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County wants to give FMHA properties

HUD: Panel asks Housing Authority if they have interest in FM rentals

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - A Lee County building committee assembled to look at possible options of reducing the county's facility inventory is working to gift several properties to Fort Madison and Keokuk housing authorities.

The group met on Thursday afternoon to review the possibilities for six units in Fort Madison that are under contract for management services with the Fort Madison Housing Authority until May 14. But after that date, the county will be responsible for managing the properties entirely, a move that doesn't sit



well with county officials.

Lee County Supervisor Tom Schulz said he's been having conversations with the Housing Authority about possibly gifting the properties to the Authority to own and manage.

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"We've been tasked with trying to find a way

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to remove the county from ownership of these properties," Schulz said.

"I'm very much in favor of trying to keep these properties available for the purpose that they were originally intended,

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Crews from Siemens in Fort Madison work on a home at 1314 Avenue C Wednesday afternoon as part of the annual Fort Madison Paint-A-Thon. Work is scheduled to be wrapped up this week.

EDUCATION NEWS

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IUB gives nod to NuStar pipeline

HAZARDOUS LIQUID: Final decision paves way for HLP pipeline and allows for eminent domain usage

DES MOINES - The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) today issued its final decision and order granting the revised petition (application) for a proposed hazardous liquid pipeline permit by NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P (NuStar) in Docket No. HLP-2021-0002. NuStar filed its petition for a hazardous liquid pipeline permit with the IUB on January 27, 2022, under Iowa Code chapter 479B.

While the IUB granted the petition for the permit, the order specifies the IUB will not issue the permit until NuStar submits several corrective filings and the IUB approves them. Today's decision grants eminent domain over six parcels and denies eminent domain over two parcels. The order will require NuStar to modify and submit revised easements related to two specific landowners.

The hazardous liquid pipeline permit allows NuStar to construct, operate, and maintain 13.74 miles of hazardous liquid pipeline in Lee County, Iowa, to transport anhydrous ammonia. The order requires NuStar to file revised exhibits; provide proof of at least \$2.5 million in general liability insurance; and provide weekly construction updates, an as-built map, and notice of construction start and completion. Documents regarding the proposed NuStar pipeline project are available for review in the IUB's electronic filing system under Docket No. HLP-2021-0002.

Central Lee students move to national Problem Solvers event

DONNELLSON - If you're looking for innovative ideas to solve issues impacting the globe, look no further than to the students competing in Future Problem Solving at Central Lee.

Eleven students from Central Lee will travel to The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, held June 7-11 to compete at the International Future

Problem Solving Conference after qualifying at the state competition. Six teams from Central Lee Middle and High School qualified to compete in the Global Issues Problem Solving (GPIS) Packet competition at the state competition held on April 14. The sixth-grade team of Cooper Calkins, Charlotte Jannusch, Kellen Weber, and

Grant Weirather placed second in the junior division (4th-6th grade) and earned the opportunity to represent the state at the international conference. The qualifying team will prepare for the International Competition by

researching the topic of Currency,

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Ag News/For the Record

CRP contracts, options extended

DES MOINES - Agricultural producers and landowners with certain expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts can receive additional rental incentives and extend that land's role in conservation for another 30 years. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has opened the signup period for its Clean Lakes, Estuaries, And Rivers enrollment (CLEAR30) now through July 31, 2023. CLEAR30 is a part of the CLEAR initiative, which prioritizes water quality practices as a part of Continuous CRP enrollment, and is one of several CRP enrollment opportunities. CLEAR30 allows producers and landowners enrolling certain water quality practices to enroll in 30-year contracts, extending the lifespan and strengthening the benefits of important water quality practices on their land. Like other CRP enrollments, CLEAR30 is a voluntary, incentive-based conservation opportunity offered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"The foundational value of CLEAR30 enrollment is right there in its name: Clean Lakes, Estuaries, And Rivers-there is nothing more essential to all things on the planet, including agriculture, than clean water," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "CRP is one of the world's largest voluntary conservation programs, and our CLEAR initiative and CLEAR30 enrollment gives our producers and landowners a great option to continue their conservation practices well into the future."

Cropland and certain pastureland that is currently enrolled in Continuous CRP or the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and is also dedicated to an eligible water quality practice, such as the establishment of riparian buffers, contour strips, or grass waterways, may be eligible for CLEAR30 if their contracts are expiring by September 30, 2023.

CLEAR30 contracts will be effective beginning October 1, 2023. These long-term contracts ensure that conservation practices remain in place for 30 years, which improves water quality by reducing sediment and nutrient runoff and helping prevent algal blooms. Conservation in riparian areas also provides important carbon sequestration benefits. Traditional CRP contracts run from 10 to 15 years.

About CLEAR30

CLEAR30 enrollment was established in the 2018 Farm Bill to better address water quality concerns. Originally, CLEAR30 was only available in the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay watersheds; in 2021, FSA made CLEAR30 available to agricultural producers and landowners nationwide, and participation grew nearly seven-fold from 2020 to 2021.

Annual rental payments for landowners who enroll in CLEAR30 will be equal to the current Continuous CRP annual payment rate plus a 20 percent water quality incentive payment and an annual rental rate adjustment of 27.5 percent.

How to Sign Up

To sign up for CLEAR30, landowners and producers should contact their local USDA Service Center by July 31, 2023. Contact information can be found at farmers. gov/service-locator. Additionally, fact sheets and other resources are available at <u>fsa.usda.gov/crp</u>.

About Continuous CRP

CLEAR30 is one of several enrollment opportunities with Continuous CRP, giving producers and landowners the opportunity to enroll in CRP throughout the year without specific signup periods. Through the overall CLEAR initiative in Continuous CRP, USDA prioritizes water quality practices to reduce sediment and nutrient loadings and to foster clean lakes, estuaries, and rivers.

Offers are automatically accepted provided the producer and land meet the eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the statutory cap.

For the Record

Fort Madison **Police Report**

04/24/23 - 3:53 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft at the intersection of 12th Street and Avenue F.

04/25/23 - 10:32 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

04/25/23 - 5:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue H.

04/25/23 - 5:13 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

04/25/23 - 5:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a reports of burglaries in the 300 block of Avenue F.

04/25/23 - 11:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Becky Jo Andrews, 47, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 30th Street and Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

04/26/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jeri Monique Fink, 44, listed as homeless living in Fort Madison, in the 600 block of 9th Street, on a charge of 1st offense trespassing. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/26/23 - 1:35 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Samuel Owen DiFederico, 36, of Niota, at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

04/26/23 - 11:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Molly Rose Havnes. 30. of Fort Madison. in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred. 04/26/23 - 2:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 200 block of Avenue E.

04/26/23 - 5:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 35th Street.

04/27/23 - 1:58 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4100 block of Bluff Road.

Lee County **Sheriff Report**

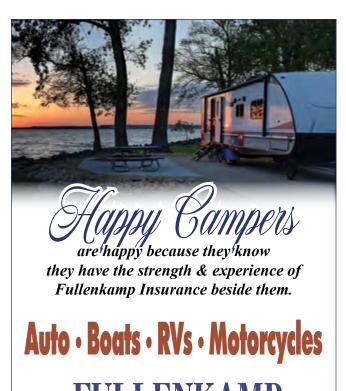
04/24/23 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

04/25/23 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

04/26/23 - 9:49 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jessica Ann Harwood, 40, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for failure to appear/contempt of court and violation of parole. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

04/26/23 - 5:23 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Matthew Allen Reynolds, 33, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

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





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OBITUARIES

FRANCES J. POWELSON

Frances Joan Powelson, 81, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at the OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois.



POWELSON

Joan was born September 29, 1941 in Lomax, Illinois, the daughter of Grover and Frances (Crosley) Hoskins. On March 1, 1958 she married Donald Powelson in Biggsville, Illinois. He preceded her in death February 2, 2011.

Joan was raised and educated in the Lomax, Illinois, area. She and her husband later moved to LaHarpe. In her younger years, she

worked at the Lomax Canning Factory, Lomax, and Travelers Diner in LaHarpe, where she enjoyed visiting with the many costumers. She spent most of her life as a homemaker raising her four children.

She enjoyed gardening, flowers, doing yard work, sewing and mending clothes for her family.

Survivors include one daughter: Deana Stout of Dallas City; two sons: Timothy Powelson of Oelwein, Iowa and Jamey Powelson of Colchester, Illinois; 40 grandchildren, great-granchildren and great-great-grandchildren and one sister: Geraldine Meeks of LaHarpe, Illinois.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by one son: Lynn Powelson; and eight siblings: Goldie, Elizabeth, Joseph, Johnny, Harvey, Albert, Grover and Donna.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. A graveside service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at LaHarpe Cemetery with Harry Miller officiating.

A memorial fund has been established for the American Cancer Society. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Mrs. Powelson's obituary at banksandbeals. <u>com</u>.

FLOYD L. WATZNAUER

Floyd Leo Watznauer, 96, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 7:10 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at the West Point Care Center in West Point, Iowa.



Born on September 12, 1926, in Fort Madison, the son of William L. and Genevieve (Kramer) Watznauer. On June 25, 1949, in Fort Madison, he married Deloris Nadine Davolt.

He is survived by his wife: Deloris; two children: Randy (Judy) Watznauer of Fort Madison and Rhonda (Duane) Burkhardt of Car-

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lisle, Iowa. Also surviving is one sister: Vera Boeding of West Point and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Martha Boeddeker, Evelyn Schneider, Pauline Blint, LaVerne Boeding, Raymond Watznauer, Lucille Fedler, Ike Watznauer, Wilbert Watznauer, Ilene Dingman, Rita Miller and Bernard Watznauer.

Floyd was a farmer, worked for Iowa Ammunition Plant and retired from Armour Dial. He was a member of Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Church, Holy Family Parish in Fort Madison. Floyd enjoyed horseback riding, jigsaw puzzles, watching westerns, coon and mushroom hunting. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

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

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

OBITUARIES

CECIL W. EDGINGTON

Cecil Wayman Edgington, 76, of Portland, TN, formerly of Fort Madison, IA,



passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2023 surrounded by his loved ones. Wayman was born on July 26, 1946 in Burlington, IA. He was an over the road truck driver for Roadway Express and was a member of McKendree Memorial United Methodist Church in Portland, TN. He is survived by his loving wife, Diana Edgington, by his children, Melissa (Paul) Lang, Todd (Jeannie) Edgington and Ronald Dean

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Edgington, by his grandchildren, Sam (Celia) Robinson, Connor Robinson, Erika Morgan, Chloe Edgington, Ian Edgington, Todd Edgington &

Nicole Spears, by his sisters Noma (Kenny) Kramer, Shirley Yurth and Joy Woodall. Wayman was preceded in death by his parents Cecil Burl & Carrie Louella McDaniel Edgington.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at McKendree United Methodist Church in Portland, TN. Visitation will be from 1PM until 2PM with the service at 2PM.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison, IA. A memorial service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Joyce Beaulieu officiating. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the McKendree Memorial United Methodist Church Landscaping Fund, 208 Wheeler Street Portland, TN 37148. Online condolences to the Edgington family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.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.





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From the Front

Housing Authority asks HUD to look at feasiblity of idea

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which is to take care of a segment of our society that needs that assistance."

Schulz said he was in discussions Thursday with the Housing Authority.

"There seems to be a proclivity toward taking ownership of these properties and keeping it within the housing authority, if the county desires to do that," he said.

"We would receive no financial benefit directly from doing that other than the fact that we would shed ourselves from a fairly significant yearly expense as the buildings age." Schulz said it's his opinion that the county should continue those negotiations and make that recommendation to the full board of supervisors.

"Amen," said Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise.

Fort Madison Housing Authority Director Mike Dear said he's presented the idea to the the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

"We're looking at it," Dear said Thursday. "It's being looked at by our portfolio manager with HUD and we're supposed to talk again about it tomorrow."

The Housing Authority is a governmental agency under Iowa Code, so Lee County could gift the property over to the authority. However, if HUD would disallow the transfer, the county could decide to sell the properties.

Schulz said the county would need a legal opinion from County Attorney Ross Braden on the possibility of transferring the properties. But a private acquisition would have to be sold at fair market value, and there would be no guarantees those living in the properties would be able to stay past their current leases.

The county-owned properties in Fort Madison are at 617 and 615 3rd Street; 325, 327, 329 and 331 Avenue G; and 313 Avenue G where there are four apartments in one structure. Two of the properties are currently vacant, but are in need of repairs before they can leased again.

Board member Mark Klesner asked what a Plan B would look like because May 14th is coming up very quickly.

Schulz said at that point the county may have to look at selling the property because they don't have the manpower or expertise to manage the property. Hiring an individual to manage the properties, he said, would be a costly investment.

The Housing Authority was mandated by HUD to end the management contract with the county after they discovered in September that federal funds were being used on county maintenance work.

The Housing Authority Commission, then chaired by Fort Madison City Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker, asked FMHA staff to conduct a cost analysis to determine the extent of the federal funds used. Staff was then ordered by HUD officials to stop any further analysis and use of federal funds on county property, and Dear was told by the commission to end the contract with the county.

Bowker resigned her position at a Wednesday meeting that was called to suspend Dear after he hired a maintenance worker with a criminal background. The item wasn't acted on at the meeting Wednesday, leaving Dear's status intact. A separate motion to suspend the maintenance worker he hired was tabled by the commission.

CL CPS team finishes first at state

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including cryptocurrency and global currency. At this competition, asat state, they will be asked to read a scene set in the future and generate a list of potential challenges that could occur based on the given facts. They will then select an underlying problem they feel has the most potential impact and generate solutions by combining their research and creative thinking skills. Using the criteria they develop, they will choose their best solution and write an action plan explaining how their plan will solve their underlying problem while providing details about how to make their solution a reality.

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In addition to the GPIS success, high schoolers, Owen Krogmeier, Landon Rudd, Leo Thomas, Andrew Underwood, and Drake Weber were honored with a first-place award at the state conference for their Community Problem Solving (CmPS) Project that focused on revitalizing the Outdoor Education Area at Central Lee. CmPS is a team or individual competition in which students develop a solution to a challenge in their community and actively engage in developing and enacting solutions to their identified problem.

Classifieds/Public Notices

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject to change as finalized by the City Clerk. For a final official copy, contact the City Clerk's office at (319) 753-8124. **MINUTES OF** THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL Meeting No. 31 April 3, 2023

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, Graham-Murray and Maupin present. Council Member Wilson was absent.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: None CONSENT AGENDA:

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: Critser Seconded By: Graham-Murray

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.

(\$15.43637) (no change); proposed property tax rate; residential tax rate calculated; commercial tax rate calculated; where do my tax dollars go; how Burlington compares to other cities in Iowa with populations over 20,000; factors impacting the budget; health insurance premiums projected to increase 4.99%, budgeted at 5%; health insurance cap and contributions; general fund revenues by source; general fund expenditures by department; sewer fund (3.0% increase in non-metered sewer user fees and storm water fees as of July 1st; 10% increase for metered sewer user); solid waste fund (increase of \$.10 per household for recycling); no increase in landfill tipping fees and \$.45 per month increase in solid waste fees proposed for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; **Capital Improvement** Projects (CIP); hotel/motel tax fund \$925,000.00 budgeted in hotel/motel tax revenue (70/30 split between City and **Convention and Visitors** Bureau up to \$700,000.00 then 60% City and 40% **Convention and Visitors** Bureau); hotel/motel tax total budgeted expenditures (\$904,810.00); sales tax fund (local option sales tax revenue (\$5,000,000.00) and legal debt margin. Chad Bird, City Manager, thanked the Director of Administrative Services and the departments for their work on the budget. 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 CAR-RIED

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lighting, signage, signalization, a truck for the forestry division and an ambulance for the fire department. He stated that when local option sales tax and other revenues are down, it makes sense to put the items into GO Bonds because they will have a life expectancy longer than the City would service the debt on the General Obligation Bond. 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 CAR-RIED

3. Statement: Consideration of Proposal to Enter into a General Purpose Loan Agreement #1

COMMENTS: Chad Bird, City Manager, stated that the Consideration of Proposal to Enter into a General Purpose Loan Agreement #1 (\$215,000) consists primarily of construction and equipment for municipal parking lot improvements (Valley Street parking lot). 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 CAR-RIED

4. Statement: Consideration of Proposal to Enter into a General Purpose Loan Agreement #2

COMMENTS: Chad Bird, City Manager, stated that the Consideration of Proposal to Enter into a General Purpose Loan Agreement #2 (\$475,000) consists primarily of improvements at the Burlington Regional RecPlex and lighting change to LED. He stated that the resolution will approve all three general obligation corporate purpose bonds. 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 CAR-RIED

Therewith and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same

DISCUSSION: None. (VOTE: 4 - "AYES") ADOPTED

5. Statement: Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 914 Linden Street, City of Burlington, Iowa with Conditions

COMMENTS: Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director, stated that the property at 914 Linden Street is a one story, one bedroom, one full bath home with a full basement. He stated that it would be sold "as is" and shall be rehabbed to minimum housing standards prior to any occupancy. He reviewed the conditions of the sale of property: purchaser must ensure the property receives permits and meets codes for renovation as required and makes necessary repairs prior to deed and occupancy; a licensed electrician and plumber shall be required to inspect and sign off that such items in the property meet or are brought up to adopted codes as required; purchaser shall pay a minimum of \$500 or 10% down (whichever is greater) upon approval of sale. He stated that the entire amount shall be paid within 30 days of approval of sale by the City Council; a letter from a bank or financial institution shall be provided to the City within 30 days verifying the purchaser has a minimum of \$10,000 available through a loan or personal finances for the required rehab work on the purchased property; improvements shall

and completed within 180 days of approval of sale by City Council; an extension of 180 days may be granted if progress is being made; forfeiture of purchase and payment may occur if time frames are not met; property transfer shall be by Quit Claim Deed. He stated that six (6) bids have been received for the property with a high bid of \$2,000.00 by Mercedes Rivas-Dear. Mayor Billups led an auction for the

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GENERAL PURPOSE

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DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience: 1. Graduation from high school diploma or GED equivalent 2. Valid Iowa driver's license 3. Obtain a Grade II Water Treatment License in the State of Iowa 4. Ability to perform basic laboratory analyses

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Applications can be found on the city website at www.fortmadison-ia.com

CITY OF FORT MADISON Sale of Property Locally Known as 914 Linden Street, City of Burlington, Iowa. Patrick Smith of 822 Linden Street, Burlington, was the high bidder at \$2,100.00. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Maupin Seconded By: Critser

HELP WANTED

WATER DISTRIBUTION FULL TIME DISTRIBUTION **CREWMAN**

GENERAL PURPOSE

Under the general direction of the Distribution Supervisor, prepares excavations, installs and repairs water mains and appurtenances, reads water meters, and completes service work orders.

DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience: 1. Graduation from high school diploma or GED equivalent

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4. Ability to operate tools and equipment pertinent to the water distribution field.

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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 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

COMMENTS: Stephanie Stuecker, Director of Administrative Services, reviewed the following items of the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 budget; comparison of revenue by fund (\$80,317,147.00); revenues 2023-2024 proposed budget; comparison of expenditures by program; operating expenditures by type (\$84,869,886); proposed property tax rate

Introduced By: Critser Seconded By: Maupin **Resolution Approving** Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget **DISCUSSION: None.** (VOTE: 4 - "AYES") ADOPTED

2. Statement: Consideration of Proposal to Enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement

COMMENTS: Chad Bird, City Manager, stated that the Consideration of Proposal to Enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement (\$5,500,000) consists primarily of street, sanitary storm, sidewalk improvements and amenities that go with the projects, street

Introduced By: Graham-Murray Seconded By: Critser

Resolution Taking Additional Action on Proposals to Enter into General **Obligation Loan Agree**ments, Combining Loan Agreements, Approving a Preliminary Official Statement for the Sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2023A in Connection

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Motion to Close CAR-RIED

Introduced By: Maupin Seconded By: Billups Motion to Amend Exhibit "C" of the Resolution Approving Sale of Property Locally Known as 914 Linden Street, City of Burlington, Iowa with Conditions that the Property be Sold to Patrick Smith in the amount of \$2,100.00 Introduced By: Maupin Seconded By: Billups Resolution Approving Sale of Property Locally Known as 914 Linden Street, City of Burlington, Iowa with Conditions DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES") ADOPTED

6. Statement: Consideration of an Ordinance Vacating an Ingress Egress Easement Located within the Great River Subdivision

COMMENTS: Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director, stated that the ingress egress easement is located within the Great River Subdivision. He stated that the City Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 1, 2023 and voted (4-0) to recommend approval vacating the described easement based on petition of the property owner and based on the lack of need and use of the easement by the City for access. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Billups Seconded By: Critser Motion to Close CAR-RIED

Introduced By: Graham-Murray Seconded By: Maupin

Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the First Reading of an Ordinance Vacating an Ingress Egress Easement Located within the Great River Subdivision

DISCUSSION: None.

ments will better allow understanding and enforcement of the zoning code and the amendments will allow continued orderly development within the City in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Graham-Murray Seconded By: Maupin

Motion to Close CAR-RIED

Introduced By: Graham-Murray Seconded By: Maupin

Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 170 Zoning Code of the City of Burlington Municipal Code

DISCUSSION: None. (VOTE: 4 - "AYES") CARRIED

8. Statement: Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2023 Madison Avenue and 9th Street Paving Project STBG-SWAP-0977(656)-SG-29

COMMENTS: Nick MacGregor, Assistant City Manager for Public Works, stated that the project consists of paving Angular Street to Sunset Avenue. He stated that the lowa Department of Transportation bid letting will be held on April 18, 2023 and the estimated cost was \$2,165,503.00. He stated that the City will receive \$424,469.00 in STBG Funding. He stated that the design guidelines include lane widths and no parking from South Street to Sunset Avenue. He stated that the lane widths and a parking lane do not meet federal guidelines, so in the place of parking, bike lanes would be installed. The following individuals that spoke against the project were Chris Roepke of 2228 Madison Avenue, Paul Carl and Becky Carl of 1304 Madison Avenue, Don Henry of 1711 Madison Avenue and Terry Schnack of 2617 Sunrise Lane. Reasons that the individuals spoke against the project included that bike lanes are unsafe due to the speed of traffic on Madison Avenue, installing bike lanes decrease property values and no parking is a burden on residents. MacGregor stated that this project was a 2018 grant application and that bike lanes were a part of the discussion. He stated that the bike lanes were a requirement that were needed to be met for the

other federal guidelines. Council Member Maupin asked how many accidents occur on Madison Avenue. Chief Marc Denney stated that several accidents are caused by driver errors (speed, OWI, distracted driving). Council Member Critser stated that he didn't feel that bike lanes are safe on Madison Avenue do to the speed of vehicles traveling on Madison Avenue and that widening Madison Avenue and adding parking should be considered. Council Member Maupin stated that bike lanes are not a safe alternative and stated his concern for residents that do not have off street parking available. Council Member Graham-Murray stated that she has sympathy for residents that would lose parking but that bike lanes are safe and actually increase property value. Mayor Billups stated that he felt that the road is too narrow for parking and bike lanes and this is a good opportunity to get the project completed. He stated that there has not been residents in the masses that have come forward against the project. He stated that Sunnyside Avenue is a much wider road, but parking is not allowed. City Manager Bird stated his concern with costs associated with engineering and staff work on this project since 2018. He stated that if the council decides to reject the grant funding, his recommendation is that the project should be reduced in scope rather than expanded. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Maupin Seconded By: Billups Motion to Close CAR-

RIED Introduced By: Maupin Seconded By: Billups **Resolution Approving** Plans and Specifications for the 2023 Madison Avenue and 9th Street Paving Project - STBG-SWAP-0977(656)-SG-29 DISCUSSION: None. (VOTE: 2 - "AYES" -Billups & Graham-Murray FAILED 2 - "NAYS" - Critser & Maupin)

Commercial to R-4, Multifamily Residential Zoning District, with Conditions

DISCUSSION: Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director, stated that there were no changes to the Ordinance Rezoning Property Along Columbus Drive Located South of Property Locally Known as 3135 Agency Street from C-1, Limited Commercial to R-4, Multifamily Residential Zoning District, with Conditions from the first reading. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES") CARRIED

Introduced By: Billups Seconded By: Maupin

2. Motion for Waiver of Preliminary Consideration and Adoption of the Second Reading and for Final Adoption of an Ordinance Rezoning Property Along Columbus Drive Located South of Property Locally Known as 3135 Agency Street from C-1, Limited Commercial to R-4, Multifamily Residential Zoning District, with Conditions

DISCUSSION DISCUSSION: None.:

None. (VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

Introduced By: Maupin Seconded By: Billups

1. Resolution Amending Fees for Building and Construction Permits for the City of Burlington, lowa

DISCUSSION: Eric Tysoffice of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

Various Properties

2. Resolution Approving Subdivision Participation and Release for: Allergan Settlement, CVS Settlement, TEVA Settlement, Walgreens Settlement, and Walmart Settlement

Resolution Rescinding the Sale of Property Locally Known as 510 S. 6th Street, City of Burlington, Iowa

SET DATE FOR PUB-LIC HEARINGS: April 17, 2023

1. Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2023 HMA Street Resurfacing Project

2. Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 415 South 5th Street, City of Burlington, Iowa with Conditions

3. Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 1209 Stowe Street, City of Burlington, Iowa with Conditions

APPOINTMENTS: Civil Service Commission: John Kemp

PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD **OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING** MINUTES MARCH 20, 2023

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Present: Garry Seyb,

Ron Fedler, Matt Pflug, Chuck Holmes and Tom Schulz.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to table approval of a request from the Green Bay Township Trustees for funds for a cash bond for an injunction against the Denmark Fire Association. Motion carried. Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve Setback Agreements and an amendment to a Joint Development Agreement with Alliant Energy for their Solar Energy Project. Motion carried. The Board held a discussion with Community Services Director Ryanne Wood concerning the Fort Madison Housing Authority Board's decision to terminate the contract with the County for maintenance of the County owned apartments. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes to approve the Final Construction Progress Voucher for HMA Resurfacing of J62, Project#FM-CO56(112--55-56). Motion carried.

Held a discussion with County Engineer Ben Hull on possible legislation affecting County roads.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to allow County Treasurer Becky Gaylord to invest \$1.5 million of County funds in a Certificate of Deposit and to make inquiries of rates from all banks in Lee County. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve waiving the third reading of an amendment to the Pioneer Cemetery Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Second Reading of an amendment to the Pioneer Cemetery Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the March 14, 2023 Board minutes, the payment of Claims for the week and Resolution #2023-49. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Holmes-aye and Seybaye. Motion carried with Fedler abstaining from approval of the March 14th minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-49

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax **Exemption District in Lee** County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County; NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED BY** THE BOARD OF SU-PERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Toby and Lindsey Wagner 2037 230th Street Donnellson IA 52625 For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of lowa. PASSED AND AP-PROVED this 20th day of March, 2023.

CARRIED **RESOLUTION:**

land, Development and Parks Director, reviewed the changes to fees for building and construction permits. He stated that amending the fees for building and construction permits will simplify the permit schedule. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES") CARRIED

7. Statement: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 170 Zoning Code of the City of Burlington Municipal Code

COMMENTS: Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director, stated that the City Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 31, 2023 and voted (4-0) to recommend approval of the amendments to the City's Zoning Code. He stated that the amend-

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ORDINANCE:

Introduced By: Maupin Seconded By: Critser

1. Motion to Amend the Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the Second Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning Property Along Columbus Drive Located South of Property Locally Known as 3135 Agency Street from C-1, Limited

Adjournment: 7:09 p.m. ADOPTED

Approved: April 17, 2023

Katie Music, CMC, City Clerk

Jon D. Billups, Mayor (See recording on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)

ITEM I.

Consent Agenda FINANCES AND MIS-CELLANEOUS

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Payroll and City Claims BEER, LIQUOR, WINE AND CIGARETTES REPORTS AND BONDS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Approving Nuisance Abatements for

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Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Marvin Holtkamp in Franklin Township and the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of February 2023.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a meeting of the Keokuk Ambulance Building Committee and a Landfill Commission meeting. Holmes reported on a Conservation Board meeting. Pflug also attended the Keokuk Ambulance Building Committee meeting. Seyb reported on an Empowering Families Committee meeting, a Best You Coalition meeting and a Childcare Board meeting.

At 11:20 a.m. it was moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison. Garry Seyb, Chairman Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

Claims paid March 20, 2023

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Sports

Bloodhounds get late goal to stay perfect in SEC

Fort Madison senior Xander Wellman readies for a header as the Bloodhounds take a corner kick in the second half of their 4-3 win over Washington Thursday at the Baxter Sports Complex.



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BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Thirty days, Xander Wellman reminded his teammates.

It's 30 days until the boys' soccer state championship matches in Des Moines, and Wellman and the rest of Fort Madison's team wants to be playing there.

It is not going to be easy for the third-ranked (Class 3A) Bloodhounds, who needed Wellman's third goal of the day to get away from Washington, 4-3, in Thursday's Southeast Conference match at the Baxter Sports Complex.

The Bloodhounds (11-0 overall, 7-0 conference) are closing in on another league crown, but there is so much more at stake.

And they know what comes with the high ranking and the gaudy record. "All week we've been

talking," said Wellman, a

senior. "They wanted us. We put a number on our back, and there's not plenty of places to go but down from where we are now. We knew every team we play wants to take us down. Kudos to them — they came here and they wanted it, more than us for a little bit. But we're workers."

Kevin Wellman, the Bloodhounds' head coach and Xander's father, said that work made the difference in this win.

"The guys were tired at the end," he said. "They did a lot of work to make up for that it wasn't as technically clean, as tight as we like it. They were doing work. They put it all out there and they squeaked by.

"It's that lesson that sometimes you make up for lack of precise, technical skill, by just outworking. And you make your own luck by working hard. Did we get a little bit lucky on some things? Yeah. But we worked hard for it."

Xander Wellman's goahead goal came with 7:11 left in the match after the Demons (6-3, 4-3) tied the match with back-to-back goals earlier in the second half. The goal came after Washington goalkeeper Will Gilchrist Brock, who had injured his hand earlier in the match, couldn't handle a ball from Fort Madison's Leif Boeding. The rebound came to Wellman, who knocked a shot into the open net.

"(Gilchrist Brock) definitely wasn't trusting his hands very much," Xander Wellman said. "He didn't get a very good initial block on

it, and it came down right on my foot. I envisioned if the ball came back to me, to just keep it low, keep it simple. I was just trying to stay composed on it."

The Bloodhounds' defense and goalkeeper Oliver Santiago did the rest, keeping the Demons in check for the remainder of the match.

Washington pressured Fort Madison throughout the first half, but the Bloodhounds led 2-1 at halftime.

"I was hoping that we would be able to come out a little better in the first 10 minutes," Kevin Wellman said. "They're a quality group of individuals, with a high level of skills, a very tactically aware soccer team. And we didn't play well in the first 10 minutes.

They had a couple of really good chances early. We had some good ones, but theirs were dangerous."

Fort Madison took a 3-1 lead just 65 seconds into the second half on Jacob Pothitakis' goal before Washington rallied.

The Bloodhounds face a key weekend that could determine their postseason path, taking on Pella and No. 9 (Class 1A) Hudson in the Pella Tournament. Pella has eliminated Fort Madison from the postseason in the last two seasons.

"I think this was a good lesson for the weekend," Kevin Wellman said.

The final 30 days are here for the Bloodhounds.

"There's a lot of visualizing - looking at the schedule, looking at the rankings," Xander Wellman said. "But we've got to play hard. That's all there is to it."

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