

Supervisors give stark warning

BUDGET FORECAST: Schulz says dept. heads need to get "houses in order now"

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – County supervisors gave a stark warning to department heads at Monday’s regular board meeting.

“Get your houses in order.”

Supervisor Tom Schulz said during a discussion on budget amendments that department heads need to take a hard look at their annual budgets because without ARPA funding given to the county by the federal government in 2021, the county would certainly be looking at budget and personnel cuts.

“We need to be cognizant that those departments that rely heavily on the general fund and general levy for funding, need to

get their houses in order and get them in order now,” Schulz said.

“If this tax bill does what I think it’s going to do to us, your budgets next year are not going to look anything like the budgets you have this year. The size of things like the health department may not need to be as big as we have right now.”

Chairman Garry Seyb said he agreed with Schulz’s assessment of the new property tax cap law that was signed at the end of the 2023 legislative session by Gov. Kim Reynolds.

“I would echo Tom’s concerns and thoughts. Tom’s going through the budget line by line, as we all should be, and looking at them and I want to make sure everyone is doing due diligence,”

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SUBSTATE SOCCER: Hawks knock off Hillcrest Academy 2-1 to advance to 2nd Round of Class 1A substate

Gregory shines in win over Hillcrest

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – Central Lee keeper Hunter Gregory has been playing soccer for less than two years, but his instincts for the ball on Monday night were something a seasoned player would admire.

Gregory fought off a flurry of shots on goal in the final two minutes to help the Hawks to a 2-1 win over Hillcrest Academy in the first round of Class 1A District 6 Substate soccer action.

The win avenges a 2-1 loss on April 18 that the Ravens won in a penalty kick session, and it sets up a Monday, May 21 matchup at Pella against No. 14 Pella Christian.

The Eagles are 6-8 on the year but own a win over Class 1A No. 3 Des Moines Christian back on April 10. The Eagles have also played nine of their 14 games on the turf at Pella Christian High School.

But the Hawks are looking for the upset after getting a win over a Hillcrest team that Central Lee Head Coach Justin Schau said was a better team than the version that beat the Hawks in April.

Dante Merschman scored both goals for the Hawks, the first at 22:49 on a combination assist from Ayden Krehbiel and Landan Lowenberg. Merschman took a ball on a pass across the middle and fired in a shot from the line into the left side of the net.

He would score again less than two minutes later on another assist from Lowenberg and Landon Crank to make it 2-0.

“Our mindset was just to come in and dominate. We took them all the way to PKs up there and we didn’t want to do that tonight,” Merschman said.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The annual Test Kitchen 5K run, which was converted from a Glo Run to a Go Run this year, was held Saturday on the PORT trail starting at Baxter Sports Complex. Ron Hundt, 63, won the event for 2023 with a time of 25:30.91. Kian Keoring (230) in photo above won the 11-15 division with a time of 28:28.26.

SCHOOL NEWS

FMCS D releases summer lunch program for city youth

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the

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Central Park – 10th Street & Avenue F (shelter house)

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(playground area)

HTC ECC – 2213 Avenue J (no meals July 3-7)

YMCA – 220 26th Street (no meals on Fridays)

12:00-12:30

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

LORRI B. MARTZ-BLISS

Lorri Beth Martz-Bliss, 64, of Fort Madison Iowa, passed away on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

Lorri was born March 21, 1959 in Aledo, Illinois the daughter of Walter and Lorraine Whitlow Martz. She graduated from Bayard Community Schools in 1977. Lorri loved her profession as an Operations Manager/Dispatcher for Liberty Transport, as well as spending time with family, reading, crossword puzzles, and playing Facebook games.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children: Daine (Amy) Willits and Kari (Chris) Cavenar; 9 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 1 brother; 5 sisters; as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her twin sons: Dennis and David, grandparents, parents, aunts, and uncles.

Family will host private services at a later date. Memorials may be sent to family or Dennison Funeral Home, PO Box 252, Aledo, IL 61231.

Online condolences may be left at www.dennisonfuneralhome.com.



MARTZ-BLISS

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

WILLIAM L. STEWART

William "Bill" Lewis Stewart, 52, of Tipton, IA, passed away on Monday, May 8, 2023.

Bill, son of Bonnie Rae (Oaks) and William "Gene" Eugene Stewart was born on Tuesday, July 14, 1970 in Iowa City, IA. He attended Central Lee High School in Donnellson, IA and went on to use his natural "jack of all trades" talent as a mechanic and as a "right hand man" for Eastern Iowa Trailers and the Hot and Sudsy Car Wash. There wasn't anything Bill couldn't fix or build. Bill married Lori Rahn on June 27, 2010 at their home outside of Tipton. Going on to work together for many years.

In his leisure time, Bill enjoyed mushroom hunting, bow hunting, camping and fishing. He loved his Busch Light and collecting Snap-on tools. Bill was known for indulging his jokester nature by always enjoying a good prank, but he was also known for being a very giving man that would help anyone in need and for the love he had for his family.

Bill is survived by his wife, Lori Stewart of Tipton; daughters, Mikayla Stewart of Durant, IA and Kayla Behrle of Tipton; son, Kyle (Samantha) Behrle of Tipton; sisters, Tina (Brent) Figert of Fort Madison, IA and Teresa (Brian) King of Fulton, MO; brother, Junior (Kaci) Stewart of Fort Madison, IA; nephews, Taylor (Alex) Edgar of Des Moines, IA, Levi Edgar of Donnellson, IA, and Riley Stewart of Fort Madison, IA; grandson, James Behrle and his beloved dogs, "Skunkie" and "Brownie". He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Raymond and Joy Oaks and Doris Oaks, and Lewis and Coral Stewart; parents, Bonnie and Gene; and sister, Jessica Stewart.

On Tuesday, May 16, 2023, a Visitation and Time of Remembrance will be held from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, at Fry Funeral Home. Bill will then be cremated and buried at a later date.

In lieu of flowers and to help offset funeral costs, family asks that cards and memorials be addressed to Lori Stewart and mailed in c/o Fry Funeral Home, PO Box 30, Tipton, IA 52772.

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Friday, May 19

Lunch on the Sidewalk

Obituaries/Health News

OBITUARIES

CLYDE D. NICKEL

Clyde Douglas “Doug” Nickel, 70, of Keokuk, IA, died Saturday May 13, 2023 at his home.

He was born on January 13, 1953 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Clyde E. and Hila (Kirkpatrick) Nickel. He graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1971. Doug received his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Iowa in 1975.

On June 17, 1978, Doug married the love of his life, Cindy Ruffcorn, at the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk. She survives.

He is also survived by one daughter, Ginna Fuller of Keokuk, two sons, Jerrad Nickel and his wife Beth of Danville, and Jacob Nickel and his wife Mary Jo of Cedar Rapids, five grandchildren, Brennan Fuller, Jillian and Leah Nickel, Karsyn and Austin Nickel. Doug was an honorary grandfather to KJ and Kaden Skow. Other survivors include one brother, Dart Nickel of Keokuk, in-laws; Kenneth and Dalene Ruffcorn, Jerry and Cindy Ruffcorn, Bob and Kerri Ruffcorn, Jim Ruffcorn, Debbie and Scott Blunt, Melissa and Darren Skow, many loving nieces and nephews and many special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Doug was a member of the First Christian Church in Keokuk, the Keokuk Elks Lodge and the Keokuk Yacht Club.

Doug was an avid bowler and in his younger years enjoyed slow-pitch softball. He was an Iowa Hawkeye and St. Louis Cardinal fan. The greatest joy in his life was his family, many of whom referred to him affectionately as “Dougie”. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He had been employed as the general manager of the Hub-Co Credit Union in Keokuk for forty-two years, retiring in December 2017. After retirement, Doug and Cindy enjoyed traveling with family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Dr. Corey Bennett officiating.

Visitation will be held after 3 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Little League or the City of Christmas.

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



NICKEL

OBITUARIES

ROBERT G. FARRIS

Robert Gary Farris, 83, of Burlington, Iowa died Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, West Burlington, Iowa. He was born June 17, 1939 at Blandinsville, Illinois, a son of Clarence G. and Sylvia E. (Bundy) Farris.

He worked at the American Ordnance Plant for 15 years, Montgomery Ward for 10 years, J.I Case, and Interiors Inc. He enjoyed auctions, dancing, singing and telling stories. He also loved camping, collecting elephants, and Volkswagen Bugs. Robert enjoyed being an elder, Sunday school teacher and song leader in the early days of West Burlington Christian Church.

He is survived by his children: Teresa “Teri” Farris-Critten, of West Burlington, Iowa; Toni Kirk, of Kansas City, Missouri and Robert “Todd” Farris, of Burlington, Iowa; seven grandchildren: Shawna, Scott, Shelby, Danielle, Ashley, Jeffrey, and Abigail; seven great grandchildren: Jillian, Ariana, Aeris, Alexander, Jace, Conor and Brennan. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant son Jeffrey C., infant daughter Joni L. Farris, and three siblings, Kenneth, Kathryn and Margaret.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life to be held on Sunday, May 14, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Fort Madison Christian Church, 1029 48th St. Fort Madison, Iowa. Burial will take place at a later time at the Glade City Cemetery, Blandinsville, Illinois. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Farris family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.



FARRIS

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Sports

Hawks to take on Pella Christian in 2nd round

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“We wanted to make it home in regular time. We switched up our lineup and were focusing on playing our wings and hoping to stretch them out a bit, and then go back to the center.”

He said the Hawks will be the underdog on Monday. “They’re good and they’ll always be a powerhouse, but we got to go up there with the mindset that you never know what happens. We have to think we can win and then you never know what happens.”

Hillcrest would counter quickly with a goal from sophomore midfielder Jesse Blossom who scored from a scrum in the front of Gregory just :35 seconds after the Hawks’ goal.

That would be all the scoring in the affair that eliminated the Ravens from the post-season.

Gregory, who said he’s trying to become the best keeper the Hawks have had, said he tells himself to be the best player on the field.

“This whole season has been a blur for me because I’m a brand new keeper. I tell myself that I’m the best player out here and I may not be, but when I think that way, I play that way. It’s a mental test for me,” Gregory said.

When the Ravens were firing at Gregory in the waning moments of the match, he said his mindset was just to put himself in the best place to try and make a play.

“I just put myself in good enough of an angle, so it creates a smallest angle as possible. I like to push them outside and if they do get off a shot, I’m in a good place to block it.”

Freshman Colton Taft gave Gregory a little breathing room late when he snapped off a kick save on a Raven shot out of a corner kick with 1:56 left in the game. After the save and a clear, Hillcrest would push the ball back up but wouldn’t get off another shot on goal before the Hawks cleared to their end of the field.

Gregory had eight saves on the night.

Schau said Gregory shows great athleticism down the stretch when he dived to get the first save in the last-minute flurry of shots. The junior then bounced to his feet and was able to slide over to block the next shot



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee’s Dante Merschman fires off a shot that would find that back of the net and give the Hawks a 2-0 lead over Hillcrest Academy in the first half of the Class 1A Substate 2 matchup Monday night in Donnellson.

on goal off the rebound of his first save. The Hawks were able to clear it out of the box following the second save.

“That comes down to him making the first good save and being alert enough to get back to his feet where he could recover and make the second save instead of staying on the ground,” Schau said.

Playing on turn on Monday isn’t something that concerns Schau.

“It’ll be a faster game, and this is a quality team we’re playing. We’ll go up there and play the best soccer we can, and I’ll say honestly that we didn’t play our best soccer tonight,” he said.

“We still had the effort, though, and that’s a product of being young. We get lost in the hype and then end

up just kicking the ball.”

Schau moved Landon Crank around on defense to provide a bit of a mixup for the Ravens to look at, but it was working so he didn’t change it back. Then the defense stepped up and shut down Hillcrest the rest of the way,

“The football analogy of bend don’t break came into effect. We were bending pretty hard, but we were able to win the second balls,” Schaus said.

The game Monday in Pella will start at 7:30 p.m.

The Central Lee girls kick off post-season play Wednesday at Mid-Prairie.

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Central Lee Head Coach Justin Schau congratulates Hunter Gregory (21) on some late-match heroics that helped pre-serve the win for the Hawks.

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Sports

Horn nabs second feature win at Lee County Speedway

BY BRIAN NEAL
Lee County Speedway

DONNELLSON - Round two of the Iowa Corn Growers Association IMCA Late Model “Drive For 5”, presented by Floyd’s Waste Systems, JJ Nichting Company Case IH Company, Ideal Ready Mix, Triple 777 Trucking, Woodworth Attorney at Law, Triple R Performance Engines, B&B Propane, Budweiser, Conrad Trucking, Donnellson Tire & Service, KQ92, and Big Country 103.1 took place on Friday, May 12th at the Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa. Despite mother nature’s attempt, which seems to be the norm for 2023, the track prep crew had the 3/8th’s mile track ready for action. At the end of the night four driver’s claimed multiple wins on the season at the track, while two other driver’s scored their first wins of the season.

Up first was the 18 lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA Northern SportMod feature, with Jim Gillenwater and Brandt Ames leading the field to green. Gillenwater took advantage of his starting spot to grab the lead on lap 1 over Matt Tucker and Brandon Dale. While Gillenwater paced the field out front, seventh place starter Sean Wyett was working his way towards the front. On lap 6 Wyett overtook Dale for the runner up spot, and then went to work on Gillenwater for the top spot. Coming off turn 2 to get the checkered flag, Wyett got under Gillenwater, as the two raced side-by-side down the backstretch. Wyett would edge out Gillenwater at the line to claim his first win of the season at the track.

Edwards takes title at Danville/SCC shoot

FORT MADISON - The Bloodhound trapshooting team competed this weekend at the Danville High School/SCC Scholarship Shoot at the Aim High Shooting Co in Salem, IA. The Varsity Men’s Squad crushed it with a score of 245/250.

Trey Edwards was the Varsity Men Individual 1st place winner with a perfect score of 50/50, Edward Schroeder took 2nd with a score of 49, Landon Leenerts was 3rd with 49 and Brett Azinger was 4th with a 49. We placed 7 individuals in the Top 10 for Varsity Men as Byron DiPrima had a 49, Trevor Edwards with a 48 and Drew Dravis with a 48.

Nathan Cottrell took 1st place in the Intermediate Advanced with a score of 49/50 and Kenny McFadden was 4th with a 46.

Emma Wagner. was 2nd place in the Ladies Intermediate Entry level with a score of 35/50.

Brett Azinger won a \$500 scholarship to attend SCC and will shoot for them next year. This is the 3rd year in a row that one of our kids has won the scholarship. Abram Lorence won it last year and Anna Schroeder the previous year.

John Oliver Jr. came from 9th to finish 3rd, Dale was 4th, with Brayton Carter coming from 10th to finish 5th.

CJ Horn and Jeff Guengerich drew the front row for the 25 lap Iowa Corn Growers Association “Drive For 5” IMCA Late Model qualifying feature, with Horn jumping out into the lead on lap 1 over Guengerich and Jeremy Pundt. While Horn started to pull away, Denny Woodworth, Dalton Simonsen, who started 8th, Jay Johnson, who started 9th, and Tommy Elston battled Guengerich and Pundt for the top seven spots. Despite heavy lapped traffic late in the race, Horn would go on to claim his second win in a row at the track, with this one worth \$1,000. Woodworth won the battle for 2nd, Simonsen was 3rd, Elston was 4th, with Johnson coming home in 5th.

The 15 lap Sonny’s Super Market Sport Compact feature was up next, with Josh Barnes and Ryan Moore making up the front row. Josh Barnes moved out front on lap 1 over Noah Kayser and Kimberly Abbott. With Josh Barnes out front, son Chevy Barnes, who started 9th, moved into the runner up spot on lap 4, and then went to work on dad for the top spot. Coming off turn 2 to complete lap 12, Chevy Barnes got under Josh Barnes to grab the lead. Chevy Barnes then held off Josh Barnes in a caution free race to claim his second win in a row at the Lee County Speedway. Jack Pflum, from Cincinnati, Ohio, finished 3rd after starting in 10th, Abbott was 4th, with Chandler Fullenkamp completing the top 5.

Jerad Fuller and Fisher Reese led the field to green in the 18 lap J&J AG Auto and Truck IMCA Modified feature. But it was third place starter Jadin Fuller who jumped out into the lead on lap 1 over Jerad Fuller and Bill Roberts Jr. While Jadin Fuller set the pace, Roberts Jr. was working to hold off Austen Becerra, who started 7th, for the runner up spot. Becerra made the pass of Roberts Jr. on lap 7, and then went to work on Jadin Fuller for the top spot. Coming off turn 4 to complete lap 11, Becerra slipped under Jadin Fuller for the lead. Becerra then went on to score his second win in a row at the track. Jadin Fuller was 2nd, Denny Eckrich came from 8th to finish 3rd, Mark Burgtorf was 4th, with Oregon racer Grey Ferrando finishing 5th after starting in 10th.

Up next was the 18 lap Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Car feature, with Jerry Jansen and Peter Stodgel on the front row. Jansen would edge out John Oliver Jr. at the line to lead lap 1, only to lose the top spot to Oliver Jr. the next lap. Oliver Jr. paced the field out front, while Derrick Agee, who started 9th, was trying to work his way to the front. On lap 5 Agee was able to take over the runner up spot from Jeremy Pundt. But without a caution to bunch the field up, Agee wasn’t able to mount a challenge on Oliver Jr. As Oliver Jr. went on to claim his first win of the season at the Lee County Speedway. Pundt was 3rd, Josh Foster was 4th, with Beau Taylor coming home in 5th.

The final feature to take to the track was the 12 lap Mini Hauler Trucks, with Jeff Bockes and Ryan Barton drawing the front row. But just as the green flag was waved, the red light would come on before lap 1 was scored. As Sheldon Brockett rolled off turn 4 and collected Matt Barton to bring out the red. Sheldon Brockett would climb from his truck okay. On the original restart Ryan Barton moved out front to lead lap 1 over Bockes and Roger Brockett. Ryan Barton would hold the top spot until lap 6, when Tim Wagner got under him to take over the lead. Wagner then held off Roger Brockett to claim his second win of the season at the track. Ryan Barton was 3rd, Bockes was 4th, with Don Wood completing the top 5.

Coming up next Friday, May 19th will be the POWRi 410 Bandit Outlaw Sprint Series, presented by Midwest Performance & Power. In action will be the 410 Sprint Cars, Iowa Corn Growers Association IMCA Late Models, Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Cars, and Roberts Tire Center IMCA Northern SportMods.

Gates open at 5:30 PM, Hot Laps at 7 PM, and Racing to follow. Grandstand admission will be Adults \$20, Seniors \$18, Veterans & Students (11-17) \$10, with Kids (10 & under) FREE! Pit passes will be \$40, ages (7-13) \$20, ages (4-6) \$10, and ages (3 & under) \$5.

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Monday, May 15, 2023
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Montrose Public Library
Wednesday, May 17, 2023
10:00am-11:30am

West Point Public Library
Thursday, May 18, 2023
2:00pm-3:30pm

Lee County Health Department
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2:00pm-4:00pm

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Wednesday, May 17, 2023 - 6:00 PM
West Burlington City Hall
122 Broadway Street

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 March 3, 2023.
2. Payment to French-Reneker- Associates for engineering related to Mt. Pleasant Street Resurfacing - Phase 2 - \$1,150
3. Payment to Dave Bessine Electric for South Lift Station - \$6,230.17
4. Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Gear Ave. Trail Extension - \$7,630 and the Water Tower and Booster Station Improvements - \$4,803.83
5. Liquor License renewal for Casey's - 501 E. Mt. Pleasant
6. Approve the Liquor License Renewal for MK Mini Mart, Inc. - 101 E. Mt. Pleasant
7. Approve Clerk's Monthly Financial Report

for March 2023
8. Approve payment of Claims as listed on the (insert date) Expense Approval Report - \$772,736.61
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• ADMINISTRATOR:
• PUBLIC WORKS:
• POLICE DEPARTMENT:
• FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
• CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
• OTHER STAFF REPORTS:
• COUNCIL REPORTS:
• COMMUNITY REPORTS:
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
NEW BUSINESS
1. Consider the first reading of an Ordinance amending Water Service Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
2. Consider the first reading of an Ordinance amending Sewer Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025
3. Consider the first

reading of an Ordinance amending the Garbage Collection Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025
4. Consider an Ordinance amending the Recyclable Materials Collection Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2023-2025
5. Consider a Resolution setting wages for Non-Union positions for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
6. Consider a Resolution amending Swimming Pool Rates on the Master Fee Schedule
OLD BUSINESS
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
ADJOURN

PUBLIC NOTICE West Burlington Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 3, 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 Crowner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young
MEMBERS ABSENT:
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
City Administrator Mandsager attended the meeting via Zoom.
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried

by the following votes:
Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young
CONSENT AGENDA
• Minutes from the Special City Council Meeting on April 18, 2023
• Minutes from the Special City Council Meeting on April 19, 2023
• Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on April 19, 2023
• Elizabeth Grobstich resignation from the Police Department and request to serve as a Reserve Officer
• Payment to French-Reneker-Associates, Inc. for engineering services performed on the Resurfacing Mount Pleasant Street Project - \$1,912.05
• Payment of Claims as listed on the May 3, 2023 Expense Approval Report - \$60,687.12
Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as present-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ed. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

No inquiries.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to consider the City's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Mayor Teater opened

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the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. to consider the City's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This is the second Public Hearing for the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

At the April 18, 2023, Special Council meeting the previously approved Max Levy Resolution was amended to increase the maximum property tax dollars the City plans to receive. The State requires the City Council to hold a hearing and adopt the proposed budget following approval of the Max Levy Resolution. Because there was a change to the Max Levy Resolution, Council has to follow the same process to formally adopt the budget by holding another Public Hearing. No changes have been made to the proposed budget since it was presented to Council at the April 5, 2023 meeting. The Budget was presented to reflect a levy rate of \$10.00. There were no public comments. Mayor Teater closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Public Hearing to consider amending the current 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Teater opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m. to consider amending the current budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. In a memo to City Council, Finance Manager Moore outlined the amendment, which reflected revenues of \$1,470,235 and expenditures of \$1,011,810. There were no comments from the public and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:12 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider a Resolution adopting the Budget for

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Moved by Crowner, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, which reflects a levy rate of \$10.00. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to approve a Resolution adopting the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022 -2023 as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution adding Landry Begner to the Fire Department

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution adding Landry Begner to the Fire Department. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider Approving a Letter of Understanding between the City of West Burlington and the Communication Workers of America Council considered a Letter of Understanding between the City of West Burlington and the Communication Works of America. The agreement applies to the hiring of Officer Chris Chiprez and takes into account the time he has worked as a certified officer. Provisions in Article VIII, Vacations, and Article XI Wages are amended to allow Officer Chiprez to begin his tenure with two weeks of vacation, 96

hours. Officer Chiprez will also begin his employment accruing vacation equivalent to a five-year officer, which is twelve shifts per year. His vacation rate will go forward at the rate of 18 shifts per year, which corresponds with the agreement effective July 1, 2022. Officer Chiprez will also start employment at 100% of the base wage that is stated in the contract.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Young, to approve a Letter of Understanding between the City of West Burlington and the Communication Workers of America related to the hiring of Officer Chiprez. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution

supporting Midwest Realty Group's application for Workforce Housing Tax Credits to support the construction of twelve (12) new single-family residences Ryan Nagrocki with Midwest Realty Group, asked Council to approve a Resolution supporting his application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Workforce Housing Tax Credits in June of 2023, to support the construction of twelve (12) new single-family homes in the proposed Penn's Landing Subdivision, located on E. Pennington Street.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, Consider a Resolution supporting Midwest Realty Group's application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Workforce Housing Tax Credits. Motion carried by

the following votes:
Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young
OLD BUSINESS
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
ADJOURN
Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:
Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young
Approved
Ron Teater, Mayor
Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

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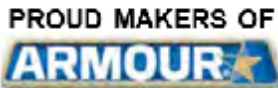
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From the Front

New property tax law could pinch county budget

BUDGETS - Continued from Page 1

Seyb said.

“I’ve reached out to several people to try and explain the new tax bill to me. I haven’t found anyone yet that can do that.”

Seyb said it appears from first blush and after talking with local legislators, that they are trying to reduce the amount counties can levy and also the amount the assessments can go up.

He said restrictions on both ends will result in less money for the county.

Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said it looks like the county will also have to eat the costs of homestead tax credits.

“They’re not going to refund us anymore,” she said.

Seyb said tax cuts in those areas are good in the long run, but short-term will result in less money for the county.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said the assessed value of the county will go down \$16.2 million the first year the law is effective and it could double the second the year.

Schulz said he’s had several people try to explain the bill to him and each one has explained it differently.

Fraise said changes in bonding for counties could have an impact on the county’s ability to take advantage of the urban renewal district that was created for the new Lee County Health Department.

Fraise and Renstrom have been in talks with the county’s bond agents to see how the new law will impact the county’s ability under the district.

Renstrom said the current fiscal year amendments include additional expenses in several departments including: Sheriff’s office \$186,007, Lee County Ambulance \$220,288, Community Housing \$15,000, the Lee County Health Department, \$331,581, Secondary Roads \$450,000 which will be a transfer from capital projects, and the Auditor’s office \$8,500 due to an added election that wasn’t budgeted.

The Board of Supervisors will be transferring \$2.5 million

from America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to General Basic to get the county general fund through some lean times. The current operating fund is at just over \$1 million.

That leaves the county’s ARPA fund balance at just over \$1.1 million.

Seyb said that remaining balance can’t be totally allocated to the new health department because some of those costs have to be used to pay half of the county’s grant writer/ ARPA fund administrator position and some funds are still allocated to the county’s IT department.

“I just want everybody to understand that just because the total ARPA budget may have \$1 million plus in it, not all of that \$1 million plus will go to the health department,” Seyb said.

The Lee County Health Department has currently \$975,000 from USDA Rural Emergency Health Care, plus a \$600,000 potential Community Development Block Grant, potential funding from a Lee County Charitable Trust effort, and approximately \$1 million in the remaining ARPA balance. That provides about \$2.5 million toward the projected \$5.5 million Lee County Health Department/ EMS building.

Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks has selected that project as one of her 15 appropriations that will be taken to Congress, but decisions on which of those projects will get funding won’t come until later this year. Lee County Grant Writer Chuck Vandenberg said the application for the appropriations was just under \$2.5 million.

If that appropriation would be approved, it would give the county approximately \$5 million of the \$5.5 million project. The rest would be made up from any funds garnered in the charitable trust and then potential bonding, if necessary. The county can currently bond for up to \$750,000 without an election, however the new property tax law that was passed puts additional guidelines on governmental bonding that could have an impact on that project.

Summer school lunches served at FM city parks

MEALS - Continued from Page 1

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Custom Cars & Pickups 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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