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Graber wants state to help EMS

HOSPITAL CLOSED: State Rep, county officials working on funding solutions

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Local officials are looking into possible funding streams at local and state levels to help offset what could be a \$1 million shortfall in the Lee County Ambulance service.

The ambulance service is expecting a large demand with the closure of the Blessing Keokuk Hospital effective Friday morning at 7 a.m.

State Rep. Martin Graber said Thursday that he's been working on the issue with the Governor's office and is hoping to garner some support for the county's situation from the state's remaining ARPA funds.



GRABER

"Everybody's working on this. I'm looking at it. (Sen.) Jeff (Reichman) is looking at it, the county's looking at it," Graber said.

"Obviously it would've been better if we'd had more notice, but the right people are working on it and it's gonna take some time. But I've told them we need to get something done before the election."

Lee County Supervisor Garry Seyb has calculated the closure will cost the county close to \$1 million to set up and train additional staff, equip another rig, and get a facility in place to house the second ambulance.

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CONTEST

Kiwanis to seek out spookiest homes in city



BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Think you have the spookiest house on the block? Enter to find out!

The Fort Madison Kiwanis Club is hosting a Halloween House Decorating contest fundraiser where residents of Fort Madison can enter to win a prize for having the best decorated house! Fort Madison Kiwanis Club members will judge participants based on curb appeal, anything that can be seen from the street or sidewalk. The winner will receive a yard sign and \$50.

Enter your house in the contest for \$10, fill out the registration form found at tinyurl.com/fmhauntedhousecontest to register.

The Registration form includes instructions for submitting the registration fee which must be received by Saturday, October 15. Houses will be judged between Monday, October 17 and Saturday, October 22. Winners will be notified after Sunday, October 23. Judging will be done from outside the residence only, decorations need to be visible from the street and sidewalk.

Proceeds will help support the Fort Madison Kiwanis Club in their community efforts. The Fort Madison Kiwanis club provides college scholarships to seniors at Fort Madison and Holy Trinity High Schools. Recently Fort Madison Kiwanians have been focusing efforts on maintaining and improving Ivanhoe Park including helping with landscaping, cleaning up regularly during the spring and summer and adding a 9-hole disc golf course.

For additional information contact Sarah Clendining, sarahclen@gmail.com, (319) 561-0056.

BLOODHOUND PREVIEW

No. 10 Hounds not looking past Clinton



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison senior Daniel Sokolik chases down Mt. Pleasant's Jacob Richtman last week in a 46-0 win. This week the No. 10 Bloodhounds travel to Clinton to take on Addison Binnie and the River Kings.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Senior Addison Binnie has accounted for almost 70% of Clinton's offense this year, but the Bloodhounds aren't looking at a one-dimensional team.

Head Coach Derek Doherty said

during the Pen City Current preview show Wednesday that Clinton is an explosive team that plays in a tough conference.

The Hounds take on Clinton at Coan Field on Friday starting at 7:30 p.m.

"They run a lot of dual threat stuff that we also run, but this is the first time we've seen somebody live doing

it," he said.

"This guy is dangerous, he's proven that he can get it done in the air and on the ground and that's a whole other animal for us to attack."

Binnie has thrown for 557 yards and rushed for another 737 on the season

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FRI 30 Sep.....Sunny and warm, 71° F/ 45° F
 SAT 01 Oct.....Sunny and warm, 71° F/ 48° F
 SUN 02 Oct.....Sunny and warm, 71° F/ 46° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 09/28.....13 38 39 44 45, Star Ball: 6 All Star Bonus: 3
 LUCKY FOR LIFE 09/28.....2 4 25 44 46, Lucky Ball: 13
 PICK 3 09/28 MIDDAY.....9 5 6
 PICK 3 09/28 EVENING.....0 3 7
 PICK 4 09/28 MIDDAY.....0 9 4 2
 PICK 4 09/28 EVENING.....4 7 2 1
 POWERBALL 09/28.....6 10 24 33 67, Powerball: 11 Power Play: 3

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Education News/Iowa News

Reynolds to join lawsuit against student debt rule

DES MOINES -- Today, Governor Kim Reynolds and five other states filed a challenge to the Biden Administration's mass debt cancellation in federal court in Missouri. Today's challenge asks the Court for an immediate temporary restraining order to pause the program because the Biden Administration has indicated it will start canceling loan balances as early as next week.

"A significant majority of Americans have already paid off their student loans or chose not to pursue a higher education degree at all," said Gov. Reynolds. "By forcing them to pay for other people's loans – regardless of income – President Biden's mass debt cancellation punishes these Americans and belittles the path they chose. This expensive, unlawful plan is an insult to working people and must be stopped."

Determined to pursue across-the-board debt cancellation and stymied by repeated failures to achieve that goal through legislation, the Biden Administration has resorted to the now-concluded COVID-19 pandemic and a federal law that applies in the context of military operations or national emergencies as its justification for taking this dramatic action. No statute permits President Biden to unilaterally relieve millions of individuals from their obligation to pay loans they voluntarily assumed.

This burden of economic loss will do little to benefit the working class and the poor. It is fundamentally unfair for those who can least afford it to provide through their tax dollars relief to the well-off who can afford to pay their own loans.

States joining in the filing include Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Carolina.



The Central Lee Ag-Ed/FFA Ag-Ed II classes participated in a soil judging event recently. Important aspects of soil were studied in the classroom and those activities were brought to life with hands-on learning in the field. Front(L-R)Ben Foreman, Kamryn Cox, Sydnie Larson. Back(L-R) Owen Krogmeier, Kegan Damico, Ostyn Moore, Kodi Moeller, and Kylie Fortune.

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The Central Lee FFA hosted a Farm Strong event in cooperation with the Lee County Farm Bureau recently at a home football game. The group expressed the importance of agriculture in Lee County through quizzes and games. (L-R) Bella Graham-Thomas, Kylie Fortune, Makayla Howard, Aubree Boyd, Sidney Gruntmeir, Jalyn Hawk, and Kodi Moeller.

ISU extension host ROW clinic

DONNELLSON – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Lee County office will host an Forest, Aquatic, and Right-of-Way Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is Lee County Extension Office, 414 North Main Street, Donnellson. Preregistration may be required and walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$35 on or before Oct. 12 and \$45 after Oct. 12. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact

Whitney Weisinger at the ISU Extension and Outreach Lee County office at 319-835-5116.

The course will provide continuing instruction credits for commercial and public pesticide applicators certified in categories 2 (Forest Pest Control), 5 (Aquatic Pest Control), and 6 (Right-of-Way Pest Control). Topics to be covered are: pesticide use and the environment, pesticide labels and comprehension, including restricted entry interval and preharvest interval, when applicable, and category-specific pests, pest management and pesticides.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered through the PSEP Program can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP.

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For the Record/Local News

SOS Pate pushes Voter Ready initiative

DES MOINES - Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate continues his 'Voter Ready' outreach initiative by unveiling a fresh, updated website ahead of the November 8 general election. VoterReady.Iowa.gov is a one-stop shop for Iowa voters. They can register to vote, download an absentee ballot request form, track the status of their request, look up their polling place, and find important dates and deadlines for the election all in one place.

"I encourage all Iowans to have a plan for casting their ballot and VoterReady.Iowa.gov is the place to go to develop that plan," Secretary Pate said. "The November 8 general election is less than six weeks away and voters are already requesting their absentee ballots. Let's keep Iowa's great track record of being one of the best states in the nation for voter participation."

As National Voter Registration Month comes to a close, it's a great time to visit the site and make sure you are registered to vote. It's also a great opportunity to ensure your voter registration contains the most

up-to-date information.

The 'Voter Ready' educational initiative is designed to ensure all eligible Iowans are prepared for Election Day. It launched ahead of the 2018 election. Since that time, Iowans have broken turnout records four times in statewide elections.

"This website is being promoted through various means including partnering with Iowa's college football coaches and athletic departments, as well as TV, radio, print, social media, and digital ads," Secretary Pate said. "These next six weeks will include a tremendous effort by my office to get every voter the information they need to cast a ballot for the November 8 general election."

Secretary Pate's free, customizable media toolkit is available to any group or organization interested in helping Iowans participate in elections. The toolkit includes infographics and proposed verbiage to use in social media posts and timely information in newsletters for organizations to utilize. To receive this toolkit or to get on the outreach list, email sos@sos.iowa.gov.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/28/22 - 10:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Alexis Taylor Pfeiff, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue G, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/28/22 - 1:49 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Travis Scott Peel, 23, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue D, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/28/22 - 3:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Brice Turner, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue E, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/28/22 - 11:54 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrea Jean Hoenig, 38, of Fort Madison in the

2300 block of 263rd Avenue, on charges of drug stamp violations, interference with official acts, drug trafficking, registration violation, no insurance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of controlled substances. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/28/22 - 2:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Shannon Paul Bleything, 53, of Burlington in the 200 block of 3rd Street, on a charge of trespassing. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/28/22 - 7:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Ashley Marie Bomia, 35, of West Burlington in the 1900 block of Hwy. 27, on a charge of OWI-1st offense. She was released on a promise to appear.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

YMCA to hold Trunk or Treat on Oct. 28

FORT MADISON - On Friday, October 28th, the Fort Madison Family YMCA will be hosting their 6th annual Trunk or Treat. This family friendly event allows children (under parent supervision) to trick-or-treat in a unique way. Businesses, like you, have a great opportunity to reserve a space to participate in this event. Fee is \$25/per decorated vehicle. Vehicles, provided by the businesses and organizations, will be strategically placed throughout the Fort Madison Family YMCA's parking lot. To create this fun and festive environment, we request you decorate either your trunk or the entire vehicle with a Halloween theme of your choice!

Please submit completed registration by Friday, October 14th via email to Program Director, Kaylin Featheringill at kaylin.featheringill@fortmadison.org, via fax: 319-372-7488, or mail to:

Fort Madison Family YMCA
C/O 2021 Trunk or Treat
220 26th Street
Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

Please note: All tables, chairs, decorations, candy, and all other necessities must be provided by the participating business/ organization. Participants are encouraged to dress up and decorate vehicle trunks.

Vehicles must be in place by 4:30pm and completely decorated by 4:45pm as lines begin to form early.

Lee County GOP to hold Measure #1 event

KEOKUK - The Lee County Republicans, with support from Iowa Firearms Coalition, will be hosting an information meeting on Public Measure #1. The forum will be held on October 6th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Pilot Grove Meeting Room at 605 Main Street in Keokuk, Iowa, 52632. Public Measure #1, also called "The Right to Keep and Bear Arms Act," is a November 8th ballot measure to add Second Amendment Rights to the Iowa Constitution. The information meeting will be presented by David Funk, president of the Iowa Firearms Coalition.

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Lee County EMS is now accepting applications for full-time EMT Trainees. We are a county owned and operated ambulance service providing emergency medical services to Lee County, Iowa as well as critical care transport services. Our primary full-time schedule is based on two 24-hour shifts per week rotation with five days off in a row every third week!

Starting EMT wage, \$48,580 per year based on a 48-hour full-time work week. 2% wage increases annually for three years. 20 cents per hour increase for every year of EMS experience after your first year. Benefit package includes paid Vacation, Personal days, Sick and Family Sick days! Health insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield (80/20 plan), chiropractic, prescription plan, annual wellness, vision, dental, life, protection class IPERS, optional 401K, Aflac, Lee County Credit Union. Annual uniform allowance provided. In house continuing education provided.

EMT Trainee Qualifications:
• High School Diploma (GED or High School Equivalence Certificate)
• Valid Driver's License/insurable

Applicants must be eligible to work in the U.S. Veterans will be given preference but all candidates will be considered. Applications and job descriptions may be found online at www.leecounty.org and may be also obtained at the Lee County Auditor's Office, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison Iowa. You may also email jasondinwiddie@leecounty.org for an application or more information. Applications accepted through October 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Complete background check, drug screening and post-offer physical required. Lee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please email completed applications to:
Dennis Cosby, EMS Director
dcosby@leecounty.org
Jason Dinwiddie,
Director of Operations
jasondinwiddie@leecounty.org



PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2022
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on September 15, 2022 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were five council members present, one vacant & three absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Linda Altheide, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Roslyn Garcia, John Helenthal, and Steve Andrews were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, and Sewer Dept. Manager Michael Clark.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of events going on in Keokuk and surrounding area.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: James Rouner informed of areas lacking wheelchair accessibility around town as well as lack of handicapped parking at City Hall. Dan Winn spoke many issues have come up in the city, but we need to unite to solve them. Ray Bradley addressed problems occurring at Great River Regional Waste Authority transfer station and his inability to dump waste in a timely manner.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of September 1, 2022;

- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for August 2022;

- Special Event Permit for Crossview Church, 1807 Hight Street, Firework Display @ Rand Park, Sunday September 18, 2022 – 11 a.m.;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5295-5296;

OLD BUSINESS:
Motion to remove from table a motion to approve the initial reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018, granting to Interstate Power

& Light Company, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric system in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the city and its inhabitants and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the city. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:
Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 122-2022: "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STRATEGIC PRIORITY GOALS." (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Altheide to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 123-2022: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1815 ESTES STREET." (5) AYES, (0) NAYS.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 124-2022: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL AND APPROVING SEIRPC TO UPDATE TITLE 20, ZONING ORDINANCE." (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 125-2022: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING BID FOR UNION DEPOT RESTORATION PROJECT BID & QUOTES." (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Resignation of Lee Ann Smith and Dave Jones from the Historic Preservation Commission, 3-year terms to expire 9/1/23 & 9/1/25 respectively.

Resignation of Dan Tillman from the Civil Service Commission, 6-year term to expire 4/1/24. Motion made by Greenwald, second by Tillman. (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Second notification for Bob McDowell and Janet Linder to Airport Commission, 6-year terms to expire 10/20/2028 & 10/22/28 respectively.

Second notification for Doug Bartholomew and

Damon Cackley to Rand Park Pavilion Commission, 5-year term to expire 10/22/2027.

First notification for Jason James to Rand Park Pavilion Commission, 5-year term to expire 10/22/2025.

STAFF REPORTS: O'Donnell informed a bearing in need of replacement on swinging bridge, council approved Helenthal to order, with formal purchase approval to follow. Updated on unresolved issues regarding ADM consent order; details on future of establishing emergent care in Keokuk; and ambulance service.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Altheide to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE
MT. PLEASANT
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2022

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 307 East Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the roll being called there were present Steven K. Brimhall in the Chair and the following named Councilmembers-

Present: Engberg, Crull, McWilliams, White, Griffith, Batty
Absent:

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council approves the following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote: the minutes of the July 27, 2022, City Council meeting;

the payment of bills totaling \$490,504.53;

the report of officers.

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember White moved and Councilmember Engberg seconded that the Council approve the agenda as printed.

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council read for the third time, adopt and assign ordinance #1398:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE AND THE ZON-

ING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, TO REGULATE DEVELOPMENT IN FLOODPLAINS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 19.14 ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS, BOUNDARIES AND OFFICIAL MAP", BY ADDING CHAPTER 19.15A ENTITLED "FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT (OVERLAY) DISTRICT", AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL FEES AND CHARGES" TO ESTABLISH A FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FEE:

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Crull that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-64:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF UTILITY EASEMENTS TO BE ACQUIRED FROM ACCESS ENERGY COOPERATIVE AND FRA TCO

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Bond Counsel Engagement Agreements for the modification of contractual terms of Resolution No. 2012-17 and for NTE \$4,020,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes. Motion carried, 6-0.

5:35 p.m. A public hearing was held as advertised on the modification of certain contractual terms included in Resolution No. 2012-17. 5:37 Councilmember Crull moved and Councilmember McWilliams seconded that the hearing close. No oral or written arguments were recorded. Motion carried, 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-65:

RESOLUTION MODIFYING CERTAIN CONTRACTUAL TERMS INCLUDED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2012-17

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-66:

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,020,000 SEWER REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, STATE OF IOWA, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

5:39 p.m. Public hearing was held as advertised on the proposal to abandon reversion rights and to obtain right of first refusal rights in lieu thereof of property located at 200 N. Main Street. 5:42 p.m. Councilmember Crull moved and Councilmember McWilliams seconded that the hearing close. No oral or written arguments were recorded. Motion carried, 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-67:

RESOLUTION WAIVING AND ABANDONING REVERSIONARY RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS RESERVED IN WARRANTY DEED PREVIOUSLY DELIVERED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT TO SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN RETURN FOR AN AGREEMENT REGARDING A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-68:

RESOLUTION ORDERING BIDS; APPROVING PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS, PLANS, CONTRACT

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-69:

RESOLUTION ORDERING BIDS; APPROVING PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS, PLANS, CONTRACT

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AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS; FIXING AMOUNT OF BID SECURITY AND ORDERING THE CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF FIXING THE DATE FOR RECEIVING BID; AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED COSTS FOR BLUEGRASS ROAD EAST OF NORTH IRIS STREET IMPROVEMENTS-2022 DIVISION 1 AND DIVISION 2 IDOT PROJECT #RM-5292 (627)-9D-44 MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA 2022

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Engberg seconded that the Council approve the encroachment permit for the First United Methodist Church to install a retractable awning over the alley. Motion approved, 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council approve the encroachment permit for FRA TCO to install a sign in the right of way. Motion approved, 6-0.

Councilmember Batty moved and Councilmember Griffith seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-69:

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, TO PERMIT REGULATE CHICKENS KEPT AS AN ACCESSORY USE TO DWELLINGS:

Roll call vote 4-2. Engberg voted nay, McWilliams voted nay. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 5:48 p.m. to meet in regular session, Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

Steven K Brimhall, Mayor
ATTEST: Lori Davis, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MOUNT PLEASANT
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

AUGUST 24, 2022

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 307 East Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the roll being called there were present Steven K. Brimhall in the Chair and the following named Councilmembers-

Present: Engberg, Crull, McWilliams, White, Batty
Absent: Griffith

It was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council approves the following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote: the minutes of the August 10, 2022, City Council meeting;

the payment of bills totaling \$208,381.87;

the report of officers including the following: receipts for the month of July – \$61,043.01 General Fund; \$98,134.31 Road Use Tax; \$94,895.78 LOST; \$2,233.23 TIF; \$6,530.52 Debt Service; \$2,001,729.13 Capital Projects; \$242.00 Trust & Agency; \$29,559.50 Sewer Revenue Fund; \$12,196.00 Solid Waste; \$431.15 Library General Fund; \$202.35 Library Gift Fund.

And the following disbursements for the month of July – \$457,500.46 General Fund; \$132,924.52 Road Use Tax Fund; \$26,250.00 Debt Service; \$48,571.69 Sewer Plant Improvement; \$560,229.12 Capital Projects; \$73.60 Trust & Agency; \$80,056.32 Sewer Operation & Maintenance; \$118,265.32 Covid Relief Fund; \$48,967.74 Solid Waste; \$40,306.75 Library General Fund; \$4,603.29 Library Gift Fund; \$9.76 Library Worthington Fund.

Resolution No. 2022-70 including the following transfers for July-

\$29,862 from General Fund to Library General Fund, Purpose: 1/12th of FYE23 budget annual allocation for Mt. Pleasant Public Library expenses. \$75,000 from Sewer Revenue Fund to Sewer Operation & Maintenance Fund, Purpose: to reimburse the operating fund for current month expenses. \$92,834 from Sewer Revenue Fund to Sewer Sinking Fund, Purpose:

1/12th of FYE23 annual Sewer Revenue Bonds/ SRF Loan interest & principal payments;

the renewal of a Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales and Catering for Sodexo Operations, LLC at Iowa Wesleyan University at 601 North Main Street;

the renewal of a Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service for St Alphonsus Church at 607 South Jackson Street.

Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Fratco submitted an application for zone change to expand their property. The Council will send to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilmember McWilliams moved and Councilmember White seconded that the Council approve the agenda as printed.

Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

5:31 p.m. A public hearing was held as advertised on the authorization of a loan disbursement agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. 5:33 p.m. Councilmember Crull moved, and Councilmember McWilliams seconded that the hearing close. No oral or written arguments were recorded. Motion carried, 5-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-71:

RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,020,000 SEWER REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-72:

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER TREASURY REGULATION 1.150-2 TO ISSUE DEBT TO REIMBURSE THE

CITY FOR CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES PAID IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIED PROJECTS

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

5:35 p.m. A public hearing was held as advertised on a proposed ordinance to allow and regulate backyard chickens. Chris Young spoke in favor of the ordinance, replying to concerns of chickens getting loose and that they are no different than cats or dogs that run at large. Crystal Graves spoke in favor of the ordinance being beneficial for children interested in 4H and FAA and providing eggs. Kyle Benacka spoke to Council against the ordinance and said if ordinance is approved there should be additional forms of security to assist if chickens are at large. Councilmember Crull suggested the ordinance limit chickens to AR districts. Councilmember White asked Jack Swarm, Building and Zoning Administrator to read the ordinance to the public. 5:42 Councilmember Batty motioned for public hearing to close and Councilmember White seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull that the Council table the ordinance and send it back to the ordinance committee for further discussion. There was no second. Motion denied.

It was moved by Councilmember Batty and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council read for the first time the following ordinance

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA,

APPENDIX D, AND THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT PLEASANT IOWA, CHAPTERS 4 AND 1, TO PERMIT, LIMIT, AND REGULATE THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN THE CITY:

Roll call vote 2-3. Crull-nay, Engberg-nay, McWilliams-nay. Motion denied.

5:50 p.m. A public hearing was held as advertised for the proposed plans and specs for Bluegrass Road Project. 5:52 p.m. Councilmember Crull moved, and Councilmember McWilliams seconded that the hearing close. No oral or written arguments were recorded. Motion carried, 5-0.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-73:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND BOND FOR PROPOSED COSTS OF BLUEGRASS ROAD EAST OF NORTH IRIS STREET IMPROVEMENTS-2022 DIVISION 1 AND DIVISION 2 IDOT PROJECT #RM-5292 (627)-9D MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA 2022

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Councilmember Batty moved and Councilmember McWilliams seconded that the Council approve Change Order #2 for the Madison Street Project which results in an \$11,690.80 decrease in contract price due to the amount of concrete and flags needed to complete sidewalks. Motion approved, 5-0.

It was moved by

Councilmember Engberg and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign an Engineering Service Agreement with Warner Engineering Services for West Henry Street Project. Motion approved, 5-0.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No 2022-74:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JARED J. WALKER AS A FIRE FIGHTER WITH THE MOUNT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Public Forum – Warren Messer requested the 4-way stop at Washington and Marion be permanent.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember Crull that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:07 p.m. to meet in regular session, Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

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From the Front

Hounds to count on balance and maturity

RIVER KINGS - Continued from Page 1

accounting for 15 of the River Kings' 20 offensive scores.

But Fort Madison rolled out a new defensive front last week against Mt. Pleasant going with just one defensive down lineman and was able to shut down the Panthers' Jacob Richtman who was leading the state in passing.

"We wanted to mix some things up. So Coach (Jason) Crooks and staff came up with a good game plan. When I came over for team defense, I had no idea what we were lined up in. I'm going what in the heck..., but that's Coach Crooks at his best," he said.

The other threats for Clinton is senior Ajia Russell who's averaging just under six yards per carry with about 300 yards on the year. Junior JhiKieth McGraw is an explosive receiver averaging almost 30 yards a catch at 282 yards on the year with a 21-yard touchdown.

Binnie is also the leader in tackles for Clinton with 22.5, but getting those at the safety position says ball carriers are getting into the softer layers of the defense.

That could bode well for Bloodhound junior tailback Teague Smith who had a career night Friday against the Panthers. Smith rushed for 115 yards and two scores on just 12 carries last week.

Doherty said that could signal a change in Smith's approach to the game.

"He just gets better every single day. That's how he lives his life. He's very serious about the things he does. He's a student of the game and he takes coaching extremely well," Doherty said.

"You better be prepared to stay late if Teague's around. He will ask his questions and get all his answers. Yes, he's making different cuts now and seeing things a bit broader instead of the tunnel vision of the guy in front he needs to run over."

The Hounds' passing attack is also helping transition the run game. Senior Quarterback Aidan Boyer has thrown for more than 850 yards and 11 scores against just one pick.

But he has three receivers with more than 200 yards and Leif Boeding has over 300 with an 86-yard touchdown catch and run Friday night.

Doherty said Boyer is working with good football speed on the field.

"We don't have the Tate Johnson state track speed per se, but we have good football speed out there," he said.

"Those guys are fast and we don't have stats on it because they're soccer players and they've been out there making things happen on that field. There's a difference between speed and football speed, but they make the cuts in these other sports and it's transitioning every well."

The Hounds come into the game ranked 10th in the last AP coaches' poll and the Des Moines Register has them as high as 7th in the state in 4A.

Doherty said it's a number next to a name and it doesn't win football games.

"We have the conversations. Our most recent past experience where we crept into the rankings last year. What did that get us, we went on an 0-3 skid. I'm not saying that was the problem, but our message to our guys is that number next to the name doesn't mean anything," he said.

"It's somebody's opinion and it doesn't win you games. At the same time you don't discredit the work and let them know that other people are recognizing the good work.

"You think North Scott cares about a number next to our name? You and I know the answer to that."

For those not making the trip to Clinton, the game can be seen livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/7G0qDHFm5A> with the Pen City Current Pregame at approximately 7 p.m.



County looking to state, federal agencies for help

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All emergency calls will now likely be routed for Fort Madison or possibly Burlington. Fort Madison's Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center campus is the most likely place for emergency transports as it will leave Lee County ambulances in the county for any other calls.

The county is trying to set up a system where paramedics would run in rapid response vehicles to higher level traumas and emergencies that require the advanced life support. If a transport that requires a paramedic on board occurs, the paramedic would get in the ambulance and one of the two EMTs assigned to the ambulance would follow in the rapid response vehicle.

Then the paramedic would return to that vehicle after the patient is stabilized at an emergency room facility.

The plan then allows EMTs to be in the ambulances and higher level life support paramedics would be mobile in the county.

County officials had hoped that Blessing Hospital would contribute to the ambulance service either up front or on an ongoing basis until an emergency facility could reopen in Keokuk. However, Blessing officials have since backed away from any commitment to the county.

"I think they've picked up anchor and are sailing away," Graber said.

In 2013 and 2014 county supervisors approved contributing a combined \$203,000 to Keokuk Area Hospital when they were struggling financially.

Graber said the Rural Emergency Hospital legislation approved at the federal level is still getting language worked out and then it will be taken up by the state of Iowa. But that will take some time, so he hopes the governor's office will take a hard look at what the county is experiencing and offer some financial assistance.

County officials, including Grant Writer and ARPA Fund administrator Chuck Vandenberg and deputy auditor Sara Helenthal, are also working with the USDA on possible reimbursements for some of the new costs as part of an Emergency Rural Health Care grant program that still has funding from 2021.

Lee County would qualify for a 35% reimbursement rate according to federal officials. Keokuk, however, qualifies at a 55% reimbursement due to the low-middle income ratio of the city.

The county is considering purchasing a piece of property in Keokuk that could be renovated to house both ambulances and increased staff. Supervisors also approved the purchase of the rapid response vehicle and the hiring of nine additional staff at Monday's meeting.

The staff will add about \$775,000 in payroll and benefits annually. The vehicle is currently estimated at about \$55,000 and the property, if approved to purchase, would cost the county about \$300,000 including renovations and a new two-bay garage.

The real estate purchase could be in front of county supervisors Monday.

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