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Ave. G sidewalk project \$400K short

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A representative of an engineering and consulting firm said a city sidewalk project is about \$400,000 short of needed funds.

The project, which is slated to begin in March, would replace the city's dilapidated sidewalk and curbing on Avenue G from 6th to 10th Streets at a cost of approximately \$1.5 million.

The majority of the funding is a reimbursement program from the state where interest paid on the city's waste water treatment plant through the state's revolving loan program can be refunded to the city for a project that helps promote better stewardship of the storm water runoff.

Douglas Happ, a physical engineer with HR-

Green out of Cedar Rapids, said the total amount able to be refunded by the state is coming up about \$400,000 short of the estimated cost of the project.

"We're pretty close to being in budget but there are some items that are up for discussions" said Larry Driscoll, the city's public works director.

Happ said to do the project as currently designed from 6th to 10th Street, the project's over budget.

"Right now to do it end-to-end we're probably \$400,000 over budget. So we need to go back in and look at that. We did redesign the planter boxes and we sat down and started thinking of how else can this work."

One of the options being considered is stopping the project at 9th Street, but Happ



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Public Works Director Larry Driscoll, at the podium on the left, and Douglas Happ, of HRGreen of Cedar Rapids, address the council Tuesday on progress of the city's proposed curb and sidewalk project for Main Street Tuesday.

said right now the plan is to rework parts of the design to include 10th Street and bring those plans back to the council hopefully by the next meeting.

The work entails

taking all the curbing and sidewalks from the north and south sides of the streets and replacing them with about five feet of pervious, or pourous, brick from the curbing back about five feet

and then the remaining distance from the brick to the building would be American Disabilities Act compliant concrete. Happ said the pervious

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Keokuk police ID body found in river

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - Keokuk police have identified a deceased person found on July 4th at approximately 1:17 p.m. in the water at 1400 Mississippi Drive in Keokuk, as Jake Anthony Mason, age 34, of Keokuk.

Keokuk Police responded to the area near the Southside Boat Club for a report of a deceased person in the water. Keokuk Police and Fire removed the decedent from the water.

An autopsy was scheduled at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics where identification will be confirmed.

The matter is currently under investigation but, there is no suspected concern to the public.

Keokuk leaders fight to keep local radio station

A nice story of locals pulling together to keep a local business alive unfolded right in front of us here in Lee County.

Keokuk radio KOKX (AM 1310) and Z93 was on the chopping block in the spring with the possibility of going black becoming very real. But about eight community members got together to keep the music and information alive.

Leah Jones, who was almost single-handedly keeping the lights on, reached out to community members who looked at several options including almost negotiating a sale with a Chicago Labor Union. But diligence on that offer would take too long and the deal fell apart.

One of the community members helping to keep the radio station functioning was Mike Greenwald. Greenwald, a Keokuk City Councilman and former business manager at Krichel's Animal Hospital, stepped up to the



Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,
Pen City Current - Editor

plate and offered to buy the radio station.

Now Greenwald can put his lifelong dream of working with a radio station to work. It's a story not unlike that of Pen City Current so I'm attracted to what Greenwald and Jones are trying to accomplish.

It's no easy task starting any business, but firing up a business that's revenue is based on advertising is a special task. With the country as polarized as it's ever been short of the civil war, the trust in media is at an all-time low. And ownership is not helping matters much with decimating reporter staffs and those charged with gathering

the news.

You very rarely see a news broadcast scroll that doesn't have typos in it. Local news outlets are not immune to that either, so to take on a responsibility where you are charged with providing factual information, while tailoring it to people's ever-changing behaviors, is a courageous move.

I've come to know these two as determined people who have a passion for their community. Sometimes that word "passion" can be trendy and used where it may be a bit of an overreach, but not in this case. You need that passion in-house and the work of community members like Keokuk businesswoman Kathy Gabel, Lee County Supervisor Gary Folluo, Mayor Tom Richardson, Joe Steil with Lee County Economic Development Group, Dave Schwartz, Keokuk Area Convention and Tourism's Kirk

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

OBITUARIES

GREGORY PAUL HATHAWAY

Gregory Paul Hathaway, 43, of Montrose, IA, passed away on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at his home. He was born on December 17, 1974 in Quincy, IL to David K. & Pamela M. Day Hathaway. He was a cook at several restaurants and enjoyed spending time with his children and listening to music.

Greg is survived by: his girlfriend: April Lake of Montrose, IA; his father: David Hathaway of Ewing, MO; 3-children: Hunter Hathaway & Paige Hathaway of Fort Madison, IA & Gage Hathaway of Utah; 1-child on the way; 1-step son: Brendan Thompson of St. Louis, MO; 1-brother: Pete Huppert of Keokuk, IA; his step father: Pat Huppert of Fort Madison, IA & 2-step brothers: Jason & Billy Huppert of Fort Madison, IA. He was preceded in death by: his mother: Pam Huppert, 1-brother: Travis and his grandparents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned at this time. Online condolences to Greg's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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OBITUARIES

DONNA L. SMITH

Donna L. Smith, 73, of rural Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 12:05 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2018, at her home.



SMITH

Born July 1, 1945, in Keokuk, Iowa the daughter of Lawrence and Ollie (Townsend) Watkins. On April 5, 1964, she married Arden Smith at Sharon Presbyterian Church in rural Farmington, Iowa.

Survivors include her husband: Arden of Farmington; one daughter; Gayle (Kyle) Mosier of Aurora, Colorado; one granddaughter: Elizabeth Mosier; one sister: Norma Jean Sexton of Mitchell, South Dakota and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son: Stacy.

Donna was a member of the Joy Baptist Church in Fort Madison and had been a member of the Harmony School Board where she had served as President. She had worked as a tax accountant for forty-six years. She also was a corn detasseling leader, hairdresser and Sunday School teacher for the Farmington United Methodist Church. Donna enjoyed preparing horses for her daughter for shows, attending horse shows, watching her boys race stock cars at the Lee County Speedway, watching area kids with their school activities, humor and helping Arden with a little bit of everything around their farm.

Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 9, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at Joy Baptist Church in Fort Madison with Pastor Earl Beal officiating.

Burial will be at Sharon Cemetery, rural Farmington.

Memorials may be made in her memory to Farmington EMT's or P.A.W. Animal Shelter.

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

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For the Record/Local News

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

7/03/2018 - 8:20 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Lawrence Richard Jackson, 47, no address listed, on a charge of public intoxication, at the Fort Madison Police Department. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

7/04/2018 - 1:21 a.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Kenneth Dale Sommerfield, 56, of Fort Madison, on a charge of violation of no contact order, in the 3000 block of Ave. N. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

7/04/2018 - 1:27 a.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Kathy Ann Clair, 55, of Fort Madison, on a charge of violation of no contact order, in the 3000 block of Ave. N. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

7/04/2018 - 7:33 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the Fort Madison area.

7/04/2018 - 9:25 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1700 block of Ave. H.

7/05/2018 - 9:10 a.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Ronald Dean Ough, 58, of Fort Madison, on warrant services of eluding, reckless driving, and a stop light violation, in the 2100 block of Ave. G. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

7/05/2018 - 9:10 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Payton Wrage VanPelt, 22, of Fort Madison, on charges of interference with official acts and reckless driving in the 2100 block of Ave. D. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

7/03/2018 - 12:06 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicholas Ryan Queen, 39, of Burlington on a charge of being a fugitive from justice, at the Sheriff's office. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

7/03/2018 - 3:52 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Ninette Lynn Whippie, 49, of Keokuk on a charge of dog running at large in the 3200 block of Main St. in Keokuk. She was released upon citation.

7/04/2018 - 12:10 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Carl Gorman Meyers, 48, of Montrose on charges of OWI- 1st offence, failure to yield to emergency vehicles, and open container-driver 21+ YOA in the 2700 block of 252nd Ave. in Montrose. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released upon personal recognizance.

7/04/2018 - 2:58 a.m - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of 180th Avenue and 255th Street. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Ryan Patrick Danahe, 27, of Tulsa, Ok. had entered a ditch after Danahe swerved to avoid a barricade after looking up from his phone. No injuries were reported at the scene and Danahe was cited with failure to maintain control.

7/04/2018 - 9:24 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 15 year old male, juvenile, of Keokuk on a charge of possession of alcohol under age- 1st. He was released to his parents.

7/04/2018 - 3:36 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Dean Marsh, 46, of Fort Madison on a charge of intimidation with a dangerous weapon in the 1600 block of Green Bay Rd. in Wever. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.

7/05/2018 - 5:04 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Co. Rd. 103 and Hwy. 218. A vehicle driven by Zachery Michael Vaughn, 16, of Fort Madison was struck by a vehicle driven by Androsov Pavel, 45, of Gulf Breeze, Fl. According to reports, a black Ford pickup, driven by an unknown party slammed on their brakes attempting to turn right onto 160th St. Vaughn slammed on his brakes, attempting to avoid a collision with the Ford pickup, causing Pavel to also slam on his brakes. Vaughn was cited for not having insurance with him, but neither identified party were placed at fault due to an unknown vehicle being the primary cause of the accident. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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Mike Trummesch of Wever, IA, was the lucky winner of the Scotts Miracle-Gro product raffle on the 2018 Fort Madison Area Artists Association's annual Garden Tour held July 1 in Fort Madison and north Lee County.

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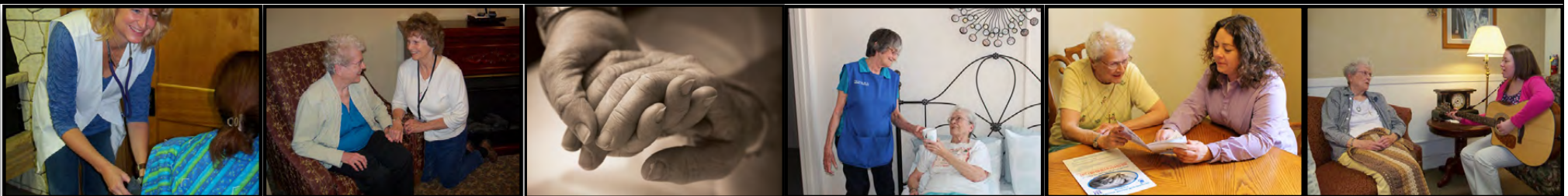


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Meeting Agenda
July 10, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Lee County
Conservation Center
2652 Highway 61
Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes from June 12, 2018
3. Public Input
 This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.
4. Approval of Bills
5. Approval of Financial Report
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Regular Meeting
Agenda
DATE: TUESDAY,
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MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctional Center
2530 255th Street,
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AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Open Bids for Two Back-up Generators
 Consider Awarding Bid for Back-up Generators
 Consider Approval of Tuesday, July 3, 2018 Board Minutes
 Consider Approval of Claims
 Public Input
 Consider Approval of Remote Access Policy
 Consider Approval of Resolution Modifying Five Year Road Program

Consider Approval to Purchase Airfare for Two Health Department Employees to Attend Seminar
 Discussion of Changes to Sewage Treatment Systems Ordinance
 Reports:
 A. Treasurer's Semi Annual and Annual Report
 B. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected
 C. Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected (5)
 D. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn

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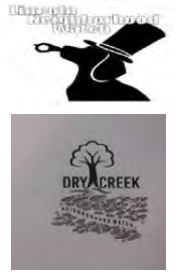
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From the Front/Weather

Curb, sidewalk project to begin in spring 2019

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brick is not ADA compliant so the concrete sidewalk has to be part of the plan.

Happ said the plan will not include any entry-way steps past the concrete and will not have street impact, other than some planter boxes that are being planned that will help remove street water. The box had to be included as part of the plan to take the street water because the south side of Main Street didn't qualify for the project until the street water removal piece was added.

Below the pervious brick will be four to six feet of a gravel filter base and then storage tanks that slowly allow the filtered water back into the city's regular storm water lines.

Street planter boxes will also hold dirts and sands that the Department of Natural Resources has recommended as good filters for the storm water. The boxes would contain a native grass that would grow to about 18-24 inches high. The boxes would not inhibit parking, Happ said.

The boxes, if done precast, could save the city about \$56,000 on the project. Happ said the revenue team at HRGreen is working to find ways to make the project fit the allowable budget.

Driscoll said the city is also talking with Alliant about putting generic lighting in which could save some money. He said the city or Main Street could look at installing more decorative lighting as Main Street moves forward.

Happ said construction would take place block by block and not all at one time.

"The contract will require them to take block one and demo that block and then the demo crew can go to the next block, while the next crews put the first block back together. We won't let them go to the third block until the first is completed," Happ said "We're trying to minimize the disturbance to the businesses because we recognize this is an interest to their stores. We feel by doing it block by block, we minimize the impact on the business owner."

He said it would take 45 to 60 days to demo and rebuild each block. But temporary entrances and access ramps will be provided for business owners.

The time table would put completion in November of 2019.

"We've had a bit of a time lapse with the different designs and cost-savings measures. We're looking at a public hearing in December with construction set to begin in March or April and will take until November of 2019," Happ said.

Councilman Chris Greenwald said he was glad there was so much communication going on between HRGreen and the business owners.

"I like what I hear as far as you're working with the businesses. I think that's great," Greenwald said. "You're taking them into consideration. That could be devastating to a business."

In other action, the council:

- voted 5-1 to approve appointing someone to fill the position vacated by Travis Seidel's resignation on June 15. Councilman Bob Morawitz voted against the measure saying the open seat should be voted on by those in the third ward. The appointment must be made by Aug. 15, per state law, but a petition could be filed by someone in the ward to force a special election.

- voted 6-0 to approve a professional services agreement with HRGreen for design and construction services to replace Hwy. 61 from 2nd to 6th Streets. The construction is now set to begin next spring.

- voted 6-0 to approve a one-year contract for transportation services with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning commission effective July 1.

City, county officials help bring KOKX back under local control

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Brandenberger, and others also showed a passion for not letting the thing go dark.

They've brought back on-air personalities and are putting together a program that includes 70s-90s music. Greenwald does a morning show with guests from all around Lee County. He said at one point that if that show made one person happy, "That's a good day's work."

That jibes with our intentions here at Pen City Current. At times I try to focus on writing pieces that are light and in those efforts, if I can make a person smile....well, yeah... that's a good day's work. If I do things a little different to let the natural come out,

or a picture of a grandson or niece brings a smile to a relative's face...we did a good thing.

I was on the way to the hospital with my daughter Kelsey for a rehab stint Monday and was listening to Z93 and "Silent Lucidity" by Queensryche came on. Some may know that song... some may not, but for me it put a smile on my face.

I asked Kelsey to sit in the car with me and listen to the song....in the meantime I sent Jones a text...."Queensryche...you just made my day."

The radio station has some fantastic out-of-the-box advertising packages and they are working to bring the radio station into the full of Lee County, not



just the south side. We need more of that effort as this old mentality of two sides of Lee County starts to fade into the past. This upstart radio station could be another small catalyst in a bigger picture.

Oh...and the Cardinals and Hawkeyes games are on there as well, so there's that.

So if you're anywhere in my age range, which

depending on what mood you catch me in, could be a couple decades, turn the station over to 93.9 or 1310 and give a listen. These are local people putting their best foot forward.

By the way, state law says fireworks stop tomorrow, so we can all stop holding our pets. But that's Beside the Point.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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TUE 10 Jul

Light Rain
High– 90.2° F | Low – 76.5° F

WED 11 Jul

Light Rain
High – 92.3° F | Low – 82.8° F

THU 12 Jul

Clear Skies
High– 93.7° F | Low – 84.3° F

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