help you and support you.”

Senior class president Tyler Horn said the Class of 2022 should be proud of itself and the great things that have been accomplished.

“All of those things happened this year. There are so many talented people in this graduating class. Our senior year is something we will look back on. I cannot wait to see where all of you end up after you leave this building today.”

Dianne Hope, FMSCD board president, thanked the broad range of families and guardians who helped bring the 128 students to the pinnacle of their high school careers.

“To watch the faces of our students and families just makes it one of the very best days of the year,” Hope said.

“When your name’s called, that’s your moment. You strut yourself across this stage and get all the applause you can get. Because you won’t remember the speakers, you’ll remember the folks you sat with. That’s the best part here today.”

Hope said whatever the future holds, the students should always look back to Fort Madison and Lee County for support and opportunity.

“I’ve had the privilege of handing out so many diplomas and I have that privilege again today,” Hope said. “Go and continue your experiences and gain your knowledge, but some day come back to Lee County. We want you, we need you, and we’re looking forward to seeing you again.”

Principal Greg Smith, delivering his final address as FMHS principal, told the students to be selfish.

“Don’t settle. Be selfish. Be you. You can’t do life alone. Listen. Say “Yes”. Live the moment. Be present. Play with people who have your back and make good choices early and often,” he said.

“You won’t get very far in life based on what you already know. You’re going to advance in life by what you learn after you leave here.”

“Remember, it’s what you learn after you know it all, that counts.”

Hoskins Field still in play

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the high school diamond.

“I am choosing not to provide names out of respect for the parties involved,” Fry said.

“The district felt that there were concerns that things may escalate in a way that would prevent the softball team from being allowed to play on the softball field. To cover our bases, we felt finding an alternate location like BSC would allow a suitable alternative and keep the games in Fort Madison.”

A social media post on Saturday gathered the attention of many in town when it was mentioned that the district may move the ball games to the Baxter Sports Complex at a cost of \$150 per game, but the district would lose concession sales during those games that would normally have been played at FMHS.

Fry said the Sports Complex has been a great venue for the school’s soccer programs and staff there has been great to work with.

“I had met with BSC to discuss the possibility of playing home softball games at their facility. After an initial meeting with Jeff Woodside, all of the concerns we had about playing at BSC and the rental fees were discussed,” he wrote.

Fry indicated the \$150 per game fee was discussed and verbally agreed upon with room for negotiations should there be any other needs.

“Jeff and BSC have been fantastic to work with for our soccer programs, so it seemed like the best option given the time frame we were working with,” Fry wrote.

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From the Front

Farmers say Utility Board hasn't advocated for property owners

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The project, called the Heartland Greenway, would eventually carry 1.13 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa over 1,300 miles of pipeline.

But area farmers are asking the county to get their backs. Some of the farmers have had extended damage and profit loss due to the Dakota Access pipeline that went in 2016 and 2017.

Ray Menke sent a letter to Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds indicating the pipeline companies were running "roughshod" over the property owners who don't believe in their cause. Menke said the pipeline will run 3/4 of a mile across his property with three right angles.

"At the informational meeting, they told us that this pipeline and pumping carbon a mile beneath the earth's surface is all pretty much experimental and they did not deny that they will use eminent domain to do it," Menke said.

He said that amounts to the Governor and legislature to allow a private business enterprise to destroy some of their business enterprise for an experiment.

Menke was conservation farmer of the year in 2017 for Southeast Iowa and has been featured in publications. He said he's worked diligently to improve erosion control structures and improve water quality with private resources only to watch surveyors mark where they will rip it up.

He said any money compensated will be spent repairing damage to the erosion control measures and only addresses the agricultural value of the land. Any future development value is not only lost, but not considered.

He said Dakota Access did a poor job repairing

tile lines and terraces.

"The Iowa Utilities Board seems to be a worthless rubber stamp as long as the pipeline company jumps through the right hoops," Menke said.

"I keep thinking this can't be happening in Iowa - selling our souls and resources for the offered price or less, by force. Eminent domain has to go away for these experimental private enterprises. It's the only leverage we have to keep our precious resources intact.

"This thing is a bomb, is what it is. 2,500 to 3,000 pounds of pressure is what this thing's supposed to have."

Menke said plans are for the lines to stay 1,000 feet away from homes. He said that alone tells how dangerous the experiment is. If you talk to them, they say federal statutes say you can build up to 50 feet away from the line.

Dave Ball of Donnellson said Dakota Access crushed 69 tile lines and cut two foot ruts. He said it took five months for anyone to talk with him, so he went to the IUB who said there was nothing they could do at that point.

"Their response was, 'we gave them permission to run product through the pipeline, there's nothing we can do. You're gonna have to file civil litigation.'"

Ball said they got lawyers involved at that point and it took more than a year for the situation to get cleaned up. He said he called the IUB out at one of the recent informational meetings on the pipeline held in West Point.

"They said I should I write a letter to the utility board, which I did. But I feel like they just blew me off," Ball said.

He presented yield maps of his property that show a clear delineation of where the Dakota Pipeline ran through his property and a similar pattern of yield loss as a result of the construction.

Former supervisor Don Hunold asked the board to join the farmers in support of keeping the pipeline out of the county.

"We need your help. We're not big enough to get it done, but with your support, maybe. I don't think we're the only county fighting."

Andrew Johnson, of West Point, said there are 30 counties in Iowa in opposition to the pipeline. Johnson is an employee of a pipeline company.

"I work for a pipeline company. Some of you know me. I work for a pipeline company and put that pipeline in the right of way where all the other utilities go."

Jeff Weisinger of Fort Madison asked the board to reject the idea of the pipeline as much as they can.

"Personally, it's a living nightmare for my brother and me. Approximately 2 miles of this is going to go through our ground. About 38 tiles is what we're thinking. It's a fiscal nightmare for what I will profit from," Weisinger said.

Supervisor Ron Fedler told the group that he was getting phone calls last week. He said he would support a letter from Lee County Supervisors opposing the pipeline going through Lee County.

"Maybe the board of supervisors could influence them if you have enough counties get on board to say enough is enough. Once you get a pipeline through, it seems like they just start coming from every place, and where does it stop. Like you say, it's not improving the ground," Fedler said.

Fedler said he's heard that if the pipeline would blow with liquid carbon under high pressure it would be dangerous to anyone nearby.

"The minute it hits the air it vaporizes and it removes all the oxygen from the air and if you're close enough, you're gone," Fedler said. "I think you guys are right. Enough is enough."

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Town Wide Yard Sales 8 a.m.
Live Music in Shelter House 7 p.m.
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SATURDAY

Breakfast at Fire Station 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Town Wide Yard Sales 8 a.m.
Custom Cars & Pickups 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wiffle Ball Game 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sidewalk Chalk Contest 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Tractor Parade 1 p.m.
Silver Steppers 2:30 p.m.
Pedal Tractor Pulls 2:30 p.m.
Live Auction 4 p.m.
Pork Meal in Shelter House 5 p.m.
Live Music in Shelter House 5:30 p.m.
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