

# City could pass commercial vehicle change Tuesday

### BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A final reading of a change to city code that would prevent newly designated commercial vehicles from parking on city streets will be in front of the city officials Tuesday night.

At the regular meeting of the Fort Madison City Council, which will begin at its new time of 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, a hotly contested change to a city ordinance that will prevent commercial vehicles from being parked on city streets will face its final reading.

Previous readings of the ordinance, which requires three readings in open session, have been approved 6-1 with 2nd Ward Councilman Brian Wright casting the only dissenting vote.

Wright said he thinks the new ordinance is an undue burden on people who make a living driving those trucks, saying some people actually spend a good portion of their lives in the vehicles. Wright questioned at the first reading of the ordinance, recommended out of the city Planning and Zoning Commission, whether or not the city could help find a suitable place for these residents to park their vehicles.

City Councilman Rusty Andrews asked Wright if he was interested in getting the city in the truck stop business. Wright said he was just questioning the legality of it, the logistics could be worked out later.

City Public Works Director Larry Driscoll even had two city vehicles that fit the new commercial truck specs parked outside the city hall on Avenue E on

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### Saturday brush fires

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Donnellson Fire and Rescue was called to the area near Hillcrest Road south of Hwy 2 on Saturday afternoon and evening for a brush fire that kept restarting. At bottom, Donnellson Fire Chief Fred Hoyer looks over the acreage of charred land

# Brush fires keep area firefighters busy

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LEE COUNTY - Two large brush fires kept area firefighters from Donnellson, Montrose and Jackson Township busy Saturday.



Sheriff's Dept. looks at K-9 options BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

MONTROSE - Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said Saturday the department has looked at two animals that it may choose for a K-9 unit.

The K-9 unit, which has been approved by the Lee County Board of Supervisors, will cost about \$14,300 with all training for the dog and the designated officer. The training will take about four weeks. Both dogs are German Shepherds and are imports from Europe as part of North Iowa K-9, the company the sheriff's department is working with on the program.

Although the county has put the cost of the K-9 unit into the budget, Weber was hoping to get the cost of the program offset by private donations. He said Saturday the department currently has about \$3,000 donated for the animal. Weber said the dog will be used as a multi-functional part of the department for security and searches. The animal will be assigned to one officer and will reside with that officer.

Any businesses or individuals wishing to donate to help offset the costs of the K-9 units are encouraged to contact the Lee County Sheriff's Department.



According to Donnellson Fire Chief Fred Hoyer, about 75 acres of land caught fire south of Hwy. 2 just east of 218th Street and south of Hillcrest Road. Hoyer said he believed it was a controlled burn that got out of hand.

"People don't realize these fires create their own air and the wind picked up a bit," he said.

Firefighters were called back out at around 7:00 p.m. Saturday night to the same location where the fire had gotten out of hand again

Meanwhile, Jackson Township and Montrose fire departments responded to a large brush fire near Bel-

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## **Sports/From the Front**



At state

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Several Fort Madison YMCA Sailfish Swimmers qualified for state and will be swimming this weekend at the state meet in Marshalltown. Front row: Nathan Cottrell, Mason Roach, Brenna Gathers, Rowan Benda, Isabella Patton, Abigail Steffensmeier, Kadence Gobble. Second Row. William Hayes, Neil Macomber, Aiden Benda, Brayden Wyrick, Sam Hasenclever, John Cottrell. Third Row: Elliot Dostalek, Logan Crank and Wyatt Hellman. GOOD LUCK SAILFISH!.



### **Possible K-9 options**

Courtesy photos

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said Saturday he has seen photos of a couple of possible options for the department's K-9 program. The Lee County Board of Supervisors has approved the program in the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget, but Weber is hoping private funds are enough. The other possible dog is pictured on page 1 with the story.

# City council to approve fiscal year 2018 budget Tuesday

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different sides of the street to show people attending that night's city council meeting and the public in general how tight of a squeeze it is to fit between the vehicles if parked that way.

There was also concern from several councilman including Kevin Rink that emergency vehicles could have trouble



RINK

getting down the city's smaller streets if commercial vehicles are permitted to be parked on the street. In other action,

• the council will be voting on a resolution to award a construction contract to Jones Contracting Corp. of West Point for just under \$594,000 for the reconstruction of 15th Street from Avenue B to Ridgewood Road. The project is set to begin this spring. • the council will be voting to have the Mayor Brad Randolph sign off on a Community Development Block Grant for a new contractor to begin working on the Cattermole Library and former Lee County Bank buildings.

• the council will hold a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2017-18 budget and will vote on adopting the budget.

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## **Local News/For the Record**

### For the Record

Fort Madison

Police report 02/27/17 - 2:12 a.m. Fort Madison police arrested Lisa May Brooks, 38, of Donnellson, in the 800 block of Avenue E on a charge of OWI-1st offense. She was released on a promise to appear. 02/28/17 - 8:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue G. 02/28/17 - 3:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in Des Moines County. 02/28/17 - 4:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2700 block of Avenue M. 02/28/17 - 4:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2400 block of Avenue A. 03/01/17 - 2:45 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1600 block of Avenue M. 03/01/17 - 7:42 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue H. 03/01/17 - 8:12 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 1700 block of Avenue I. 03/01/17 - 10:29 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larcenv/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue K. 03/01/17 - 2:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O. 03/01/17 - 5:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 500 block of 8th Street. 03/01/17 - 5:46 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 blok of 39th Street. 03/01/17 - 6:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 500 block of 10th Street. 03/02/17 - 12:59 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a personal injury accident at the intersection of 241st Street and 53rd Street. 03/02/17 - 9:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Michael Allen Axtell, 19, of

Wayland, Mo., on a warrant for theft and forgery. He was taken to the Lee County Jail. 03/02/17 - 9:59 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1100 block of Avenue G. 03/02/17 - 5:16 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2200 block of Avenue H. 03/02/17 - 9:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tyler James Jenkins, 28, of Fort Madison on a charge of domestic abuse-simple assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/03/17 - 12:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kurt Duane Myers, 53, of Fort Madison on a warrant for driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/03/17 - 6:42 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue G.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

02/28/17 - 12:12 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2900 block of Hwy. 103. A vehicle driven by Lola Catherine Otte, 70 of West Point collided with the rear-end of a vehicle driven by Sharon Ann Strunk, 73, of Fort Madison. According to the sheriff's report Otte said she was distracted by a head cold and failed to see Strunk's vehicle. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene. 02/28/17 - 7:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2900 block of 18th Avenue. A vehicle driven by Eunice Marie Tate, 86 of Argyle, was headed southbound on 180th Avenue and entered the east bound ditch. The vehicle had to be towed from the scene. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene. 02/28/17 - 9:10 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of 390th Avenue and 183rd Street. A vehicle driven by John Robert Miller, 56, of Wever, was traveling eastbound on 183rd Street and left the roadway due to a missing traffic sign. The vehicle was towed from the scene. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene. 03/01/17 - 12:14 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Glen Russell, 34, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on warrant for parole violation. He was held. 03/03/17 - 7:55 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies reported a two-vehicle accident in the parking lot of Central Lee High School where vehicles driven by Darla Jean Fowler, 67, of Argyle and Kelsey Ann Metcalf, 29, of Fort Madison collided in the parking lot. No deputies responded to the scene and no citations or injuries were reported. 03/02/17 - 11:11 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Abigail Margaret Noel, 22, of Burlington at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a charge of False reporting to law enforcement. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/02/17 - 4:17 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ryan Robert Anderson, 41, of Burlington, no location given, on a court ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/02/17 - 4:37 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jody Michael Cooper, 40, of Burlington, no location given, on a court ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire and Rescue report 03/01/17 - Fort Madison Fire and rescue responded to three medical calls. 03/02/17 - Fort Madison fire responded to a vehicle/train collision near 51st Street and Ortho Road. One male was transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital. 03/02/17 - Fort Madison Fire and Rescue responded to one medical call.



### Friday crash

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison emergency crews stand near the site of a two-vehicle accident Friday night in the 2600 block of Avenue G. A dark colored two-door vehicle crossed the center line and struck a parked pickup on the north side of the street. The pickup was moved back and struck another pickup behind.

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Listing #20164117 • \$127,500



3BR • 1.50BA 1,460 sq. ft. 3,625 sq. ft. lot Reasonably priced home has had new doors installed, new bathroom fixtures, and freshly painted. With it's vinyl siding and fenced rear yard, its ready for your family!! Listing #20162025 • \$25,500



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2BR • 1.25BA 1,119 sq. ft. • 0.17 acres Brick rancher on Ave E close to Old Settlers Park, has full basement mostly finished, picket fence, newer windows, roof, etc. Listing #20162502 • \$88,900



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2BR • 1BA • 2 car garage 1,330 sq. ft. 7,250 sq. ft. lot REDUCED BY \$13,100! Affordable with lots of potential!!! Nice size kitchen with breakfast bar plus dining area, spacious



**2BR** • **1.50BA** • **2 car garage 1,366 sq. ft. • 3,300 sq. ft. lot** Immaculate, well-kept ranch has family room with fireplace on the main floor, finished Rec Room, 2nd laundry room, 1/2 bath, and storage room with shelving all in the basement. All windows are vinyl replacement. **Listing #20162507 • \$109,900** 



**2BR** • **1BA** • **2** car garage **868 sq. ft.** • **7,000 sq. ft. lot** PRICE REDUCED! Rare opportunity to own a renovated home at a great price!! Large, shaded yard and a 2 car garage. Located in a nice neighborhood on a corner lot. Seller is motivated and offering a 1 year AHS Home Warranty!

Listing #20163035 • \$52,000



3BR • 3BA 2,754 sq. ft. 3,550 sq. ft. lot

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Listing #23006122 • \$99,999



**3BR** • **1BA** • **1 car garage 928 sq. ft.** • **1,087 sq. ft. lot** Very nice maintenancefree home by Lincoln School with a 75 X 145 fenced yard, nice patio, fire pit and child's play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carport area on the paved alley.

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2BR • 1BA 1,144 sq. ft. 3,625 sq. ft. lot

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4 BR • 1.75 BA 3 car garage • 2,052 sq. ft. 8,700 sq. ft. lot

Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently redecorated and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24' X 36' insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park. **Listing #20163776 • \$129,500** 



### Multi-family Duplex 2,672 sq. ft. 7,250 sq. ft. lot

Income property. Potential for \$875/month income or more. Side-by-side duplex with 2 - 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. West side has a long term renter and east side is vacant.

Listing #20162154 • \$49,500



3 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage 1,248 sq. ft. • 0.37 acres Well-kept ranch on a beautiful, large corner lot in West Point, IA. New wooden privacy fence surrounding the entire back yard. There is also an attached garage and storage shed. A large wooden deck leads to the front door where you can sit and enjoy those beautiful Iowa summer sunsets! PLUS a covered deck in the back for those rainy days. This house is a rare find. Listing #20164234 • \$119,900



2 car garage • 2,527 sq. ft. UNIQUELY beautiful 9.38 river bluff acreage. This home boasts many updates including complete master suite, heat and A/C, Septic system, deck, roof & gutters, flooring, and the list goes on. This private property includes fenced in barn area for animal lovers, mature fruit trees plus trees have been dropped for a beautiful panoramic river view that will last for years! Owner also plans to leave a John Deer mower and new snow blower!!

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of Fort Madison. Formal living and dining room, nice kitchen with breakfast room all open to a main floor family room, relaxing, private screened porch that opens onto the large deck that spans the back of the home. Basement boasts recently finished family room and tons of storage.

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