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Roquette gifts big to MSK



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These buildings on Main Street in Keokuk are being donated to Main Street Keokuk as part of a larger Roquette donation to the non profit.

BUILDINGS: Keokuk firm gives seven buildings and \$400K to Main Street

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK - Main Street Keokuk, Inc. has accepted a sizable donation from Roquette that includes seven downtown buildings and \$400,000. The gift will allow the downtown revitalization non-profit to move ahead in redeveloping the buildings, located in the 1100 block of Main Street, for commercial and residential use.

"This is a significant investment in downtown Keokuk," said Amy Hobb, Main Street board president. "We're grateful Roquette recognizes the value in these historic properties and trusts our organization to move this project forward."

"We saw how Main Street Keokuk, Inc., was dedicated to

the development and ongoing support of downtown," said Roquette Plant Manager Jennie Rose. "We decided to make this donation because Main Street Keokuk is so well suited to develop the property for the betterment of the Keokuk community."

Main Street Keokuk will utilize the funds provided by Roquette to stabilize the structures, abate hazardous materials such as lead and asbestos, and incentivize a developer who can see the project through to completion.

"We want these properties to be completely rehabilitated, fully occupied, generating income for business and property owners and the city," said Main Street board secretary, Josh

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COUNTY NEWS

County may divest some properties

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - County officials are going to take a closer at county properties and where some potential savings can be found.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisor's meeting, Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise brought up the issue as part of an agenda item to study county-owned properties and what they are costing and where the county could possibly divest

Fraise recommended establishing a committee made up of county employees Scott Edwards, Kirk Nafziger, Mark Kle-sner, Roslyn Garcia, Supervisor Tom Schulz, Cindy Renstrom, and Fraise, along with a representative of Farm Bureau.

Several county officials and employees met with members of Iowa Farm Bureau last week to discuss the EMS tax levy and how it will impact farmers. The EMS levy would increase property taxes by 75 cents/\$1,000 of assessed valuation. That measure will be in front of voters on March 7.

Chairman Garry Seyb said out of that 2-hour Farm Bureau meeting came the idea of evaluating county properties, including maintaining two courthouses.

"I attended the farm bureau meeting and one of the questions they had on their list was the idea of county properties that aren't on the tax rolls, but the county has to maintain and/or staff. Is there a way to consolidate those and why are we in the business of rentals or things like that.

Seyb said he thought that was a good question and started looking into county properties that could be potentially sold generating revenue for



FRAISE

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KEOKUK EMS

County moves forward with plans for Keokuk ambulance facility

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - County officials are moving forward with plans to construct a new ambulance bay in Keokuk.

During a workshop Monday with A.C. Contracting the board discussed the new structure and what it should entail.

Lee County EMS director Mark Long and

representatives of the company agreed to meet Monday afternoon to look at the current facility in Keokuk. Long said ultimately the current facility would need to be taken down, but he'd like to keep that base functional through the construction phase

"After that, I don't know that we'll need it, but that's something we can re-evaluate later," Long said.

"I have some concerns about the struc-

tural integrity of the current building. It certainly can be looked at, but if we're looking at something long-term, I don't think that's the way we want to go. If you shut the walk-in door by the garage, the entire wall shakes."

Board chairman Garry Seyb suggested that a steering committee be involved to

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

CAROLYN S. LIND

Carolyn Sue (Rentfro) Lind, 83, of Houghton, Iowa, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2023, at her home.

She was born on December 2, 1939, in Carbondale, Illinois, the daughter of Lowell Everett and Clara M. (Spiller Cannon) Rentfro. On June 27, 1959, she married Charles William Lind, Jr. in Maspeth, New York.



LIND

Survivors include her husband: Bill; children: Michael Rowdy Lind of Donnellson, Iowa, Katrina B. (Mike) Altenhofen of Washington, Iowa, Jason Cody (Kathy) Lind of Dayton, Ohio; special family friend: Betty Jo Kennedy of Farmington, Iowa; five grandchildren: Dustin Michael, Shamus Cody, Benjamin Altenhofen all of Washington, Iowa, Amber Grace and Dakoda James (Cody) Lind of Dayton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother: Kenneth Cannon; first cousin: Judith Metten Killian and many Spiller cousins.

Sue was raised a Southern Baptist and was baptized in Crab Orchard Lake in Carbondale, Illinois. She was a country girl at heart, as most of her youth and adult life, she lived in the country. She started her occupational history at age fourteen in Carbondale at the Dog N Suds as a carhop. After graduation from Personnel Airline training, she worked for Pan American Airlines in Queens, New York. Following her work in Queens, she became a travel agent in Belleville, Illinois and then went on to Donnellson Elementary School, in Donnellson, Iowa, as an aide and helped out at the Donnellson Library. Sue was a member of Sharon Presbyterian Church in Farmington, the Lee County Extension Youth Council, Lee County Fair Board and the Mt. Hamill Sunshine Coffee Club. She also was a 4-H leader for the Harrison Huskies Club. She loved her family reunion gatherings in southern Illinois, where she had forty-seven first cousins. Sue enjoyed being a part of Lind Suffolk Sheep, going to fairs, livestock shows and sales, wiener roasts with family and friends. Most of all, she cherished dancing the waltz with her partner in life - Billy.

A visitation begin at 12:00 noon, Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Katrina Bergman and Pastor Larry Shipley officiating.

Burial will be at Sharon Cemetery, rural Farmington, Iowa.

Memorials has been established in her memory for Lee County Hospice or Sharon Presbyterian Church.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

OBITUARIES

FRANCIS E. BOYLAN

Frances Elvera Boylan (née Fawley), of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Addington Place of Fort Madison on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at the age of 95.

Frances was born to the late Dorsey M. Fawley and Mabel E. Fawley (née McCartney), on December 13, 1927 in Cameron, WV. She was the second of three children including Gloria M. Duncan (née Fauley) and Lois A. Baker (née Fawley). She lived in several towns in West Virginia during her childhood, but her fondest memories were of living "at the farm" in Thornton, WV where many generations of her family have lived. Frances graduated from Grafton High School and went on to receive a degree in physical education and biology from Fairmont State University in Fairmont, WV. While at FSU, Frances was active in her sorority, theater, singing groups, and synchronized swimming.



BOYLAN

Frances married Clifford Boylan at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, WV on June 30, 1948. Though they knew each other in grade school and high school, it was after the crucible of WWII and Clifford's return from serving in the U. S. Navy, Pacific theater, that they were reunited at Fairmont State University and became engaged. They were married for 63 years.

Frances taught school, initially in a one-room school in the West Virginia countryside, but put aside her career to raise her five children, a job she often stated was her most important and rewarding. She and her husband, Clifford Boylan, lived in several towns in Michigan during their early family life, spending many enjoyable years in Manistee, MI where she was active in the community with the West Shore Community Hospital Guild, AAUW, Sweet Adelines, and substitute teaching. They moved to Fort Madison, IA in 1975 where she was active in Soroptimist International and church choir. In 1980 she and her husband opened Boylan's Slack Shack in Fort Madison, IA, a clothing store, as well as a shoe store, Boylan's Family Shoes, where Frances served as bookkeeper among other roles. When they retired from their retail business and moved to St Louis, MO, she chose to continue working as a bookkeeper at Quick Point. She recently returned to Fort Madison, IA to be closer to family.



Frances enjoyed her faith, oil and water color painting, travel, dancing (tap, ballroom, jitterbug, and disco), politics, and nature, finding fascination and inspiration for her paintings in clouds, rivers, lakes, rocks, trees, sunsets, and the scenery of her youth in West Virginia and later in Manistee, Michigan. As a biology teacher she loved bugs of any kind, but her favorite insects were butterflies, of which she had an extensive collection.

Frances is survived by a daughter: Penelope Jastrzab (née Boylan) of Tucson, AZ; sons: Philip Boylan of Fort Madison, IA, Douglas Boylan of Spokane, WA; sons-in-law: Philip Crull of Onkama, MI, Robert Jastrzab of Tucson, AZ; grandchildren: Trenton (Emily) Crull of Beulah, MI, Andrea Jastrzab of Tucson, AZ, Laura (Richard) Jastrzab Binney of Llanfairfechan, Wales, UK, Rebecca (Frank Juliano) Jastrzab of Tucson, AZ, Lucas (Cortney) Boylan of West Point, IA, Andrew Boylan, Zachary Boylan of Price, UT, Megan (Conlee) Luke of Spanish Fork, UT, Lauren Boylan of Kalispell, MT; and great-grandchildren: Audrey Jastrzab Binney, Cadence Jastrzab-Juliano, Franklin Jastrzab-Juliano, Cooper Boylan, Brody Boylan, Jordan Luke, Easton Luke, Conner Luke.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters; her husband: Clifford Boylan; daughter: Deborah Crull (née Boylan); and son: William Boylan.

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

According to her wishes, no formal service is planned at this time.

A private burial will be held at Grafton National Cemetery in Grafton, West Virginia, at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her memory for the Alzheimer Association and can be mailed to Schmitz Funeral Home, P.O. 22, West Point, Iowa 52656.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Obituaries/ For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

02/23/23 - 9:48 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 13th Street and Avenue H.

02/23/23 - 11:20 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue D.

02/23/23 - 4:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested John Charles Arthur, 58, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for pretrial release violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/24/23 - 1:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Aneika Shatterah Forrest, 25, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue M, on a charge of driving under suspension.

02/24/23 - 2:19 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joshua Edwin James Hartman, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of 21st Street, on a warrant for failure to appear - 1st offense possession. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/24/23 - 11:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kyle Louis Hensley, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue B, on a charge of 1st degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/25/23 - 2:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

02/26/23 - 12:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Cameron Joel Rudd, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of child endangerment. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released.

02/26/23 - 9:28 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Anthony Leroy Bernard, 33, of Donnellson, at the intersection of 40th Street and Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred.

Lee County Sheriff Report

02/23/23 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

02/24/23 - 11:43 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident on Hwy. 27 N. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Christopher Daniel Johnson, 45, of Mt. Pleasant,

was traveling on Hwy. 27 when the driver lost control due to weather conditions and struck the bridge barrier. No injuries or citations were reported. The vehicle sustained approx. \$1,500 in damage and was towed from the scene.

02/25/23 - 2:03 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 S. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Ryan Preston Zetterlund, 26, of Keokuk, was traveling south on Hwy. 61 when it struck the Bluff Road overpass barrier. No injuries were reported. The vehicle sustained approx. \$1,500 in damages and had to be towed from the scene. Zetterlund was arrested for OWI.

02/25/23 - 3:35 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Ryan Preston Zetterlund, 26, of Keokuk, in the 2300 block of Hwy. 61, Fort Madison, on charges of 1st offense OWI and failure to maintain control. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

02/25/23 - 5:33 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident at the intersection of Johnson St. Rd. and Valley Rd. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Sidney Wayne Salter, 77, of Keokuk, was traveling south on Valley Road, approaching Johnson St. Rd. when it left the roadway, entered the ditch, and landed on its top. No injuries or citations were reported. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

02/25/23 - 7:27 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kelsie Alexis Miller, 29, of Montrose, in the 3100 block of 223rd Avenue, Keokuk, on a charge of public intoxication. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after paying a fine.

02/25/23 - 8:00 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Justin Reed Miller, 31, of Montrose, in the 3100 block of 223rd Avenue, Keokuk, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after paying a fine.

02/26/23 - 3:39 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested John Eugene Land, Jr., 41, of Keokuk, at the South Lee

County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

02/26/23 - 7:35 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Dominique Garcia, 40, of Fort Madison, on charges of public intoxication, interference with official acts, assault law officer/others - no injuries, and disorderly conduct - loud noise. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/26/23 - 7:35 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Chanel Nicolette Hardeeman, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of Reve Court, on charges of interference with official acts, public intoxication, and disorderly conduct - loud noise. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

02/24/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls and one carbon monoxide alarm.

02/25/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call, one garage fire, and one lift assist.

02/26/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.

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

OBITUARIES

LONNIE J. McCARTY

Lonnie J. McCarty, 58, of Keokuk, died Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

He was born November 2, 1964, the son of Charles R. and Bernice E. Jones McCarty in Keokuk, IA.



McCARTY

Lonnie had been employed by the Local 1260 Carpenter's Union for the last nine years. Prior to that, he was the owner and operator of Mississippi Valley Siding, Windows and Roofing in Keokuk.

He was a member of the Local Carpenter's Union 1260.

Lonnie enjoyed spending time outside working, hunting arrowheads and mushrooms and riding his motorcycle. He also enjoyed boating, flying planes and driving race cars. Most of all, Lonnie treasured the time he spent with his family. He loved them deeply and was proud of all of them. He was generous with his time and talents and was an avid supporter of the Keokuk Kids Wrestling Club for many years. He was a friend to many and will be missed.

He is survived by his children, Timothy Joseph McCarty of Keokuk, Whitney McCarty of Keokuk, Tyler McCarty of Ionia, MI, Danielle Hambleton (Joe) of Keokuk, Samantha McCarty of Keokuk, Dillan J. McCarty of Keokuk, Sean McCarty of Keokuk and Chloe McCarty of Keokuk and fourteen grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Debbie Jinkens (Rick) of Wayland, MO and two brothers, Robert McCarty (Renee) of Keokuk and Larry McCarty (Eveline) of Camas, WA and lifelong friend, Carol Calhoun.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Lonnie McCarty, Jr. and Tony McCarty, one grandson, Ethan Morgan and one brother, Richard Dick McCarty.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Derek Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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Sports/Education News

Kruse named co-player of the year in Southeast Conference

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - Camille Kruse is finding postseason recognition after completing her record-setting girls basketball career at Fort Madison High School.

Kruse was named the Southeast Conference's co-player of the year along with Mount Pleasant's Andrea Lopreato. She was also named to the IGCA's All-District teams, along with Holy Trinity's Mary Kate Bendlage and Central Lee's Makayla Morrison.

Kruse, also a first-team all-conference selection, finished as the only Bloodhound girls basketball player to top the 1,000-point career milestone. She started all 23 games this season, averaging 17.7 points. She led Fort Madison with 102 assists and 102 steals, and was second on the team with 133 rebounds.

Kruse was named to the Southeast District's Class 4A team. Bendlage was named to the Class 1A team, and Morrison was named to the 3A team.

Bendlage, a junior who missed the first three weeks of the season with a knee injury, averaged 23.9 points and 4.5 rebounds. She was a 42.1 percent shooter from the field, 31.1 percent in 3-pointers.

Morrison, a senior, averaged 15.5 points for the Hawks. She was second on the team with 117 rebounds and led Central Lee with 64 assists and 43 steals.

Fort Madison's Molly Knipe was a second-team all-conference selection. Knipe averaged five points per game, but led the Bloodhounds with 176 rebounds.



Fort Madison's Camille Kruse was named Co-player of the year for the Southeast Conference.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Central Lee FFA served more than 450 parents, community supporters, and teachers at the annual National FFA week breakfast held recently. Over 75 FFA members began cooking at 5:30AM for the annual event which took place in the Agricultural Annex on the Central Lee campus. Central Lee 2nd graders were treated to the breakfast as well. Pictured (L-R): Jerry McCarty, Janice McCarty, Makayla Morrison (chapter President), Mya Lampe (Vice-President), Trevor Edwards, Karlie Pohren, Audrey Sturdivant, Jayden Mueller, Charlie Clay, and Lily Smith. #CTEworksforCL

County eyeing senior centers, courthouses

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county coffers.

Fraise said they would look at Newberry and Heritage Senior Centers, the county's two courthouses, and properties the county owns that are rented to low-income families through Housing Administrations. The county owns Lincoln Ridge and two sets of apartments in Keokuk, as well as several units in Fort Madison that the Fort Madison Housing Authority manages for them.

The County Attorney's building in Fort Madison is also a property that will be reviewed.

The contract with FMHA is scheduled for review after the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development found some reporting issues associated with the agreement.

Board member Tom Schulz said a building inventory is something the county should have been doing on an ongoing basis and with a clear policy.

"We should know what we have, we should know what it's costing us, we should know the services that are being provided so we can make valued judgment decisions on what we need moving forward," Schulz said.

Board member Matt Pflug said the county should move carefully when it comes to county seniors.

The senior centers provide social services and meals for the elderly. Supervisor Ron Fedler said they do provide a service and those need to continue.

"This puts it out there for the public domain to look at. I'm sure there will be articles written about it at some point with the media reporting on it," Seyb said.

Milestone Aging out of Burlington makes the meals for seniors in Fort Madison and Keokuk, the county just provides the space for the services.

"I don't think it hurts to take another peek at things," Pflug said.

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Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District met at the reorganizational meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heartland Co-Op, Wever. Present were trustees Mike Walker, Rick Kuntz, Brandon Bonar and clerk, Kimberly Spear. Also present were other members of the community.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Spear announced the results of the election: Richard Kuntz 16, Write-ins 0, Mike Walker 16, Write-ins 0, Brandon Bonar 16, Write-ins 0. Total votes 16. Kuntz, Walker and Bonar were sworn in by Spear.

Moved by Walker, seconded by Kuntz, to appoint Kuntz chairman, Walker the Corps and

IFC spokesman, Kuntz the FSA Spokesman and Bonar the contact person for the Pump Master. Motion carried.

Transition to the regular meeting took place at 7:05 p.m.

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District met at the regular meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7:05 p.m. at the Heartland Co-Op, Wever. Present were trustees Mike Walker, Brandon Bonar, Rick Kuntz and clerk, Kimberly Spear. Also present were other members of the community.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Spear read the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 29, 2022. Moved by Walker, seconded by Bonar, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Kaltefleiter gave the Pump Master report. River stage in December was 8.90. Discussion was had regarding the furnace. Moved by Walker, seconded by Bonar, to accept the Pump Master Report as presented. Motion carried.

Alison Pearson and Hugh Vandegriff from IFP were present to discuss the fertilizer plants proposal of building a barge facility. Plans are very preliminary, however the representatives wanted to bring the District up to date to keep communication open. Moved by Walker, seconded by Kuntz to approve a preliminary major permit pending Corp approval. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the sand movement project and discussion with the Corp. The project will be moving forward.

There are no updates regarding either pipeline or the main ditch project. The district is waiting on

final payment.

Discussion was had regarding the mowing contract and the district mower. The district attorney will be contacted in regards to the current mowing contract. F

Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar to approve the Clerk's Report. Motion carried. Current balances are \$ 558,267.01 in the Operating Fund and \$0 in the Bond Fund.

At 8:10 p.m. Kuntz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Walker. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Drainage District will be Thursday, February 23 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Spear, Lee County Auditor's Office.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent Agenda may include claims over the City Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments related to previously approved contracts, and non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing Policy.

1. Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on 2/15/2023
2. Approve minutes from the Special City Council meeting on 2/22/23
3. Approve payment to Ferguson Waterworks - \$9,413.92
4. Approve training for

Fire Department at FDIC Conference

5. Approve Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for January 2023

6. Approve payment of Claims as listed on the 3/1/2023 Expense Approval Report - \$78,755.95

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

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- PUBLIC WORKS:
- POLICE DEPARTMENT:
- FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
- CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
- OTHER STAFF REPORTS:
- COUNCIL REPORTS:
- COMMUNITY REPORTS:
- CITIZEN INQUIRIES
NEW BUSINESS
 1. Consider purchase of IWorQ System software for Building Department
 2. Consider purchase of Confined Space Retrieval System
 3. Consider authorizing City Administrator Mandrager to hire swimming pool staff for the 2023 pool season
- OLD BUSINESS
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
CLOSED SESSION
 1. Council will hold

a Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.(j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.

ADJOURN

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES WEST BURLINGTON REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Teater, Kathy Newberry, Andy Crouner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young
MEMBERS ABSENT:

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ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Jesse Logan, Fire Chief/Building Inspector Shaun Ryan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager
 CALL TO ORDER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 ROLL CALL
 PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried

by the following votes:
 Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young
 CONSENT AGENDA
 • Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on February 1, 2023
 • Payment to Mississippi Valley Pump - \$16,455
 • Payment to Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for Grant Administration Services - \$5,000
 • Payment to World Insurance - \$7,398
 • Payment to French-Reneker-Asso-

ciates for engineering services related to the Mt. Pleasant St. Resurfacing Project - \$1,395
 • Accept Officer Mettler's resignation from the Police Department
 • Payment to Shive-Hattery for engineering services related to the Force Main Assessment Study - \$3,180
 • Payment of Claims as listed on the Feb 15, 2023 Expense Approval Report - \$161,259.46
 Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the Consent Agenda items as present-

ed. Motion carried by the following votes:
 Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young
 COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS
 CITIZEN INQUIRIES
 No inquiries.
 NEW BUSINESS
 Consider Supplemental work related to the Non-Destructive Testing of Force Main
 City Administrator Mandsager explained to Council that proposals to perform Non-Destructive Testing on the Force Main came back higher

than expected. Public Works Director Brissey explained to Council that after further evaluating the work that would need to be done in order for the City to perform the excavation work around the Force Main, he felt that it would be best to include the excavation in the proposal. City Administrator Mandsager was not prepared to make a recommendation and will continue reviewing the proposals.
 Consider disposal of Fire Department's Heavy Rescue Vehicle
 Fire Chief Ryan asked Council to consider selling the Fire Department's heavy rescue vehicle. Johnson asked why the vehicle was no longer needed. Ryan explained that the way the department responds to fires has changed. The new fire truck now carries all the equipment that was on the heavy rescue vehicle. At this time there is no recommendation to replace the heavy rescue vehicle.
 Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to disposal of Fire Department's Heavy Rescue Vehicle by advertising it for sale on Govdeals.com website. Motion carried by the following votes:
 Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young
 OLD BUSINESS
 CITIZEN INQUIRIES
 ADJOURN
 Moved by Young, seconded by Crowner, to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:
 Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young
 WORK SESSION
 Council held a Budget Work Session following the regular meeting.
 Approved
 Ron Teater, Mayor
 Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Teater, Kathy Newberry, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, Melanie Young, and Therese Lees
 MEMBERS ABSENT: ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Jesse Logan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager
 CALL TO ORDER
 ROLL CALL
 PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 Moved by Young, seconded by Lees, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:
 Ayes: Teater, Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Young, and Lees
 PUBLIC HEARING
 Council will hold a Public Hearing on this issue of establishing the Maximum Tax Dollars to Levy for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
 Mayor Teater opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on establishing the Maximum Tax Dollars to Levy for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. There were no public comments and Mayor Teater closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.
 NEW BUSINESS
 Consider a Resolution setting the maximum property tax dollars for the affected levy for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
 Council considered a Resolution stating that the maximum property tax dollars for the affected tax levies for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 shall not exceed \$1,748,911, which does not represent an increase of greater than 102% from the maximum property tax dollars requested for FY23.
 Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution establishing that the maximum property tax dollars for the affected tax levies for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Motion carried by the following votes:
 Ayes: Teater, Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Young, and Lees
 CITIZEN INQUIRIES
 ADJOURN
 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at (enter time) p.m.
 Approved
 Ron Teater, Mayor
 Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES WEST BURLINGTON SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

The West Burlington City Council met in Special Session on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall,

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From the Front

Design for Keokuk EMS building up next

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make sure the construction is best suited for the EMS service and the community.

Wes Ames, of A.C. Contracting, was hired as the project manager for the work after interviews last week. Carl A. Nelson also submitted a bid for the work.

Ames told the board having a project manager as well as the General Contractor for the work will save the county some money, but he asked what bidding looked like for the county government.

Lee County maintenance director Kirk Nafziger told him the architect on the job, which is Poepping, Stone & Bach Associates, would probably handle the bidding requirements.

Ames said he plans on bidding some of the work packages, but said he would be able to save the county money because of their proximity to the project site, and services they could provide within their fee structure as general contractor.

Supervisor Tom Schulz said what he was hearing during Monday's workshop isn't what he understood from the interview process a couple weeks ago.

"This isn't exactly the presentation we had before. The presentation I heard was you would save us some levels because you're the general contractor, but all these bids will be locked in and it would be us opening the bids. If you got it great, but if you didn't get it great. This is not the same conversation we had two weeks ago," said Chairman Tom Schulz.

"We're going to go after parts and pieces of this to try and finish our bid as a General Contractor," Ames said. "But worst-case scenario is if we don't get anything as far as a bid, we're back to a project manager that can save you money."

In an unrelated item, the board approved hiring an administrative assistant position that will be split two days with the Lee County Health Department and three days with Lee County EMS. Despite the county ordering a soft hiring freeze through September, the position was authorized to assist with billing at EMS and administrative functions at the Health Department.

LCHD Administrator Michele Ross said an employee had recently retired so the position would actually be a partial new hire. The position would have to be posted, but current deputy auditor Sara Helenthal is currently functioning in that role for EMS and is paid partially out of the current EMS budget.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said if Helenthal applies and is hired for the position, Fraise would not replace her in the auditor's department.

In other action, the board:

- approved a resolution in support of Fort Madison's RAISE grant application for funding to help offset costs of replacing the one-way pairs at 18th and 20th Streets as part of the Highway 61 project.
- approved a resolution of support for legislation that would restrict plans for carbon capture pipelines.

Roquette donation kick-starts downtown efforts

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Kirchner. "There's a process to get there that will take some time, but Roquette's generous donation allows us to kickstart the effort."

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MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:



MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy") waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse!"

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MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

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