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## Seidel begrudgingly steps off council

*Mayor Randolph says move is best option for both sides*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - According to Fort Madison City Manager David Varley, 3rd ward Councilman Travis Seidel has resigned his seat on the council effective Friday. Seidel pleaded guilty on June 1 to a class C felony drug charge and received a deferred sentence. Iowa code indicates any elected official found guilty of a felony under Iowa code vacates their elected seat. How-



SEIDEL

ever, the deferred judgment created an unclear status as to whether Seidel had been found guilty. The deferred judgment carries a five-year probation that, if completed, would wipe the felony from Seidel's record.

Mayor Brad Randolph, who accepted Seidel's resignation, said the city sought two independent legal opinions that both indicated Seidel's plea was a conviction under Iowa law.

"The city received two legal opinions stating that, for the purpose of the statutes at issue, Mr. Seidel's felony plea was a conviction, not withstanding the deferred judgment. The statutes we were working with were Iowa Code subsection 66.1A, Iowa Code subsection 69.2(1)

(F), and Fort Madison City Code section 1.6.6," Randolph said.

"The statutes require removal under these circumstances. I don't believe Mr. Seidel or the Council had any other option in this matter. Resignation was the best option. I think it's what's best for the City and Mr. Seidel."

Randolph said the council now has the option of appointing someone to fill Seidel's seat or the city could hold a special election. If someone is appointed, that seat would be on the ballot in the November general election.

Seidel was originally arrested Friday, Dec. 8, 2017

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## Girl Scouts lend a brush to PAW

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
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FORT MADISON - Four members of a Fort Madison Girl Scout troop and some leaders partnered with Sherwin Williams on Saturday and spruced up the front to the PAW no-kill animal shelter.

In temperatures higher than 90 degrees, leaders and girls from Troop 9406 in Fort Madison crawled all over the front of the animal shelter and put a new coat of paint on the metal front of the building.

Lisa Engeman, the store manager at Sherwin-Williams in Keokuk, said the company does a community service project every year.

"We have to do a community service project for national paint week every year," Engeman said. "I wanted to do here. I adopted from here, my sales rep adopted from here, too. So we thought this was a good project. The shelter got new siding on three sides, but budget constraints stopped them from doing the front so we're just trying to freshen it up and make it match what's already there."

Engeman said they also painted the shed in front of the facility.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Athena Snook, 10, of Fort Madison puts a coat of paint on the front of the PAW Animal Shelter in Fort Madison as part of a service project in conjunction with Sherwin-Williams Co. Athena's mom Alta, oversees the project, while Lisa Engeman, store manager for Sherwin-Williams in Keokuk, works in the background.



## Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,  
Pen City Current - Editor

## It was time for Seidel to resign from office

As an elected official, you have an inherent responsibility to keep the trust of the electorate and to do your best to represent those that cast a ballot in your favor.

When you put your name on a ballot you also open yourself up to public scrutiny of your actions and sometimes those actions include what you do in your own home.

Talk about dicey.

Third ward councilman Travis Seidel, was sentenced on June 1 as part of a plea deal for selling opioids, four pills, to a contractor who was doing work on his property. Fort Madison City Manager David Varley announced Seidel's resignation on Friday afternoon.

Seidel has said publicly that he doesn't deny taking money from the contractor, but his most recent statements seem to indicate that he thought the money may have been for past loans he made to the contractor. Seidel said he received money from the contractor on the day that he gave him the pills, but said the amount wasn't reflective of the value of the pills so he thought the contractor was paying him money back. He has not made any statements with regard to whether or not he clarified that with the contractor. That's a big deal.

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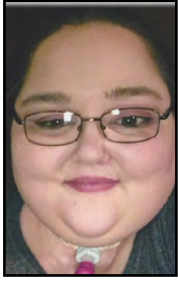


# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### CHRISTINA RUTH WILSON

Christina Ruth Wilson, 26 of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Unity-Point Health-Keokuk.



WILSON

She was born August 4, 1991 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Raymond and Peggy Steele Wilson.

Christina had been employed at the Iowa Unemployment Office in Keokuk and most recently at Thomas Cardella also in Keokuk.

Christina was very talented in arts and crafts. She made beautiful jewelry out of clay and pearls. She enjoyed spending time on her computer and cell phone surfing the web and socializing on Facebook.

She is survived by her mother, Peggy Steele of Keokuk, her father, Raymond Wilson, Jr., of Keokuk, one sister, Carrie Wilson (John Varner) of Keokuk, one nephew, Daniel Varner of Keokuk, paternal grandmother, Mary Frances of Keokuk, step-grandfather, Don Frances of Keokuk, and step-grandparents, Hank, Jr. and Marjorie Collins of Ft. Madison, IA.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Breanna Wilson, one cousin, Cheyenne Steele, maternal grandparents, Richard and Carolyn Steele, paternal grandparents, Raymond Wilson, Sr. and great grandparents.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday at the Buena Vista Mound Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m., Monday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with the family meeting with friends at that time.

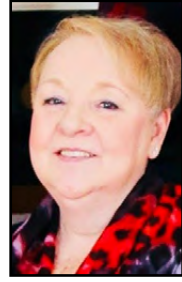
Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### KAREN E. COOPER

Karen E. Cooper, 67, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018 at Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, IA. She was born on September 12, 1950 in Good Hope, IL to Enoch & Pansy Duncan Ford. She was a custodian for many years at the Fort Madison Community School District. She enjoyed spending time with her friends & family, especially her grandchildren.



COOPER

Karen is survived by: 2-sons: Eric (Jesse) Mueller of Altoona, IA & Damien (Nichole) Cooper of Blue Grass, IA; 4-grandchildren: Jackson Mueller, Alexis, Cameron & Damien Eli Cooper and a special sister in law: Bertie Ford of Bushnell, IL. She was preceded in death by: her parents, 4-sisters: Faye Shriver, Mae McCance, Maxine Long & Rose Zerkle, 3-brothers: Bob, Don & Gene Ford.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. with a memorial service to immediately follow at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial has been established in Karen's name. Online condolences to Karen's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### RICHARD WILLIAM NOLTE, SR.

Richard William Nolte, Sr. 77 of Donnellson, passed away at 4:55 A.M. Friday June 15, 2018 at his home.

Born July 1, 1940 at Fort Madison, Iowa the son of Walter and June (Huss) Nolte. On August 30, 1975 at St. Mary's Church in West Point he married Marilyn Krogmeier.

Survivors include his wife Marilyn, one son Richard (Karen) Nolte of Nauvoo, Illinois, two grandchildren William and Taralee Nolte. Also surviving are one brother Robert (Terry) Nolte of Fort Madison, one sister Joanne (Steve) Reuther of Fort Madison, his mother-in-law Cecelia Krogmeier of West Point and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother John Nolte and one sister Bernadine Beccera.

Richard attended St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point and was a member of the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Heritage Club. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. Richard retired from Burrows after 35 years as fork lift operator. He enjoyed gardening, going to auctions, antique cars, trucks and tractors.

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

A memorial mass will be held at 10:30 A.M. Monday June 18, 2018 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Fr. Dennis Hoffman as Celebrant.

Memorials may be made to St. Boniface Catholic Church or St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).



**Travel Show - June 19, 2018**  
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 Doors open at 4:30pm

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*We look forward to seeing you all there!*



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## For the Record/Local News

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police report

06/13/18 - 7:37 a.m.  
 - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of Avenue E.  
 06/13/18 - 2:32 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue H.  
 06/13/18 - 8:03 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 4500 block of Avenue L.  
 06/14/18 - 6:27 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Avenue F.  
 06/14/18 - 10:02 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison police arrested Gary Lee Swanson, Jr., 30, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J on a warrant for driving under suspension. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/14/18 - 10:02 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison police arrested Taylor Russell Young, 23, Jr., of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J on a warrant for driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/14/18 - 1:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue L.  
 06/14/18 - 3:06 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue M.  
 06/14/18 - 6:14 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of 41st Street.  
 06/14/18 - 6:53 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue E.  
 06/14/18 - 7:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4900 block Avenue O.

#### Lee County Sheriff's report

06/13/18 - 10:42 a.m.  
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tanner Martin White, 20, of Keokuk at the sheriff's office on a warrant for

2nd degree theft. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a pre-trial release.  
 06/14/18 - no time given - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Moran Elizabeth McCall, 32, of Keokuk in Clark County, Mo., on a warrant for violation of probation. She was held in custody.  
 06/14/18 - 2:14 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jessica Kim Bowler, 27, of Fort Madison in the 1900 block of Avenue I, on a court-ordered hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/14/18 - 4:36 p.m.  
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Alan Edward Snyder, 44, of Burlington at the sheriff's office on a charge of violation of probation.

He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/15/18 - 8:14 p.m.  
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Anthony Deon Gregory, 43, of Keokuk at the Lee County Jail and warrant for violation of probation he was held in custody. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.*

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

06/13/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.  
 06/14/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one downed power line.  
 06/15/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call and two lift assists.

## Girl scouts also adopted plot at Riverview Park Flag pole

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Sherwin Williams donated all the paint and brushes for the project. Stephanie King, the troop's leader, along with Brooke Patton, said part of the girl scouts' activities are doing community service projects such as donating food to the local food pantry and hospitals. "We also adopted the garden around the flagpole in Riverview park and provided the gardening work there." The high temperatures kept the girls from being on the project too long at one time. The girls rotated from painting to finding shade and playing with some of the dogs that were chained up outside. "It's pretty hot out. They've been helping where they can reach but they've also been spending time with the animals," Engeman said. The shelter is currently housing over 120 dogs and 90 cats.



Girl Scouts with Troop 9406 of Fort Madison, along Sherwin-Williams employees in Keokuk braved the heat Saturday to put a fresh coat of paint on the front the PAW no-kill animal shelter in Fort Madison.

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our residents to use regulated containers specifically made for sharps. Empty Sharps containers can be obtained in the at both the Fort Madison and Keokuk facilities.

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2. The property owner's responsibility will be to remove and dispose of the deteriorated sidewalk or excavate where new sidewalk would go, form the sidewalk to be poured, and place the concrete. This work can be done either by the property owner, renter, or your contractor. The City will not pay for Saturday delivery charges. Work cannot begin before July 1st.

3. The City of Fort Madison will inspect the sidewalk prior to approval of your application, prior to removal and prior to placement of the new sidewalk. The Fort Madison Ready Mixed Concrete Co. will bill the City for the concrete used and the City of Fort Madison will pay for the concrete directly to the supplier. The City will not pay for the additional Saturday delivery charge. If the property owner wishes to have the delivery on Saturday the bill for the delivery will be sent to the property owner. No payments will be made directly to the property owner. The concrete can be ordered by the property owner or your contractor from:

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4. The sidewalk shall be constructed according to the sidewalk design specifications which can be acquired at the Fort Madison Public Works Department.

5. Each application will be evaluated based on its condition and how it improves the area for pedestrian traffic. Extra consideration will be given for connection to an existing sidewalk.

6. Applications for this program will be available on May 1st at 8:00 A.M. and will be accepted through June 22nd at 4:30 P.M. Each proposal will be evaluated and you will be notified by July 2nd. The City will fund projects as funding is available. The replacement work cannot take place before July 1st and must be approved by the City prior to the commencement of the work.

### PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING June 18, 2018 6:00 P.M. Finance: Hotop / Troxel AGENDA

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum

II. Recognition of guests  
III. Reading of Foundation documents

IV. Monthly communications

A. Superintendent Goal Report

B. District Presentations

V. Approve the agenda

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. May 21, 2018, regular meeting

2. June 4, 2018, work session

B. Financial reports

1. May Balance Sheet

2. May Revenue Summary

3. Expenditure Report

4. Student Activity Report

C. Accounts payable

1. May General Account

Board Bills for Approval

2. June General Account

Board Bills for Approval

3. Student Activity

Account Board Bills for Approval

4. Nutrition Account

Board Bills for Approval

D. Consider personnel

resignations

1. Sue Hugh, associate at Lincoln Elementary

2. Kim Herren, associate at Lincoln Elementary

3. Mercedes White, food service at the High School

4. Rob Radosevich, assistant varsity baseball coach

5. Shalisse Johnstun, Key Club Advisor

6. Justin (Charlie) Munford, Industrial Arts teacher at the High School

7. Amy Doherty, 7th/8th Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School

8. Emily Settles, Principal at Richardson Elementary

9. Todd McGhghy, 7th grade boys basketball coach

10. Todd McGhghy, 8th grade boys basketball coach

E. Consider employment of personnel

1. Cazi Chapman, social worker at Lincoln Elementary

2. Stephanie Howard, first grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary

3. Adrian McKay, Principal at Richardson Elementary

4. Todd McGhghy, head varsity girls basketball coach

5. Adam Darley, assistant baseball coach

6. Bobbie Zemlika, associate at Richardson Elementary

F. Consider contract modifications

1. Gene Meyers, custodian, change in building (RE to MS), change in salary

2. Jim Cornelius, custodian, change in building (MS to RE), change in salary

G. Consider leave of absence

H. Consider open enrollment requests

I. Other reports

1. Director \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ moved and director \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded

the documents submitted in

the consent section of the

agenda be approved and/or

filed as submitted.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum

and Student Services – Kim

Harmon

1.

B. Superintendent – Erin

Slater

1. Consider approval of class of 2018 graduate list

2. Consider approval of Elementary Handbook

3. Consider approval of Middle School Handbook

4. Consider approval of addendum to the High School Handbook

5. Consider approval of the 2018-2019 Certified Employee Handbook

6. Consider approval of policy changes

a. 505.2 - Student Promotion - Retention - Acceleration

b. 505.2-a-R - Student Promotion - Retention - Acceleration

c. 505.2-b - Special Promotion Policy

d. 505.2-c - Acceleration

e. 505.4 - Testing Program

f. 505.5-R - Testing and Proficiency Class Process

g. 505.8 - Title I Parental Involvement

h. 505.10 - Assessment System

i. 505.10-R - Assessment System Regulation

j. 506.1 - Student Records Access

k. 506.1-E-1 - Request of Non-Parent for Examination or Copies of Education Records

l. 506.1-E-2 - Authorization for Release of Education Records

m. 506.1-E-3 - Request for Hearing on Correction of Education Records

n. 506.1-E-4 - Student Records Checklist

7. Consider approval of the request for travel from Bonnie Peterson-Slee to attend

the FFA Officers retreat

8. Consider approval of the request from Jeremy Swink and the girls basketball team

to attend a camp in Rolla, MO

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore

1. Consider approval of the FMEA Master Contract

2. Consider approval of the Teamsters Unit 1 Bus Drivers Labor Agreement

3. Consider approval of the Teamsters Unit 2 Custodial/Maintenance Labor

4. Consider approval of the AFSCME Labor Agreement

5. Consider Approval of Bread, Chemical and Dairy Bids for Nutrition Services

6. Consider Special Meeting for June 25, 2018

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon

B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

1. Policies for 1st Reading

a. 506.1-E-5 - Notification of Transfer of Education Records IASB Only - **Recommend to Adopt**

b. 506.1-E-6 - Letter to Parent Regarding Receipt of a Subpoena IASB Only - **Recommend to Adopt**

c. 506.1-E-7 - Juvenile Justice Agency Information Sharing Agreement IASB Only - **Recommend to Adopt**

d. 506.1-E-8 (506.1-E-8) - Annual Notice **Recommend to adopt IASB Model and renumber to 506.1-E-8**

e. 506.1-R-1 - Use of Student Records **Recommend to adopt IASB Model**

f. 506.2 - Student Directory Information **Recommend no change**

g. 506.2-E-1 - Use of Student Directory Information **Recommend to adopt IASB Model**

h. 506.2-R-1 - Use of Student Directory Information **Recommend to adopt IASB Model**

i. 506.3 - Student Photographs **Recommend no change**

j. 506.4 - Student Library Circulation Records **Recommend no change**

2. Certified Employee Attendance

3. Board Member Attendance

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore

IX. Comments from the audience

X. Legislative update

XI. Announcements

July 16, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting at Central Office

XII. Closed Session to conduct Superintendent evaluation as per Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code

of Iowa  
XIII. Adjourn  
Exempt Session: Negotiations

## HELP WANTED

### REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST NEEDED

Lee County Health Department is seeking an Iowa Registered Dental Hygienist to work in the agency's dental programs. The RDH will work under a public health supervision agreement with an Iowa licensed dentist. Duties will include providing preventive direct care services as well as education, outreach, and dental care coordination services. Applicants can mail resume to Michele Ross, Program Director to LCHD at PO BOX 1426, Ft. Madison, IA 52627 or email to [mross@leecountyhd.org](mailto:mross@leecountyhd.org) as soon as possible. EOE.

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## Sports/Scene Around Town

# Crusaders down Danville, W-MU to end five-game stretch

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - The Holy Trinity Catholic boys baseball team ended a heavy week of baseball on a good note. After a five-game stretch that started Monday, the Crusaders downed Danville 12-3 on Thursday and then came back on Friday to beat Winfield-Mt. Union in five innings 12-1.

On Thursday, freshman Kadin Medland went 4 2/3 innings giving up three runs on four hits, while striking out five. Jason Thurman came on in relief and threw 2 1/3 of shutout ball, surrendering just two hits and striking out one.

Senior Collin Thornton had two doubles and a single going 3-for-4 at the plate with three RBI and three runs scored. He also had a stolen base to lead the Crusaders offensively. Sophomore Reed Fehseke went 1-of-3 at the plate with two runs scored and two RBIs. Cole Thornton had two hits and Kyle Bredemeyer added a hit.

Danville trailed just 4-3 after four innings, but Thurman came in a slammed the door, while the Crusaders' bats got hot in the later innings.

Fehseke and Collin Thornton both reached to start the inning, with Thornton hitting one of his doubles to drive in Fehseke. Thornton would swipe second and come around to score on Bear error.

The Crusaders tacked on six in the bottom of the sixth with Quentin Schneider, Fehseke, Thornton, Vason Thurman, Bredemeyer, and Medland all touching home on just three hits. Danville pitchers gave up three walks and hit batsman in the inning to set the final score at 12-3.

"We were a little sluggish coming out

tonight, but the boys did a good job adjusting and scoring runs when we needed them," Schinstock said. "It's been a long week of baseball with games every night, but the team did a good job tonight fighting through the soreness and getting another win."

On Friday, the Crusaders wasted no time putting away the Wolves. Cole Thornton took the bump and went the distance for the HTC giving up just one unearned run on two hits and fanning five.

Fehseke carried the load offensively going 3-for-4 with two doubles. Senior Zander Schweiss went 3-for-3 with a double, and Bredemeyer had two hits for Holy Trinity.

The Crusaders sealed the game with a five-run bottom half of the fourth. Fehseke lined a single down the third baseline and swiped second. Collin Thornton hit a liner down to third base that was mishandled allowing Fehseke to get to third. Bredemeyer then drove them both in with a single to the opposite field in right, and advanced to second on the throw home to try and catch Thornton. Vason Thurman flew out to center for the first out.

Cole Thornton reached on a fielders choice and Bredemeyer stole third coming around to score on passed ball. Thornton advanced to third on the same passed ball and then scored the final run on another error at third base on a hit by Garrett Hannum.

"We did a great job tonight coming out and getting hits early," Schinstock said. "The whole team did a nice job putting the ball in play and hitting the ball hard."

The Crusaders are now 6-10 and will host New London on Tuesday.



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## From the Front/Weather

# Bad decision can't be explained away

**RESIGNATION** - Continued from Page 1

Seidel's attendance at city council meetings, although improved, is still less than stellar.

Even giving him the benefit of the doubt on the exchange of money, which he was entitled to as part of the court proceedings, giving opioids to another person isn't conduct becoming of a councilman. However, it's not conduct that most average people have not done in their lifetimes. And it doesn't fall thin that this instance was made bigger than it probably would have been in someone in not such a position.

Seidel claims outright that he was set up. That this was somehow revved by his political stances and he was "enticed" into selling the pills. It's hard to say in this country and this day and age, that that's unheard of because it's not.

But we're talking about a person selected by voters to represent them in an upstanding fashion with the city's best interests at heart. Poor attendance made us question commitment, but giving opioids away to a handyman makes us question decision making. Irregardless of what Seidel feels is at work behind the scenes, it's a bad decision that can't be explained away when you admit to that distribution.

When Seidel reached a plea deal there wasn't a single official in the state that was willing to comment on whether that plea deal amounted to a conviction. If Seidel had been removed, instead of resigning, he may have had a lawsuit because Lee County Attorney Ross Braden said Iowa code in some cases says a deferred judgment constitutes a conviction and in others it doesn't, and he wasn't aware of any case law that gave proper direction. If Seidel's not convicted of a felony, there would no grounds to remove him, other than City Code which allows the removal by 2/3 of the council vote, after a hearing "for wilful misconduct or maladministration of his office".

The city would have a pretty good argument that agreeing to a plea deal on a felony drug charge would constitute willful misconduct because of the admission of the crime, but not for agreeing to the plea deal.

But considering all the pieces of the story, putting someone else in place in Ward 3 is ultimately the best resolution for the city. As it stands the city can appoint someone to fill the position, but that seat should appear on the ballot in November. Let's see who steps up.

# Councilman says he doesn't believe money was to pay for pills

**SEIDEL** - Continued from Page 1

and charged with two counts of distributing hydromorphone, also known as Dilaudid, Hydrostat, Palladone, Dillies, and hospital heroin, within 1000 feet of a school. He posted bond and was released the same day.

Seidel, who has never denied the charges, said Friday night he believes the arrest from the incident was a set up.

"I believe this whole thing was a set up. From my political views, from the reason I was charged, all the way to my resignation. If you don't go along with the plan and think freely, you end up just the way I did," he

said. "I hope people and fellow council see this now and proceed with caution."

Seidel said he believes he was enticed by a private contractor who was experiencing pain and provided four pills to the contractor who left money on the table. More money, Seidel said, than the pills were worth. He said the contractor owed him money personally and didn't consider the money payment for the pills.

"I do apologize to all that were effected by this, and I thank the many people for their support through this," he said.

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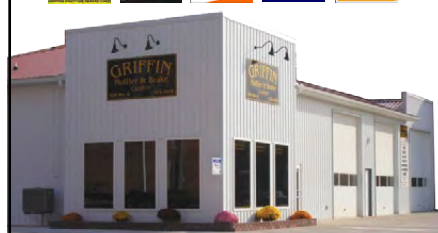
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