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Library board talks staffing, hours changes

Chairman says staffing cuts would reduce library hours

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – With recent discussions surrounding the tightening of city finances, Fort Madison Public Library officials are finding themselves looking ahead to possible changes in staffing and hours.

At Thursday's regular Public Library Board meeting, the board discussed, but made no changes to, the current staffing levels and hours at the library.

Library Director Sarah Clendineng updated the board

on several recent discussions during city budget workshops of cutting a full-time person from the library.

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"Something that came up and blindsided me at the Feb. 19th meeting, one councilman discussed that, through attrition, if we had a full-time employee retire then have the city marketing director work part-time for the library and part-time for the city," Clendineng said.

"After talking with the City Manager, there was a questions about if that would be a significant savings...and the buildings are 10 blocks apart. If she's working close with him on marketing, being here at the library may not be the best way to handle that manage that position. So there's

some concerns there."

Clendineng said the staff is appropriate compared to other cities' circulation and revenue numbers.

Fort Madison City Councilman Matt Mohrfeld suggested on Feb. 5 that the library not fill a full-time position that could be coming open due to retirement. Clendineng responded that to eliminate a position would require cutting hours at the library.

Mohrfeld responded by asking why, because the city parks department maintains all the city parks with less staff.

Clendineng told the board Thursday that in light of current city budget constraints, the board should be looking at

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Reboot

A worker from Sherwood Company works on the cells of the Fort Madison Community School District's digital board at the corner of 18th Street and Avenue H.

IFC to hold safety drills Wednesday

Emergency crews to be on scene beginning at 6 p.m.

PCC STAFF

WEVER – The Iowa Fertilizer Plant will be conducting safety drills Wednesday evening on the plant property just south of Wever.

Officials said emergency crews will be on site from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the drill is part of the on-going commitment and focus on safety, the environment and the well-being of the surrounding communities.

During this time, residents and those passing through the area will see heightened activity and noise at the plant and the use of emergency vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances, or helicopters. Additionally, alarms and sirens may also be heard during the simulated drill.

This two-hour training program will help ensure our 240-member Iowa Fertilizer team and other outside agencies remain fully prepared to respond to any unplanned emergency situations, even if those types of situations are unlikely to occur.

In the future, Iowa Fertilizer Company will continue to conduct these types of drills and will provide similar announcements to the community, local media, and other officials.

We're L.O.S.T. on city's sales tax slide

The Fort Madison city budget has hit the skids. Despite an increase in county valuations of almost 23%, the city is staring at a loss of almost \$330,000 in sales tax in this current year alone. That's \$4.7 million dollars on sales that didn't take place in Fort Madison this year...that did last year.

What the hell, people? You took your shopping elsewhere to the tune of \$4.7 million? Or did you just buy it online?

If you bought it online, you're paying the tax now, but will that help the city find "greener" pastures?



Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,
Pen City Current - Editor

It's yet to be determined. The State of Iowa eerily keeps sales tax disbursements close to the vest. City

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For the Record/Lottery Numbers

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

02/21/19 – 1:54 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Bradley Robert Bohnenkamp, 32, of Burlington, in the 400 block of 14th Street, on charges of 5th degree theft and driving without license. She was released upon citation.
 02/21/19 – 12:38 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1600 block of Avenue E.
 02/21/19 – 1:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue E.
 02/21/19 – 3:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of 14th Street.
 02/22/19 – 10:15 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2100 block of Avenue E.
 02/22/19 – 10:17 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of Avenue G.
 02/22/19 – 2:37 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 1800 block of Avenue H.
 02/22/19 – 4:05 p.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1100 block of 48th Street.
 02/22/19 – 6:29 p.m. – Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 02/22/19 7:29 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Alta Drive.
 02/22/19 – 7:36 p.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue B.
 02/22/19 – 8:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the Fort Madison area.
 02/22/19 – 8:34 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue L.
 02/23/19 – 5:26 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 48th Street.
 02/23/19 – 7:57 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of Avenue E.
 02/24/19 – 11:07 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 2400 block of Avenue A.
 02/23/19 – 10:35 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Susan Rose Green, 34, of Fort Madison at the police department, on a charge of 5th degree theft. She was

released upon citation.
 02/23/19 – 8:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Patrick Francisco Jimenez, 21, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a charge of domestic abuse serious assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

02/21/19 – 8:53 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Roderick Vaughn Rice, 40, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for sex offender registration violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/21/19 – 8:56 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ryan Wade Siegrest, 40, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/21/19 – 12:28 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Meghin Adair McGhghy, 28, of Quincy, at the Adams/Hancock county line, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 02/21/19 – 2:35 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Leah Marcelle, Ehret-Cox, 33, of Ottumwa at the Wapello County Jail on a warrant for failure to appear. She was held in custody.
 02/21/19 – 4:00 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Robert Snowden 37, of Montrose, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/21/19 8:28 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Allen Peak, 28, of Evansdale, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for drug trafficking 5 grams to 100kg methamphetamine. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/22/19 – 6:10 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ashley Michelle Youngs, 22, of Argyle, in the 1800 block of 294th Street, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/22/19 – 11:50 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two vehicle accident on at the intersection of Pilot Grove Road and

130th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Glenda Rolene Fuller, 74, of Bonaparte, pulled onto 130th Street in front of a vehicle driven by Barbara Ann Hamilton, 58 of Mt. Pleasant causing Hamilton to strike Fuller's vehicle broadside. No injuries were reported and Fuller was cited for failure to obey a stop sign and yield right of way.
 02/22/19 – 11:52 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Devlon Scott Lenz, 24, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/22/19 – 12:40 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joni Christine Kite, 39, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released for time served.
 02/22/19 – 4:22 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chelsea Nacole Smith, 20, of Burlington, at the Des Moines County Jail on a warrant for failure to appear. She was tak-

en to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 02/23/19 – 7:31 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Patricia Dawn Shirkey, 57, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/24/19 – 12:53 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy 61 southbound. A vehicle driven by Nevada James Horner, 23, of Montrose, struck a large piece of concrete on the highway causing disabling damage. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

02/22/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls, one room and contents fire.
 02/23/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls
 02/24/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls



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Obituaries/Business News

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM. H. BUNTIN

William H. "Bill" Buntin, 78 of Kahoka, MO, died Saturday evening, February 23, 2019 in St. Francisville, MO.

He was born on October 24, 1940 in Kirksville, MO, the son of Reverend Howard E. and Hazel Dean Shaffer Buntin.



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On September 16, 1959, Bill was united in marriage to Nellie Rhodes in Keokuk, IA and they enjoyed 59 years of marriage. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Billy (Joe) Buntin of Hannibal, MO and Danny (Cindy) Buntin of Wayland, MO, two grandchildren, Julie Thrauer and Brandon Todd, step-grandchildren, Tiffanie West-Bennett, James West, Jonathan West and two great-grandchildren, Aidan and Grayson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter, Valerie Williams, two sisters and two brothers.

Bill had been employed at Keokuk Steel Castings until his retirement. He was currently the owner of B & B Fireworks Enterprise in St. Francisville.

He was a member of the United Steelworkers of America Local #3311.

He was of the Pentecostal faith.

Bill enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and spending time with his family and grandchildren brought him much joy.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka with Pastor Ray Gilbert officiating. Burial will be in the Kahoka Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends from 5 - 8 p.m.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemroialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

JACK E. PERRY

Mr. Jack E. Perry, 87, of Dallas City, IL passed away at 6:31 PM Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Heritage House in Carthage, IL surrounded by family following a courageous battle with cancer.



SMITH

He was born May 19, 1931 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Leonard and Edna Alley Perry. On November 17, 1956 he married Kathryn Morrow in Keokuk, IA.

Jack Perry enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country proudly during the Korean War while obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant upon his Honorable Discharge in 1954.

Following the Korean War, Jack came back to his hometown of Carthage and farmed with his father until 1961. At that time he took residence in Dallas City and he began his career with the Ortho Chemical Company, a subsidiary of Chevron located in Ft. Madison, IA, and continued working in the Operations department until his retirement in 1990.

Throughout his life, Jack maintained a healthy lifestyle and his children all have fond memories of him exercising at home and bicycling around town. He and his wife both enjoyed going to the YMCA on a regular basis to swim and work out together.

He and his wife operated Kays Antiques and Things for many years after his retirement while going to auctions, flea markets and setting up in antique malls all over S.E. Iowa, Missouri and Western Illinois. Jack spent the last 11 years providing daily loving care for his wife. He was a proud, strong man with a very kind heart and soul that would gladly help anyone out at any time, as demonstrated through the years for his wife, family and community.

Jack had been a member of the former Dallas City United Methodist Church where he was very active and held many positions within the church. He was currently a member of the Durham United Methodist Church. He is survived by five children, Jim (Natalie) Perry of Effingham, IL, John (Teresa) Perry of Fort Madison, IA, Jenny Patten of St. Charles, MO, Jeff Perry of Madison, AL and Jason (Cheryl) Perry of Fort Madison, IA, ten grandchildren, Renee (Jason) Kihne, Ashley (Mike) Janis, Jamie (Matt) Jones, Johnna (Danny) Boggess, Joshua (Natalie) Perry, Jarod (Karree) Patten, Julia (Luca) Patten, Jake Perry, Jillian Perry and Rebekah Perry and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters, Judy Jahnke of Green Valley, AZ and Linda (Jerry) Skiles of Raleigh, North Carolina and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at Banks and Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Rev. Jim Clayton officiating. Burial, with military rites, will be in the Harris Cemetery near Dallas City.

The family will meet with friends, Wednesday, from noon until time of services at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established for the Heritage House. To leave a condolence, please visit Jack's obituary at www.banksandbeals.com.



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Opinion

Revenue off LOST reflects countywide drop in purchases

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Manager David Varley and City Finance Director Peggy Steffensmeier have both said, and I've confirmed, that the state won't break those figures down.

Time to make some calls.

How that isn't public information is beyond me. The only argument we can fathom is that it may be proprietary and give competitors an advantage from one retail outlet to the next. But I don't buy it, everyone knows it's 1 percent. They know that 1 percent of that respective purchase should go to the city. Well, actually it would appear that it doesn't work that way.

The disbursements aren't even based on sales. The state collects the 1 percent tax and then distributes it based on this formula - copied from the Iowa Department of Revenues Q&A on Local Option Sales Tax.

"Each county's account is distributed on the basis of population (75 percent) and property tax levies (25 percent). The population factor is based on the most recent certified federal census. The property tax factor is the sum of property tax dollars levied by boards of supervisors or city councils for the three years from July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1985. The property tax data is compiled from city and county tax reports available in the State Department of Management. Only population and property tax levies of the jurisdiction imposing the tax are used in figuring percentages.

The actual distribution is computed as follows:

$$D = (.75 \times P \times Z) + (.25 \times V \times Z)$$

D = distribution for the taxing jurisdiction

P = jurisdiction percentage of the population

V = jurisdiction per-

centage of the property tax levied

Z = the total collections for the county in which the jurisdiction is located.

Examples of an actual distribution are in 701 Iowa Administrative Code § 107.10."

So...it would appear the 1% is put into a pool of money distributed by the state based on that formula. Per a conversation I had with Steffensmeier and Varley, the state isn't real forthcoming about how and why those figures dropped so dramatically, it's happening all around the state.

The sales tax revenue dropped in the 2017-18 year, as well and some thought that maybe it was a byproduct of the fertilizer plant being

completed and the workers that made Fort Madison home for several years artificially inflated our sales tax outlook.

I'm no economist, but in theory, if they use that formula, these folks were counted in our population and most didn't buy property, so it shouldn't have....again in theory... had an impact.

I'm no scientist either, but you have a control and variable in most experiments and if we look at it from that perspective, the control would be, I think, the formula, while the variable would be changes to the P, V, and Z. P and V are set by the formula so the change would be in total sales tax collection by the county.

So then if we're to



evaluate the problem and try to mitigate, the next step would be to call and see if we can find where qualifying purchases have fallen off.

The state may not tell you, but according to the Department of Revenue, two county employees can enter into an agreement with the state to see the actual figures, but those figures couldn't be disclosed to say...the Pen City Current, because the state considers them confidential. Anyone leaking that information

is subject to severe criminal penalty.

I would argue those numbers are public record. (I've argued with a lot of people lately on what should be considered public and what isn't). The levy amounts are public record, the census is public record, why would an amount that was allocated to the state pool by election of the voters be protected due to confidentiality?

It could, in theory, be troublesome if they broke it down by individ-

ual business, but couldn't the state look at sectors: e.g. restaurants, gas stations, furniture stores, auto services (auto sales do not collect the 1%, but repairs and services are subject to the tax)? At least then cities, chambers, and other business advocacy groups could target marketing efforts and campaigns.

We can analyze it until the cows come home, but in the end, the state isn't doing much to help local governments stay in the black. At least they could provide information to help us help ourselves.

And by the way, is it just me or would Shopko be a perfect place for one of those outdoor stores. Wal-Mart and Target are too close, but where's the closest Bass Pro Shop or Cabella's....But that's Beside the Point.

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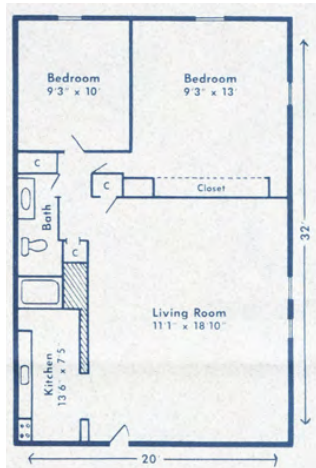
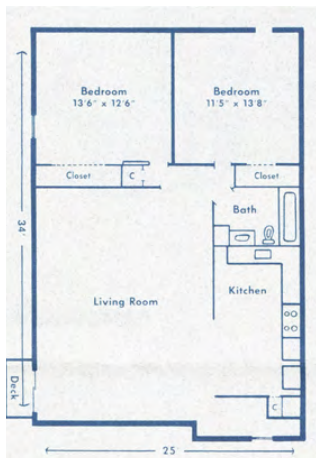
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PROCEEDINGS
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
2/19/2019**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld, Lair and Cangas present.

With Item #8 being stricken, on motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 2/5/2019; Outdoor Service Privilege: Horan's Cabaret: St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 1337 Avenue G – effective 3/16 and 3/17/2019; Partial Liquor License Refund: Columbus Club, Inc., in the amount of \$97.50; Resolution No. 2019-24 granting property tax exemption to Brenda S/Bernard L Derr, 820 Avenue G; January Financial Report; and Payment of Claims.

The public hearing concerning Public Improvement Project 2018-02, Avenue G Sidewalk and Storm Water Improvements was cancelled. Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing concerning an Amendment to Title 10, Chapter 1, Title; Purpose, and Chapter 10, Administration, at 5:41 P.M.

With no oral or written comments, on motion, Council closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance to amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 1, Title; Purpose, and Chapter 10, Administration.

On amended motion, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and set Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 5:30 P.M., as date and time for hearing. On motion, Council approved the Public Works Director's signature on an agreement with Visu-Sewer, not to exceed \$35,000, to seal manholes from 2nd to 6th Streets along Avenue H. On motion, Council approved the purchase of a tractor/mower in the amount of \$40,500 and a 6-foot rotary mower and 42-inch pallet forks for an additional \$4,550 from Sinclair Tractor of Houghton, Iowa. On motion, Council moved to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Joe Thurman to the Old Fort Commission term expiring March 31, 2022, and Marty Dean to the Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission, term ending December 31, 2021.

At 7:16 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until March 5, 2019, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

REVENUES	2/1-2/15/2019	EXPENDITURE	S
General	\$ 22,763.60	General	\$ 35,296.69
Sp. Rev.	29,242.61	Special Rev.	6,226.97
Road Use	735.00	Road Use	31,535.21
Debt	3,093.66	Capital	110,935.61
Sewer	10,486.44	Water	17,096.00
	\$66,321.31	Sewer	112,594.45
		Solid Waste/IW	15,384.76
		SW Utility	827.69
PAYROLL	2/15/2019		
General	\$168,687.43		\$329,897.38
Spec. Revenues	9,913.67		
Road Use	25,233.41		
Water	30,240.18		
Sewer	47,287.52		
Solid Waste	11,447.21		
Airport	486.54		
Storm Water	3,486.68		
	\$296,782.64		

CLAIMS 2.19.2019
AIRGAS USA, LLC, ACETYLENE/ARGON/OXYGEN..... 182.13
ALAN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT, NO STREAK EXTREME..... 169.67
ALBERT CRESSWELL, CEMENT WORK 9,500.00
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, REPAIRS 3,807.68
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, SHOP SUPPLIES 588.2
ASPEN MILLS, UNIFORM 593.13
B&B PROPANE, PRO-

PANE 1,490.30
BAIER FORD, LEFT DOOR SENSOR..... 433.28
BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD INC., LIGHT/BARRICADE..... 2,982.91
BICKEL'S INC., LUBE KIT 129.95
BIG RIVER RENTAL, RENTAL-GENIE..... 142
BJ 'S PERFORMANCE, SERVICE CALL..... 110
BROZENES HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT, CABLE/HARNES/MODULE 3,494.96
BUILDING MATERIALS INC, BOARDS/SCREWS 4,714.99

CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATION, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE 1,995.50
CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE DISCHARGE 2,182.97
CORE & MAIN LP, CHECK VALVE ... 1,207.12
CURE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, MONTHLY SUBSIDY 3,100.00
DAILY DEMOCRAT, FOR THE RECORD..... 430.86
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, NOTEBOOK/ACCOUNT 120.68
EAGLE ENGRAVING, UNIFORM 76
EBERT SUPPLY, POP UP BOX 44.95
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, PUSH BUTTON 85.88
ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS, RADIO/ANTENNA..... 1,503.38
FLOORCRAFTERS, FLOORING 107.83
FLOYD'S E-Z WAY, DUMPSTER 346.1
FORT MADISON COMM. HOSPITAL, DRUG/ALCOHOL SCREEN 2,999.00
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY, CONTROLLER..... 402
GEM ELECTRONICS, MONTHLY CONTRACT 390.85
GREAT RIVER PLUMBING INC, REPLACE URINAL 539.38
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, TRASH 11,594.75
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, CLEANING SUPPLIES..... 392.49
HACH CHEMICAL CO., CHLORINE/RUBBER 671.52
HORN, DANIEL, TESTING/LICENSE..... 80
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE 106,496.17
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, FEEDER/SOCKET 637.32
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, SUPPLIES 31.95
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, FILL SAND 1,097.97
INDUSTRIAL MOTORS INC, FUEL KIT 443.5
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY, BATTERIES..... 30.2
IOWA ASSOC OF MUN. UTILITIES, MEMBER DUES 969
IOWA HAZ MAT TASK FORCE, ANNUAL DUES 100
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, SCHOOLING 6,240.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFF, MEMBERSHIP FEES 40
JETCO INC., SERVICE LABOR 1,538.40
JL TIME & ATTENDANCE CO, MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION..... 143
KEMPKERS TRUE VAL-

UE, O TURN RENTAL 8,500.00
KEOKUK CONTRACTORS, DEMO 2 PUMPS 57,527.52
KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C, PROFESSIONAL FEES 2,575.96
LISCO, PHONES 2,015.49
LYNCH DALLAS P.C., NEGOTIATIONS CONTRACT 1,333.32
MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY CO, AIR FILTER 328.57
MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, VACUM/HOSE 1,235.23
MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, ADDITIVE/DIESEL..... 42.36
MERSCHMAN FERTILIZER LLC, ICE MELT 14,743.05
MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERV, FOAM CONCENTRATE..... 420
MEYERS & JAMES CONSTRUCTION, ROOF REPLACEMENT 30,545.00
MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY, LIGHTBAR 293.78
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS, HYDROGEN 303.62
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, REPLACED PUMP 953.59
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, PARTS 429.82
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, SUPPLIES..... 2,989.07
ORKIN EXTERMINATING CO, YEAR TERMITE 354.1
PDC LABORATORIES, INC, MONTHLY INSPECTION 1,011.92
PERMAR SECURITY SERVICES, SECURITY 190.8
PITNEY BOWES, POSTAGE MACHINE 1,552.96
POEPPING STONE & BACH, PROFESSIONAL FEES 5,898.81
POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEMS, FIBERGLASS TRASH 1,765.00
QUILL CORPORATION,

CORD/KEYBOARD 365.65
RAINBO OIL COMPANY, MULTIFAK..... 522.37
S.H. ENTERPRISES LTD., HAULING SLUDGE 8,978.20
SERVICE MASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE 1,311.50
SHOTTENKIRK SUPERSTORE, TRIM..... 361.97
SMARTCOVER SYSTEMS, INC., PROTECTION/WARRENTY 2,982.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, TESTING.... 19.5
STERLING CODIFIERS INC., SUPPLEMENT 290
TROPHY OUTLET, MEMORIAL PLAQUE ... 12.25
TRUCK REPAIR INC., HOSE/FILTER..... 63.96
TRUELINE FIRE & SAFETY, WINTER WEAR 131.95
TURBO WASH INC., DETAIL..... 60
UPS, SHIPPING 38.36
USA BLUE BOOK, FIRST AID KITS..... 169.53
VISION INDUSTRIAL SALES, MOTOR OIL 110
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, ZINC/FLUOR 4,846.57
WINDSTREAM, PHONE 245.63
TOTAL..... 329,897.38
GENERAL..... 35296.69
SPECIAL REVENUES 6216.01
ROAD USE..... 31535.21

CAPITAL PROJECTS 110935.61
WATER 17096
WASTEWATER 112594.45
SOLID WASTE 15384.76
AIRPORT 10.96
STORM WATER UTILITY 827.69
TOTAL..... 329897.38

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From the Front/Sports

Library to revisit Saturday hours at next meeting

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options going forward, despite nothing being cut from the library's budget for the next fiscal year.

"I did want to start talking about possible scenarios since this came up. I think other people may be discussing it, so I'd like to get the board's opinion," she said.

Clendineng told the board that if the library lost a part-time person, they could potentially absorb the position, but then the library would not be able to stay open til 7 p.m. on Thursday.

"If we cut staff, we cut hours," Board Chairman Ron Welder said. "There isn't any way to work around losing some hours the library is open."

Clendineng agreed, saying the library is probably open longer than current staffing would typically allow.

"We are open as many hours as we can be with the employees we have. If we lose any staff, we don't have any extra hours. And quite frankly, we might be open slightly more hours than we should be," she said.

"If a full-time employee retires, someone mentioned going to a 35-hour a week position rather than a 40-hour,

but if the replacement needed health insurance, it would wipe out any savings we would see."

She said it also causes an issue with making sure there are two people in the buildings at all times.

Mohrfeld said the parks department runs with two full-time and two part-time which is less staff than the library. The city does take advantage of some limited Mt. Pleasant inmate labor.

Clendineng said what the parks employees do is very important, but that staff, in addition to maintenance, isn't being asked to staff the parks, or teach the public the best way to play games in the park, or to reserve park facilities for them.

"From what I know, the parks department may need more employees," Welder said.

Clendineng said it's a good time to start thinking about the options because city leaders are looking at them as well.

"I think it's worth considering because the city's financial position is not improving as has been mentioned and they are getting to the point where expenditures are exceeding revenues. If that doesn't change this may be something the

board needs to look at in the future," she said.

She said in the event someone does retire, she would come back to the board for a discussion, but the current budget as presented does not have a funding reduction for the library.

In a related, but separate discussion topic, Clendineng also had the board look at the possibility of moving Saturday hours to earlier in the day. She said the change is being prompted by security issues for the staff as well as addressing keeping part-time hours under 26 per week.

Clendineng was looking at possibly moving the hours from the current 10 to 3 p.m. to a morning 9:15 or 9:30 opening and 1 p.m. closing.

Board member Ron Welder said he wouldn't want to see the hours moved back up if avoidable.

"What other options, if any, are viable?" Welder asked.

Clendineng said she could look at rearranging staff schedules during the week, but she said she didn't know how that would impact the weekly hours. But she said she would favor a 10:30 open on Saturday to allow more time to get the library open and have both staffers come in at 10 to keep from having a staffer in the library alone.

Clendineng said the traffic at the library on Saturday varies widely and she said there is really no rhyme or reason to the traffic levels.

"It depends on what else is going on and weather. There are just so many factors. It does slow down in the afternoon."

I think it's worthy of further discussion," Welder said.

The issue will come up again at the board's March meeting.

7th graders stay perfect

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison 7th grade girls' basketball teams picked up a pair of wins Tuesday at home against Mount Pleasant.

In the A game, Fort Madison won by the score of 29-12. DeLanee Seay led a balanced offensive attack with 11 points, while also adding eight steals and five rebounds. Aija Jenkins followed closely behind with eight points and four steals. Lauryn Helmick added six points and Taylor Johnson finished up the scoring with four points. The A team moves to 7-0 on the season with just two make-up games remaining on the schedule.

The next game is at Ottumwa on Monday followed by a home game on Tuesday against Washington.

The Fort Madison B team won by a score of 15-6. The Bloodhounds were led in scoring by Paetyn Wiegand with eight points. Haley Lampe scored three points while Ieisha Coleman and Amy Yasenchock each pitched in with two points. With the win, Fort Madison's B team moves to 6-0 and is off until Monday on the road against Ottumwa.



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THU 28 Feb	Light Snow High- 28.1° F Low - 25.7° F
FRI 1 Mar	Light Snow High- 26.7° F Low - 20.4° F
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