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Pickleball effort at \$250K



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Chamber Ambassadors, city officials, and pickleball enthusiasts helped ‘break ground’ on the new courts Monday afternoon. In hard hats from left to right are the Fort Madison Pickleball Foundation board members Bev Brockman, Sharon Bartlett, Donna Amandus, Jenny Flach, Phyllis Porter, and Lynn Hoyer.

VICTORY PARK: Foundation hopes to be using courts by the fall

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Despite a brand new rock sub-surface already in place, advocates for the city’s first outdoor pickleball facility touched golden shovels to the ground on Monday as an official groundbreaking for the new courts.

About \$252,000 has already been raised, including large donations from the City of Fort Madison to include some in-kind work as well as a substantial Southeast

Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission grant, along with other donations from players, banks, businesses, and other locally-interested parties.

About 40 people met at Victory Park on Monday to christen the new facility. Plans include six new pickleball courts, wind-break fencing, and lighting for night play.

Lynn Hoyer, one of the board members of the Fort Madison Pickleball Association, said other communities are already reaching out to work up tournament play.

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SUPERVISORS

Mayor primes county for Marina project

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – County officials hedged a bit on making a formal commitment to the Fort Madison Marina project Monday morning.

At the regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld was on the agenda looking to secure a \$250,000 contribution from the county, a commitment that could help secure another larger, private commitment.

“That is a number that we’ve talked about from day one,” Mohrfeld said. “That is also a number that the person who has stepped up and sees an investment that probably could parlay some Vision Iowa money if we’re successful with it.”

Mohrfeld said the Southeast Iowa Aquatic Restoration group, formed to facilitate the new marina project, is about \$1.2 million short of fully funding the project. The project price tag when fully complete and operational could get close to \$14 million.



MOHRFELD

But at the group’s public campaign kickoff three months ago, the cost was estimated at closer to \$10 million to get the marina functional. Mohrfeld said at that time the group was about \$1.8 million off that goal, which would show \$600,000 has been committed since that time.

Lee County Board Chairman Matt Pflug told Mohrfeld he loves the project, but the county has a top priority of getting a health department constructed. Pflug said he spoke with County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom Monday morning about the county’s financial position.

“A priority of ours is the health de-

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CENTRAL LEE

Weber wins International Problem solving contest

PCC STAFF

DONNELSON — Three Central Lee students traveled to the University of Massachusetts to compete at the International Future Problem Solving Conference June 9-12.

Middle school student Aubrey Weber

earned the opportunity to represent the state of Iowa at the conference for taking first place with her Community Problem Solving (CmPS) Project, “Sensing a Solution.” CmPS is a team or individual competition in which students develop a solution to a challenge in their community and actively

develop and enact solutions.

Aubrey worked with professionals and staff throughout the community to learn about building a sensory room at Central Lee Elementary. She also created more access to sensory materials

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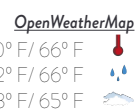
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WEATHER

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For the Record/Lee County News

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

06/17/22 - 8:38 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue M.

06/17/22 - 1:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue E.

06/17/22 - 6:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 10th Street and Avenue G.

06/18/22 - 8:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of 36th Street.

06/18/22 - 8:53 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Coree Sue James, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 900 block of Avenue F, on a

charge of driving under suspension.

06/18/22 - 5:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joshua Alan Thompson, 46, of Macomb, at the intersection of 16th Street and Avenue E, on a warrant for domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/18/22 - 8:51 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Gregory Lane King, 60, of Denmark, in the 3100 block of Avenue N, on a charge of driving while barred.

06/18/22 - 11:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny theft at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue N.

06/18/22 - 11:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Dezirae Lea Porter, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue L, on charges of possession of

a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

06/18/22 - 11:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jeremy Montell Hemphill, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue L, on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

06/18/22 - 11:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kody Kim Turner, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for 3rd degree burglary, and charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/19/22 - 2:58 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Andrew Garnett Davis, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 5800 block of Avenue O, on charges of disorderly conduct - loud noise, pub-

lic intoxication, and interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

06/17/22 - 10:53 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Gene Allen Green, Jr., 61, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a court-ordered hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/18/22 - 9:35 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jeremiah Matthew Bollin, 41, of Keokuk, in the 600 block of Concert Street, Keokuk, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a court-ordered release.

06/18/22 - 9:47 p.m. - Lee County sheriff depu-

ties arrested Troy William James, 52, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff Report

06/13/2022 - COULTER,JOHNATHAN K (31 of Burnside, IL) Speeding, Driving While License Suspended, Illegal Transportation of Cannabis

06/14/2022 - SPARROW,ADAM M (40 of Warsaw, IL) Driving While License Revoked

06/14/2022-GRAY,LEE-ROY L (45 of Keokuk, IA) Failure to Appear Warrant - Hancock

06/15/2022 - WARD,RHETT M (26 of Cowden, IL) Disorderly conduct, Aggravated Assault

06/17/2022 - BURK-

HOLDER,EMMA L (20 of Dallas City, IL) Driving While License Suspended, Operate uninsured Vehicle

06/19/2022 - THURMAN,JASON M (42 of Warsaw, IL) Failure to Appear Warrant - Hancock

Those listed above are charged with a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison

Fire & Rescue Report

06/17/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to fire medical calls, one odor investigation, and one motor vehicle accident.

06/18/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one false alarm and two medical calls.

06/19/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls and one burnt complaint.

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Immunization clinics set throughout county

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, June 23rd 2022 at Lee County Health Department #3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison.

The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid (MCO) or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the

cost of vaccines. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult. (Please visit our website for a consent form.)

Free lead testing is available for all children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa.

Please call 1-319-372-5225 with questions or visit our website at www.leecountyhd.org.

Keokuk immunization clinics will have the COVID-19 vaccine available for children 5-11 years-old. Fort Madison immunization clinics will have the COVID-19 vaccine available for children 5-11 years-old and for those 12 years and older. A consent for both vaccines can be found in the COVID Information section of the LCHD website (www.leecountyhd.org).



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From the Front

County OKs IT upgrades spend

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partment. We have to make that happen,” Pflug said. “I was talking to Cindy this morning on where our fund balance is and we’re now down below \$3 million. I asked her where the critical stage is and \$3 million is where we came out as a benchmark and we have to be mindful of that.”

Mohrfeld said the commitment could be spread over an amount of time. The marina group did apply for the money through the county’s America Rescue Plan allotment of \$6.5 million.

ARPA chairman Garry Seyb said the priorities of the committee has coalesced around the Health Department.

“We have to center around what the building is going to cost us once we settle on that. But your \$250,000 request is still there and valid in my mind if we can find the funding for the health department,” Seyb said.

Pflug said grants are unknown and the county has to focus on what they have in hand now as far as the health department.

Supervisor Rick Larkin said he supports the marina project and said the project will have an impact countywide and should be supported in some fashion by the county if they can find the money.

“My opinion on this is we should do everything we can to help fund this because this will really enhance southeast Iowa tourism, the number of people that come in, and the number of boats that will be here. If something like this is happening, I think the county should be a part of it,” Larkin said.

Seyb asked to table the funding discussion until the county can get a clearer picture on the funding streams for the health department, and financial condition of the county.

In other action, the county board:

- approved quotes from crack and joint sealing for 280th Avenue and X32.
- approved road rock contracts from Geode and Donnellson quarries.
- approved spending \$275,000 in ARPA funds on computer IT enhancements.
- approved the hiring of a part-time staffer for the county Veteran’s Affairs office.

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Central Lee place three students at state competition

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throughout the school to help keep students engaged in learning.

At the International FPS Conference, Aubrey’s project was evaluated by a team of judges based on a submitted plan and final report and scrapbook of her project, a public service movie, an onsite interview, and the creative presentation of her work on a presentation board. She earned first place in the Middle Individual category and was recognized as the winner for her display among all middle competitors.

Additionally, two Central Lee eighth graders, MacKenzie Gerber and Audrey Hand, placed at the state competition for Scenario Writing. They researched the international topic of antibiotic resistance and submitted a short story. They also participated in several workshops at the University of Massachusetts to improve their skills for future competitions.

“We are incredibly proud of these three innovative middle school students for their outstanding performance in this year’s International FPS Conference,” said Hollie Weber, Central Lee Instructional Coach. “They have worked hard to prepare for this competition and have displayed amazing levels of creativity and critical thinking. They have done an excellent job of representing Central Lee at the highest level.”

All three of Central Lee’s International FPS students are working to raise the funds necessary to cover their registration and transportation costs for the competition. Anyone interested in donating or who is aware of an organization that may be willing to support the competitors is encouraged to contact Weber at hweber@centrallee.org or 319-835-9510.

Future Problem Solving Program International’s mission is to develop the ability of young people globally to design and promote positive futures using critical and creative thinking. The organization involves thousands of students annually from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, Turkey, and the United States.

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Central Lee middle school student Aubrey Weber stands with her project that received awards at the International Community Problem solving competition in June.

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Sports

Lady Hounds hang on for split with Fairfield Monday

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE CLASH: Fort Madison holds onto top spot in loop play

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – It's about taking care of business, Fort Madison softball coach Jared Rehm said.

The last thing the Bloodhounds needed as they lead the Southeast Conference heading into the closing weeks in the season was to get swept.

Which is why the second game of Monday's home doubleheader was so important after the 9-3 loss to Fairfield in the first game.

The Bloodhounds rebounded, but only after surviving a precarious seventh inning.

Pitcher Erika Kruse smothered a grounder by Fairfield's Jenna Norris with two outs and the bases loaded, throwing Norris out at first base to complete the 10-9 victory.

Fort Madison (13-11 overall, 12-2 conference) kept the Trojans (16-7, 8-4) spinning their wheels in the standings.

"After the first (loss), in a roundabout way, it doesn't matter," Rehm said. "We're still on top. At that point, let's just get the split."

Which the Bloodhounds did, but it wasn't easy.

Fort Madison had a 10-2 lead when Fairfield scored two runs in the sixth. And as there was more and more traffic on the bases in the seventh, getting that third out was difficult.

The Trojans chipped away at the lead. Coty Engle had a two-run single with two outs, then, after a walk to Delaney Breen, Hannah Simpson had an infield single that Kruse knocked down, which allowed another run to score.

Norris nearly delivered the same hit, but Kruse stopped the ball, then threw to first to get Norris to end the game.

"She made the pitches she needed," Rehm said of Kruse, who had pitched the final five innings of the first game.

Fort Madison scored eight of its runs in the first two innings of the second game. Lexi Whaley and Lauryn Helmick each drove in two runs in that early outburst.

The Bloodhounds added a run in the fourth on Elizabeth Tanner's single, then another run in the fifth on Whaley's third RBI of the game.

Fort Madison had 12 hits in the second game, doubling the output from the first game against Engle, who struck out eight.

"I think their first pitcher, Engle, is dominant," Rehm said. "I thought the second game, we were better prepared."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lauryn Helmick (16) slides behind Fairfield's Lilly Bergren at home in the sixth inning of the Hounds' 10-9 win over Fairfield in Game 2 Monday night.

Fairfield opened the first game with a three-run first inning, then got five runs in the third on Simpson's solo home run and Danielle Breen's grand slam.

Emily Steffensmeier drove in Fort Madison's first runs with a two-run single in the second. Whaley drove in the other run in the fifth with a single.

Holy Trinity girls win two of three

PCC SPORTS

WEST POINT – The Holy Trinity girls snapped a three-game mini skid with a 16-1 win over Danville on Thursday, and then split a doubleheader with Mt. Pleasant Friday.

The Crusaders are currently sitting in the middle of the pack at 4th place in the SEI Superconference South Division with a 4-4 mark and are 7-8 overall on the year.

On Thursday, junior Mary Hellige got the win in the circle and allowed just one run unearned and two hits while striking out five and walking two.

She also went 3-for-4 at the plate with a triple and 5 RBI to go along with three runs scored. Anna Sobczak, who leads the Superconference South with a .571 batting average and On-Base-Average of .671 from her lead-off spot, had two hits and three runs scored.

Kayla Box, Jenna DiPrima, and Kelli Meierotto each had two hits. DiPrima drove in four runs.

The first four hitters reached base for the Crusaders with Sobczak get-

ting on with her patented drag bunt. Haile Cain doubled followed by a Hellige single, both driving in runs. Mueller walked and DiPrima hit into a fielder's choice RBI before a fly out ended the inning.

Danville scored its only run on a Mackenzie Morris double to center scoring Carlea Beckman.

HTC put up four more in the second including two more RBI from Hellige on a single to right. Cain and DiPrima added RBIs as well. Hellige would get two more RBI in the top of the third when she belted a two-run triple to right. Box would follow up with an other triple bringing around Brooke Mueller, who reached on a base on balls. After all was said in done, the Crusaders scored five times in the third for a 12-1 lead.

Hellige pitched a clean bottom half of the third, and HTC would pile on four more runs in the top of the fourth for a 16-1 lead and the 12-run rule awaiting the Bears in the bottom half. Hayden Mutchler singled to open the half. Hellige coaxed a fly

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
WEST POINT
CITY COUNCIL
WEST POINT, IOWA
52656
JUNE 13th, 2022**

Mayor Paul Walker called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the West Point Library, 309 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on June 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuergen; Dan Waters; Phil Kruse; and Joe Loving. Absent: None.

Mayor reported the following: Father's Day Breakfast is Sunday June 19th at West Point Fire Station from 7am-11am. West Point Fireworks will be June 25th at Southpark after dark, games & live DJ starting at 5pm. Independence Day, July 4th, 2022, City Hall will be closed. Municipal Utility Board Meeting Tuesday, June 14 at 5pm; Library Board Monthly Meeting Tuesday, June 14 at 6pm; Regular City Council Meeting Monday, July 18 at 6:30pm.

Randy Welding presented City Administrator's report.

On motion adopted Resolution No. 832-22 Approving Eligibility for All Full-Time Employees to receive Cost of Living Raises for West Point; On motion adopted Resolution No. 833-22 Approving 28E Agreement between the City of Donnellson, Iowa and the City of West Point, Iowa for Law Enforcement Services; On motion adopted Resolution No. 834-22 Approving Corporate Credit Card for West Point Police Department; On motion adopted Resolution No. 835-22 Approving Disposal of Real Property in the City of West Point, Iowa; On motion adopted Resolution No. 836-22 Approving Application Process for Recreational Trail Funding Grant; On motion adopted Resolution No. 837-22 Approving to Sell 2011 Ford Crown Victoria, West Point Interceptor; On motion presented regular Council Meeting of May 9, 2022 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for May 2022 was approved as presented. On motion warrants payable for June 2022 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned

at 7:08 p.m., June 13, 2022.

**CLAIMS REPORT
FOR MAY, 2022**

Alan Environmental Prod., weed/root clear1707.11
Art Center of Burlington 60.00
Aspelmeier & Fisch, 52 7th St. 200.00
Baker & Taylor, books 751.58
Blick Art Mat., Swing Panel Display 2315.00
City of Ft. Madison, 6th St. Swr Jet-televise 1275.00
City of Donnellson, Milk's raincoat/reimb. 52.64
Cessford Construction Co., ¾" Mod Rock 230.32
Daily Democrat, publications 109.12
Dawn Holtkamp, Cust. Appreciation..... 16.49
Delta Dental, premiums117.76
Duffy Hudson, Edgar Allan Poe 375.00
Floorcrafters Carpet, Cleaning 202.00
Floyd's E-Z-Way ... 105.00
Great Western Supply Co., towels..... 122.86
Gregory Concrete Const., park bench pad... 1724.50
GRRWA, fees, waste service fee 432.00
Holtkamp Automotive, repairs..... 429.88
Ideal Ready Mix, park concrete..... 519.65
Immense Impact LLC, Website hosting.... 282.98
Lee County Floral, Sr. Crafternoon..... 150.00
LJ Neuweg Rental, June lease 65.00
Mastercard, Books, MS office, supplies..... 475.77
McFarland-Swan, office supplies 133.37
Mediacom, telephone112.98
MicroMarketing, LLC, books 38.23
Mississippi Valley Pump, Rep. pump/labor 7455.50
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Paul's Plumbing & Heating, gasket/labor ... 448.92
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Petty Cash, supplies & mailings 49.38
Pranger, Mary Jane, cleaning 132.00
Quadient Leasing USA, 3 mo. postage mtr.... 143.62
Ricoh USA, copier/supplies 270.92
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Sonny's Supermarket, batteries/lagoon 5.29
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SYNCB/Amazon, books, supplies 67.78
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Verizon Wireless, tough-book..... 120.03
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West Point Prof Group, lease 685.00
West Point Utilities, utilities 2650.20
Wex Bank, fuel 758.48
Windstream, telephone 193.54

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/s/ Paul Walker, Mayor
Attest: Randy Welding,
City Administrator

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON,
IOWA CITY COUNCIL
Meeting No. 11
June 6, 2022**

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Washington Street, with Mayor Billups, Council Members Critser and Maupin present. Council Member Graham-Murray participated via electronic communications. Council Member Rinker was absent.
**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
PROCLAMATION:
* Juneteenth Day - Fred Chandler & Rev Dial
COMMENTS FROM
AUDIENCE: None
CONSENT AGENDA:**

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To the Public:
All matters listed under Item I., Consent Agenda, having been discussed were considered to be routine by the City Council and were enacted by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.
Introduced By: Maupin
Seconded By: Critser
MOTION: To approve all items listed under Item I., Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Billups reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. He announced those individuals appointed to various City commissions and boards. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")
CARRIED

HEARINGS:
1. Statement: Consideration of CDBG: COVID-19 Grant Application for Public Spaces

COMMENTS: Jordan Frahm, Regional Planner with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission discussed the CDBG: COVID-19 Grant Application for Public Spaces with the City Council and the viewing audience. Items discussed were - Need For the Activities Was Identified: The City of Burlington can enhance the quality of public spaces in its downtown to bolster the impact of ongoing improvements and continued growth. The "alley activation" initiative aims to improve quality of life for residents and positively impact local businesses. How the Proposed Activity will be funded: Community Development Block Grant – COVID-19 Public Facilities/Public Spaces Program through the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Alliant Energy is providing in-kind funding for the relocation of overhead power lines, towers, etc.

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Date Application is Due:
The CDBG-COVID-19 application for Public Space has no due date, however the project must be completed July 20, 2023. Requested Amount of Federal Funds: City of Burlington will request \$500,000 from the Iowa Economic Development Authority Community Development Block Grant – COVID-19 Program for project costs. Federal Funds That Will Benefit Low-and Moderate-In-

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come Persons: At a minimum, 51% of the grant funds will benefit the Low-and Moderate-Income persons in the area where the project is located. The US Census Data for the City of Burlington indicates that 51.4% of the community is LMI. Where the Activity will be conducted: The project will

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take place in the community of Burlington located in Des Moines County. Minimize Displacement of Persons: During construction of the project, there should be no residents that will have to be displaced. Plans to Assist Persons Displaced: City of Burlington will adopt a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance agreement to comply with Community Development Block Grant requirements and will update as needed. Nature of the Proposed Activity: The project consists of the resurfacing of the alleyway between 3rd Street and 4th Street from Columbia Street south to the railroad near Market Street. At Jefferson Street, sections both north and south of the road will be transformed into an occupiable public space featuring outdoor furniture, light installations and public art. Regional Planner Frahm discussed the City of Burlington Housing Needs Assessment with the City Council and the

viewing audience. Items discussed included - Community Development and Housing Needs of LMI Persons: The median household income for the City of Burlington is 78% of the State of Iowa's median household income (\$45,841 per year, compared to \$58,580). Yet conversely, the City's median gross rent is 103% of the State's median gross rent (\$789 per month, compared to \$766). This comparative mismatch between income and rental prices puts many Burlington households at a serious disadvantage. In particular, it suggests that for those residents whose income does not permit them to purchase a home, their rental options are likely limited to the lowest quality units available. The City of Burlington has received numerous upper story grants over the years to provide affordable rental units to LMI persons. The City is also cracking down on landlords who allow their properties to fall into

disrepair. Down payment programs and grants are also a need for LMI persons in the community. With low incomes and high rents, residents in Burlington have trouble saving for down payments required by banks. These down payment programs provide opportunities for LMI persons to become homeowners.

The City's median home value for owner-occupied homes is 63% of the State's median home value (\$90,100, compared to \$142,300). Improving the current housing stock and getting these values higher is a great need in the community. LMI persons often find it hard to keep up with rehab items or general maintenance of their homes. The age of housing stock in the community also contributes to the need of repairs. Limited income and expensive monthly utilities result in limited funds available to reinvest in the property. Other Community Development and Housing Needs: With

the increasing age of Burlington's population the city is providing different housing opportunities for senior living. Cooperatives have been built and others are in the development stage. Market and affordable apartments are available in Burlington's downtown for seniors wanting to downsize. Condos are also available in downtown and throughout the community. Offering senior living also opens up single-family housing units to other residents through the sale of their current property. The City of Burlington's housing stock is much older than the rest of the state. 57% of the housing stock was built prior to 1939 compared to 31% for the State of Iowa. With this age a housing stock, preservation is important to the community. To encourage homeowners to invest in maintenance or remodeling in their home the City of Burlington offers real estate tax abatement for real property improvements

known as an Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption. Homeowners can get a three year 100% per year tax exemption or a 10 year sliding scale tax exemption. To encourage development the City may use tax increment finance districts to bridge financial gaps. Homeowners can also apply for tax abatement offered by the City. Homeowners can receive a three year 100% per year tax abatement or a 10 year sliding scale tax abatement. Planned or Potential Activities to Address Housing and Community Needs. In efforts to address these needs of LMI residents the City of Burlington offers a variety of programs. The City of Burlington is a member of the Great River Housing Trust Fund (GRHTF). This program allows for LMI homeowners to apply for rehab assistance with the (GRHTF). GRHTF was awarded an Affordable Housing Program available through the Federal Home Loan Bank to rehab 30 homes in the

region. These additional funds will allow more homeowners to receive assistance and to complete projects require more assistance than the GRHTF allows. Burlington has utilized rehab funds from Community Development Block Grants with the Iowa Economic Development Authority and continues to work with this program. Homeowners can also apply with Community Action of Southeast Iowa with their weatherization program. These programs assist LMI households with funds to help with deferred maintenance items or help with the energy efficiency of the home. The City of Burlington has received two HOME grants funded by the Iowa Finance Authority and will look at applying again in future years. GRHTF also offers down payment assistance to LMI persons. Burlington is trying to meet the demand for safe, sanitary, and affordable rental units. GRHTF allows for devel-

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opers to apply for funds to create upper story apartments. These funds are typically for smaller projects (4 units or less). Burlington currently has a couple Multi-Family New Construction projects in its downtown. These two projects will create 30 units, 51% of these units will be available to LMI persons. Several projects with market units are also planned for development. The City of Burlington is restarting a Neighborhood Revitalization Program where neighbors work together and can receive funds to help with exterior items such as porch repair, exterior lights, sidewalks, shutters, and doors. The City is working to implement an exterior improvement program that would focus on roofing and siding of owner-occupied homes to improve viability of homes and appearance of neighborhoods. The City of Burlington is looking into committing funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act on

a roof and siding program for LMI homeowners. The City of Burlington has a demolition program that provides funds to tear down homes that are beyond repair. The City works with developers or GRHTF to redevelop these lots. Infill development can save costs due to available infrastructure which keeps the overall redevelopment costs low. GRHTF is working with Southeastern Community College's construction trades program to build a single-family home on an infill lot and will explore this partnership on future projects. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.
 Introduced By: Maupin
 Seconded By: Critser
 Motion to Close CARRIED
 Introduced By: Maupin
 Seconded By: Critser
 Resolution Approving CDBG: COVID-19 Grant Application for Public Spaces
 DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")
ADOPTED
 2. Statement: Consideration of Plans and Specifications for 2022 Aspen Grove Stormwater Improvements Project
COMMENTS: Nick MacGregor, Assistant City Manager for Public Works stated that approximately 150 foot segment of undermine sewer pipe needs to be replaced. He stated that an agreement with Aspen Grove was approved last fall. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.
 Introduced By: Critser
 Seconded By: Maupin
 Motion to Close CARRIED
 Introduced By: Critser
 Seconded By: Maupin
 Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for 2022 Aspen Grove Stormwater Improvements Project
DISCUSSION: None.
 (VOTE: 4 - "AYES")
ADOPTED
RESOLUTION:
 Introduced By: Billups

Seconded By: Maupin
 1. Resolution Approving Agreement for Engineering Services for the Flint River Trail Phase I Project
DISCUSSION: Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director stated that the agreement for engineering services with French-Reneker Associates, Inc. would include construction of a 10 foot wide concrete trail on the east side of Bluff Road from Cash Street to a point approximately 200 feet southeast of North 8th Street. He stated that the engineering design estimate is \$39,590.26. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.
 (VOTE: 4 - "AYES")
ADOPTED
 Adjournment: 6:06 p.m.
 Approved: June 20, 2022
 Katie Music, CMC Jon D. Billups
 City Clerk Mayor
 (See recording on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)
ITEM I.

Consent Agenda
FINANCES AND MISCELLANEOUS
 Minutes of Previous Meetings
 Payroll and City Claims
BEER, LIQUOR, WINE AND CIGARETTES
REPORTS AND BONDS
RESOLUTIONS:
 1. Resolution Approving Nuisance Abatements for Various Properties
 2. Resolution Approving Final Acceptance, Final Payment and Release of Retention Monies for the 2020 ADA Improvement Project
 3. Resolution of Support for Workforce Housing Tax Incentive Program Application by Merge Urban Development
 4. Resolution of Support for Workforce Housing Tax Incentive Program Application by Ales & Company, LLC
 5. Resolution Approving an Agreement with Art Guild of Burlington, Inc. and to Designate Such Agreement as a Public Purpose for FY2023
 6. Resolution Approving

an Agreement with the Capitol Theater Foundation and to Designate Such Agreement as a Public Purpose for FY2023
 7. Resolution Approving an Agreement with Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra and to Designate Such Agreement as a Public Purpose for FY2023
 8. Resolution Approving an Agreement with Burlington Municipal Band Foundation and to Designate Such Agreement as a Public Purpose for FY2023
SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: June 20, 2022
 1. Consideration of a Perpetual Easement Purchase Agreement between the City of Burlington and Interstate Power and Light Company
APPOINTMENTS:
 Civil Service Commission: Mary Saxton
 Low Rent Housing Board: Mike Mertens
 Parks Advisory Committee: Bill Dowell

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“That’s in the future,” Hoyer said. “Right now, funding is at about \$252,000 and we’re still doing fundraising. We have a fundraiser coming up at the Railroad soon.”



They don’t know what the total funding amount will be because some additional projects like a shelter house and additional walkways will also come from pickleball fundraising.

City crews have taken down a concrete restroom and dilapidated shelter house, and removed several trees in the park to make room for the expanded footprint that will allow for all six courts.

AMANDUS

Board member Donna Amandus said construction could start very quickly after the board signs the contract. She hopes by the end of summer to have work started for fall weather playing.

“This will be come out and play for a while, we’ll get things organized eventually, but it’s going to be a great asset to the community,” she said.

“We love that Keokuk has them and we love that Mt. Pleasant has them and we’re all going to play together,” Amandus said.

She said local players at the YMCA have almost doubled since the city moved forward with the projects.

Crusaders split Friday doubleheader with MP

CRUSADERS - Continued from Page 4

out to center for the first out, but then two errors loaded the bases.

Hellige needed five pitches to fan Morris and then a ground out ended the affair.

On Friday, the Crusaders had a rare doubleheader with the Panthers. Hellige gave up 15 runs just four earned on 13 hits, while fanning three.

The Crusaders trailed by just two runs 11-9 going into the seventh inning. Mt. Pleasant started with two singles. A passed ball allowed both runners to move up a bag. An infield error allowed one run to score making it 12-9 and then Jersey Beachy lined a double to center scoring two more for a 14-9 lead.

HTC would get the next two batters in order, but a wild pitch allowed Beach to score for a 15-9 lead.

Hellige popped out to center to start the bottom of the seventh, before Brooke Mueller singled, Box drew a walk, and DiPrima singled to load the bases with one out. Rachel Menke then walked after working the count full to score Mueller for a 15-10 score and bring the tying run to the plate.

After a Panther pitching change, Laura Mehmert fanned and Meierotto grounded out to short to end the rally and the game.

The Crusaders started strong in the night cap putting up five runs all with two outs in the first inning highlighted by doubles from Hellige and DiPrima. DiPrima drove in two with her shot to center. HTC would add a run in the second when Sobczak was hit by a pitch and then stole second and third, and came around on a throwing error to third.

The Panthers got on the board in the bottom of the third with an unearned run. Holy Trinity responded with a run in the bottom half when DiPrima scored on a wild pitch.

Two errors and two hits had the Crusaders in trouble in the top of the fourth. One of the errors resulted in a two runs coming in to cut the lead to 7-3 and then Ella McNamee lined a double to left scoring another run for the Panthers before HTC could record an out.

But the Crusaders tightened up the defense and got the next three of four Mt. Pleasant hitters out to get out of the inning with a 7-4 lead.

Mt. Pleasant held the Crusaders scoreless in the bottom of the fourth and then put another run on the board in to the top of the fifth when Bethany Drury swiped home on a double steal to cut the lead to two at 7-5. But both pitchers would hold clean innings the rest of the way to give HTC the win.

Hellige went all seven innings allowing just one earned run on 11 hits and striking out one. She had two hits and a run scored. DiPrima went 2 of 3 with 2 RBI and 2 runs scored. Box had two hits and an RBI and Meierotto had a hit and two RBI.

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