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A thousand pinholes



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Ray Menke and Andrew Johnson, both of rural Lee County, speak with residents gathered in West Point Thursday to talk about how to stop a carbon pipeline from being constructed near the community.

PIPELINE: Meeting in West Point pinpoints ways to stop Navigator CO2 pipeline

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – “A death by a thousand pin holes”
That’s how rural West Point resident Ray Menke said the effort to build a carbon dioxide pipeline through Lee County will be defeated.
Menke hosted about 70 residents under the shelterhouse on the square in West Point Thursday night.
The Heartland Greenway carbon sequestration pipeline that is being proposed to run from South Dakota into Illinois is planned to run along the western and northern edges of West Point.
About 1,000 feet north of the city limits, according to area

farmer Andrew Johnson.
Johnson said people need to get active and push city and county officials for zoning ordinances and get them in place before pipeline construction begins.
He said the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) officials won’t have new guidelines in place until at least the end of 2024. PHMSA is looking into the potential risks of transporting liquid carbon dioxide through pipelines, especially after a rupture in Satartiah, Mississippi sickened almost the entire town a mile away.
“We need to push our city and county officials to get zoning in place to stop this pipeline. They can do it, they’ll get sued and

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ELECTION 2024

Reichman pulls support for Trump

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – The gloves are coming off early in the GOP race in Iowa, Florida, and Arkansas, and that scuffle spread into Lee County Thursday.
State Sen. Jeff Reichman (R-Montrose) threw his support for the 2024 election behind Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis after former President Donald Trump threw shade at Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds on Monday.
Reynolds has positioned herself as neutral in the early portions of the campaign, a move that has bristled the former president. Reynolds has not been invited to Trump events in Iowa.

Trump has posted on his Truth Social Media outlet that he was responsible for putting Reynolds in the Governor’s seat when he promoted then-Governor Terry Branstad to the post of Ambassador to China.
Reynolds won re-election in 2018 and 2022 in large-margin victories.
Reichman said he’d had enough when he heard about the comments Trump made about Reynolds on his social media outlet.
“I opened up the Governor position for Kim Reynolds, & when she fell behind I ENDORSED her, did big rallies, & she won. Now, she wants to remain ‘NEUTRAL.’ I don’t invite her to events.”

Reichman said he was on his way to Des Moines when he heard about the comment.
“I was on my way to Des Moines and a friend forwarded that comment he made,” Reichman said. “I think part of this is that the governor has remained neutral and has not declared for a candidate.”
Trump also came out against Reynolds’ effort to pass a bill limiting abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected. Trump said many women don’t even



REICHMAN

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VACANCY

Judge Schilling to retire from 8B in September

PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - The 8th Judicial District in southeast Iowa is announcing the impending retirement of Judge Michael Schilling after serving the district for more than 17 years.
The Bar and public are hereby no-



SCHILLING

tified that there will be a judicial vacancy as a result of Schilling’s retirement effective, September 12, 2023. Schilling is serving as a Judge of the Eighth Judicial District,

Sub-District 8B, which includes Des Moines, Henry, Lee, and Louisa Counties. He was appointed to the district bench in 2006.

The District 8B Judicial Nominating

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WEATHER

FRI 14 Jul..... Mostly sunny & warm, late showers likely, 89° F/ 66° F
SAT 15 Jul..... Sunny & warm, chance of showers, 85° F/ 65° F
SUN 16 Jul..... Sunny & warm, thunderstorms likely, 84° F/ 62° F

OpenWeatherMap

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 07/12..... 3 5 18 22 36, Star Ball: 3 All Star Bonus: 2
LUCKY FOR LIFE 07/12..... 15 16 18 20 45, Lucky Ball: 17
PICK 3 MIDDAY 07/12..... 6 3 2
PICK 3 EVENING 07/12..... 3 1 4
PICK 4 MIDDAY 07/12..... 2 2 1 4
PICK 4 EVENING 07/12..... 3 9 6 6
POWERBALL 07/12..... 23 35 45 66 67, Powerball: 20 Power Play: 3

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

CARROL KIM BROWN

Carroll Kim Brown, 66 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died 5:15 am Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at Arbor Court, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Kim was born December 31, 1956 at Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Robert Vandalia Jr. and Margaret Fay (Zern) Brown.



Kim was 1975 graduate of the Fort Madison High School. He attended college in Chicago, Illinois and worked in computers in Burlington, Iowa. In 2012, he was ordained to the office of Priest and authorized to minister at the Community of Christ. He enjoyed computers, reading and watching old westerns. He was a member of the Community of Christ, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Kim is survived by numerous cousins and his beloved dog, Thriller. He was preceded in death by his parents and cousin, Tina Menke.

Per his wishes, he has been cremated. Private burial will be at a later date at the Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, Iowa. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at or mailed to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Kim Brown family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

DAVID E. McCLARY

David E. McClary, 70, of Franklin, Iowa, passed away at 8:26 p.m. Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Southeast Iowa Regional Home Health and Hospice Center in West Burlington, Iowa.



Born on September 13, 1952, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of James and Mary (Wiebler) McClary.

He is survived by his two children: Stephanie McClary and William (Sarah) McClary; granddaughter: Emma McClary; three siblings: Larry (Madaline) McClary, Bonnie McClary and Nancy (Scott) Starkweather. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister: Louise McClary. Dave was a 1970 graduate of Central Lee High School. He worked for General Electric for 35 years until his retirement. Dave enjoyed being outdoors and cutting firewood.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation. Per his wishes no services will be held. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
07/07/23 - 10:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Eric Eugene Fortune, Jr., 30, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of Avenue D, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/07/23 - 11:33 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.

07/07/23 - 12:13 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 900 block of 2nd Street.

07/07/23 - 2:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of Avenue F.

07/07/23 - 8:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

07/08/23 - 1:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.

07/08/23 - 3:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2600 block of Avenue I.

07/08/23 - 10:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary at 24th Street and Avenue A.

07/09/23 - 10:16 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 700 block of 23rd Street.

07/09/23 - 8:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the Fort Madison area.

07/10/23 - 4:28 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3100 block of Avenue M.

07/10/23 - 9:15 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Avenue I.

07/10/23 - 1:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of

larceny/theft in the 600 block of 9th Street.

07/10/23 - 4:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3000 block of County Road 103.

07/10/23 - 6:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

07/11/23 - 12:07 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Roger William Evans, 44, of Fort Madison, at Avenue D and 15th Street, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/11/23 - 7:54 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of 13th Street.

07/11/23 - 9:23 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of 29th Street.

07/11/23 - 5:03 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Lance Edward Meredith, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/11/23 - 9:28 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue F.

Lee County Sheriff Report

07/08/23 - 12:44 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Teresa Joann Bechtolt, 64, of Missouri, in the 2200 block of County Rd. 103, Fort Madison, on charges of 1st offense OWI, child endangerment, open container - driver 21+ YOA, speeding, and improper use of lanes. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.

07/08/23 - 4:53 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Isaiah James Rutter, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for disorderly conduct -

threat. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

07/09/23 - 11:17 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Darren Mitchell Monroe, 47, of Keokuk, in the 235th Avenue of Argyle Road, Keokuk, on charges of 1st offense OWI, failure to obey stop sign/ yield row, and failure to maintain control. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

07/09/23 - 11:31 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile from Ottumwa, at the Lee County Jail, on a charge of 5th degree criminal mischief. He was referred to juvenile court.

07/10/23 - 2:32 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested David Wayne Dereus, Jr., 37, of Davenport, in the 700 block of Avenue E, Fort Madison, on 2 warrants for felony forgery and one warrant for 2nd degree theft greater than \$1500 less than \$10000. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/10/23 - 6:59 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Roderick Vaughn Taylor Rice, 44, of Burlington, in the 800 block of Valley Road, Burlington, on a charge of violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/10/23 - 8:05 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Chanel Nicolette Hardeman, 36, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/11/23 - 4:50 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christopher Michael Sanderson, 50, listed as homeless living in Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for 5th degree theft less than \$300. 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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Health News/From the Front

Nominating commission begins process of filling vacant spot

JUDGE - Continued from Page 1

Commission, comprised of five elected attorneys and five Governor-appointed citizens and the senior Judge in the District, received notice from the Governor of the vacancy on July 5, 2023, and will be interviewing candidates to replace Judge Schilling.

The Judicial Sub-District Nominating Commission for 8B met on July 13, 2023 to outline procedures and timelines to fill the vacancy. Applications will be accepted from July 14, 2023 until July 31, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.. Any interested and eligible attorney (as defined by Sections 1 and 7 of 2022 Iowa Acts chapter 1033) is encouraged to apply.

The following are the commission members:

Judge Michael Schilling, Darlys Baum, Joel Bobb Alta Cook, Kathie Grimm, Mike Roth, Josie Bainter Thomas, Sara Haas, Edward Prill, Steven Sents, Reyna Wilkens.

The Judicial Nominating Commission has established procedures for filling the position of District Court Judge in Judicial District 8B and the Supreme Court of Iowa has adopted an application to be completed by each person who wishes to apply for nomination to be a District Court Judge.

Copies of the application can be obtained from the District Court Administrator's Office for the Eighth Judicial District, 333 North Court St., Ottumwa, IA 52501, by emailing cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov, by calling 1-641-684-6502, ext. 610, or by going to the Commission website at <https://www.iowajnc.gov/district-commissions>.

Applicants are directed to send their completed applications and writing samples by email to cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov, by regular mail or personally deliver to the District Court Administrator's Office for the Eighth Judicial District, 333 North Court St., Ottumwa, IA 52501.

All applications must be received by the Court Administrator's Office no later than 4:30 PM, July 31, 2023. No late applications will be accepted. The

names of the applicants will be made available to the public AFTER the deadline for filing applications.

Applicants who wish to be considered for appointment to fill this vacancy shall complete an application as described above. Applicants for this position must be members of the Iowa Bar, must be a resident of the Judicial Election District 8B or in a contiguous county to Judicial Election District 8B, but if nominated and before assuming office must be or otherwise remain a resident of Judicial Election District 8B during the entire term of office, and shall be of such age that they will be able to serve an initial and one regular term of office before reaching the age of seventy-two years.

All valid applications which meet the statutory requirements will be considered. However, if there are more applicants than can be effectively interviewed, the commission may elect to screen the applicants and interview less than all. Applicants may not contact the commissioners for an interview prior to the scheduled interview date. The selected applicants will be given an opportunity to appear before the entire Judicial Nominating Commission for a personal interview on August 4, 2023, at the Des Moines County Courthouse in Burlington, Iowa. The applicants' submissions and materials shall be open to the public. Applicant interviews shall also be open to the public. The public will be allowed to observe and listen but not interact. Commission deliberations and voting will not be open to the public.

Prior to the interviews, the public will be permitted to submit comments or recommendations regarding the qualifications of an applicant to the District Court Administrator's Office for the Eighth Judicial District, 333 North Court St., Ottumwa, IA 52501 or by emailing cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov.

The Commission will submit the names of two nominees to Governor Reynolds who will then have 30 days to appoint one to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Javed joins staff at SEI Regional Medical Center

WEST BURLINGTON – Ayesha Javed, MD, has joined the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Internal Medicine Clinic in West Burlington.

Dr. Javed completed medical school at Lahore Medical and Dental College in Lahore Pakistan and her residency at the University of Arizona, College of Medicine, Tucson. After completing her residency, Dr. Javed worked as an Assistant Professor at University of Arizona, College of Medicine, Tucson, and Banner University Medical Center for three years. She is Board Certified in Internal Medicine.



JAVED

“I enjoy spending time with my patients and getting to know them holistically. Providing my patients with information about their disease processes, helps us develop a treatment plan that works for them. Building this partnership fosters compliance,” expressed Dr. Javed.

Internal Medicine physicians specialize in treating adults. These physicians offer primary care for adults with acute and chronic conditions, and preventive care.

Dr. Javed sought out a position in the Midwest and chose Great River Health for its sense of community.

Outside of work, Dr. Javed enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and running.

Dr. Javed is accepting new patients. To make an appointment, call 319-768-1000.

IT'S TIME



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— OPEN HOUSE —

Wednesday July 19th

4:30—6:30 pm

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF
WEST BURLINGTON
Regular City Council
Meeting
Wednesday,
July 19, 2023 - 6:00 PM
West Burlington
City Hall
122 Broadway Street**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLE-
GIANCE
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & AP-
PROVAL OF AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA
All items on the Con-
sent Agenda are Action
items that will be con-
sidered 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 rou-
tine expenses as defined
by the City's Purchasing
Policy.

1. Minutes from the
Regular City Council
meeting on July 5, 2023
2. Payment to Snyder &
Associates for engineer-
ing services related to the
Gear Ave. Trail Extension
- Phase 2 - \$36,160
3. Payment to
French-Reneker-Asso-
ciates for engineering
services related to the Mt.
Pleasant St. Resurfacing
Project - \$1,1776.50
4. Approve the pur-
chase of a replacement
nozzle for Tower 1 from
Heiman Fire Equipment -
\$5,117
5. Approve the pur-
chase of a Supervac fan
from Heiman Fire Equip-
ment - \$5,176
6. Approve the pur-
chase of tires for Tower
1 from Bauer Built for
\$9,993.40
7. Payment of Claims
as listed on the Ex-
pense Approval Report

- \$730,559.89
COUNCIL & STAFF
REPORTS
• ADMINISTRATOR:
• PUBLIC WORKS:
• POLICE DEPART-
MENT:
• FIRE/BUILDING DE-
PARTMENT:
• CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
• OTHER STAFF RE-
PORTS:
• COUNCIL REPORTS:
• COMMUNITY RE-
PORTS:
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
NEW BUSINESS
1. Consider a Reso-
lution accepting the Mt.
Pleasant Street Water
Tower and Booster Sta-
tion Improvement Project
and release of retainage
OLD BUSINESS
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
ADJOURN

**PUBLIC NOTICE
West Burlington
Regular City Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday,
July 5, 2023**

The West Burlington
City Council met in regu-
lar session on Wednes-
day, July 5, 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 New-
berry, John Johnson,
Therese Lees, and Mel-
anie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Andy Crowner

ALSO PRESENT:
Police Chief Jesse Lo-
gan, Fire Chief/Building
Inspector Shaun Ryan,
Public Works Director
Mike Brissey, City Clerk
Kelly Fry, and City Admin-
istrator Gregg Mandsager

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLE-
GIANCE

ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & AP-
PROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lees, sec-
onded by Young, to
approve the agenda as
presented. Motion carried
by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, John-
son, Lees, and Young
CONSENT AGENDA

• Minutes from the
Regular City Council
meeting on June 21, 2023

• Renewal of the Bar-
racuda E-Mail Protection
Subscription - 3 yr renew-
al - \$13,994.64

• Payment to SHI Inter-
national Corp for Bitde-
fender Software - \$6,860

• Payment to Lexipol
for annual Law Enforce-
ment Policy Manual &
Daily Training Bulletins -
\$6,217.03

• Liquor License Re-
newal for Wal-Mart

• Payment to Net3
Technology for a
12-month subscription
to networking and data
protection services and
support - \$8,942.88

• Accept Steve Swaf-
ford's resignation from
the Planning & Zoning
Commission

• Payment of Claims
as listed on the Ex-
pense Approval Report
- \$778,761.85

Moved by Lees, sec-
onded by Johnson, to
approve the Consent
Agenda items as present-
ed. Motion carried by the
following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, John-
son, Lees, and Young
COUNCIL & STAFF
REPORTS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES
No inquiries.

NEW BUSINESS
Consider purchase of a
Confined Space Retrieval
System Public Works
received a quote from
Ferguson to purchase a
confined space retrieval
system for \$7,944.17.

This retrieval system
will be used at the East
Lift Station and for other
water and sewer projects.
This purchase will come
from Sewer Minor Equip-
ment 610-815-6504 and
Water Minor Equipment
600-810-6504.

Moved by Lees, sec-
onded by Young, to
purchase of a Confined
Space Retrieval Sys-
tem from Ferguson for
\$7,944.17. Motion carried

by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, John-
son, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution
adding Jayla Alston and
Andrew Strausbaugh to
the Fire Department
Moved by Lees, sec-
onded by Newberry,
approve a Resolution
adding Jayla Alston and
Andrew Strausbaugh to
the Fire Department. Mo-
tion carried by the follow-
ing votes:

Ayes: Newberry, John-
son, Lees, and Young

Consider entering
into a contract with the
Southeast Iowa Regional
Planning Commission
for Grant Administration
Services related to Phase
2 of the Gear Avenue Trail
Project

Moved by Lees, sec-
onded by Young, to
enter into a contract with
Southeast Iowa Regional
Planning Commission
for Grant Administration
Services related to Phase
2 of the Gear Avenue Trail
Project for \$7,500. Motion
carried by the following
votes:

Ayes: Newberry, John-
son, Lees, and Young

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Planning Commission
for Grant Administration
Services related to Phase
2 of the Gear Avenue Trail
Project

Moved by Lees, sec-
onded by Young, to ad-
jourrn at 6:22 p.m. Motion

carried by the following
votes:

Ayes: Newberry, John-
son, Lees, and Young

OLD BUSINESS
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
ADJOURN

Moved by Lees, sec-
onded by Young, to ad-
jourrn at 6:22 p.m. Motion

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samples, and completes in-
spections.

**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 lab-
oratory analyses

Apply at City Hall, 811 Ave-
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jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com
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Applications can be found on
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**WASTEWATER
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TECHNICIAN/OPERATOR**

GENERAL PURPOSE

Performs routine laboratory
work analyzing wastewater
and sludge samples. Main-
tains the quality control pro-
gram, inventory of chemicals,
and monitors industrial waste
for billing purposes.

**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 Waste-
water Certification in the
State of Iowa.
4. Certified Laboratory Assis-
tant preferred
5. Ability to perform complex
laboratory analyses

Apply at City Hall,
811 Avenue E,
Fort Madison, IA or
email applications to
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by Friday, July 21st.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

carried by the following votes:
 Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young
 Approved
 Ron Teater, Mayor
 Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 TENTATIVE AGENDA
 FORT MADISON
 CITY COUNCIL
 Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

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**5:30 P.M.
 City Council Chambers,
 City Hall**

INVOCATION
 ROLL CALL
 VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS:
 At this time persons may address Council on any matters not on the Council agenda. After identifying yourself by name and address, please briefly state your issue. PLEASE NOTE: This is not an opportunity to discuss issues with Council or to get information. In accordance with Open Meetings law, Council may not deliberate upon, nor take action on any

complaint or suggestion or respond to any allegations which are not part of the published agenda.
CONSENT AGENDA
 1. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:
 • Minutes of July 5, 2023;
 Liquor License Renewals: Faeth's L.C., 832 Avenue G; effective June 30, 2023 – Class C Retail; JoeDees, 1828 Avenue L, effective August 1, 2023 – Class C Retail; New Liquor License: Boozy Rae's, 622 – 7th Street, effective August 4, 2023 – Class C Retail;
 • Claims dated July 13,

2023 and June Financial Report; and
 • Payroll of July 14, 2023.
UPDATE: Old Fort Madison
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
 2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 7, Police, by adding Chapter 13, Special Events.
 3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 4, Business, Chapter 6, Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Dealers. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO.

2023-24)
 4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution accepting Public Improvement Project 2019-05, Amtrak Station Platform Improvements as complete. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-25)
 5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on an agreement for Safety Training with Southeast Iowa Community College for August 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-26)
 6. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED

ED to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor's signature on Rehabilitation Agreements between the City of Fort Madison and Bidders acquiring tax certificates for nuisance properties at the Public Nuisance Tax Sale held in June.
 OTHER - None
 DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
 ADJOURNMENT -The next regular City Council meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

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From the Front

Landowners suspicious of intent of carbon capture pipeline

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they'll probably lose, but it will slow things down," Johnson said.

A sentiment echoed by Ted Stein, another Lee County resident with a century farm who's been advocating against pipelines including the NuStar anhydrous ammonia pipeline that's already been approved.

"We have to slow them down and the only way to do that is by saying no when they come on your property. You can do that. Just say no. And then we need to make it expensive for them. Make them go to court to get orders allowing them to come onto your property," Stein said.

"We have to make it expensive and slow."

West Point Mayor Joseph Loving said he has spoken out about the pipeline at meetings with elected officials. The last one being a legislative forum put on by Fort Madison Partners in Montrose.

"I told them building that pipeline will inhibit our growth to the west and north. I told them we are opposed to this pipeline and I am opposed to this pipeline," Loving said.

However, the first-term mayor who took over after the passing of long-time Mayor Paul Walker, said he's been told the city doesn't have a two-mile jurisdiction to work in outside the city limits so he's not sure what the city can do.

"I've talked with our attorney and they've recommended we wash our hands of it, but that's not me. I don't want to wait. I don't think that helps anyone."

Lee County Supervisor Ron Fedler was present at the meeting and said the pipeline needs to be stopped. Fedler said the pipeline serves no public good and that's a requirement in taking private land through eminent domain.

"I've just heard recently that they can take this carbon dioxide and make methane to fuel equipment pretty easily. With Illinois not giving them a permit to build the pipeline, that's what they're going to do and turn a huge profit."

Profits were also brought up by Menke who said at the end of the day, the tax credits and profits generated by the pipeline will be going overseas to China.

"When these tax credits are available, China's just going to say they'll take theirs in cash and all that money will leave the country," Menke said.

He passed out forms for people to sign and write their opposition to the pipeline. He said the forms should be uploaded to the Iowa Utilities Board as separate complaints. Doing them all at one time in one package would be registered as one complaint. Individually they'll all be listed as separate complaints.

The pipeline is planned to run 1,300 miles from South Dakota through Iowa and into Illinois with extensions into Nebraska and Minnesota hooking up with ethanol and fertilizer facilities along the way capturing their carbon dioxide release. The path of structure will run from northwest to southeast Iowa and was intended to cross under the river into Illinois. The pipeline is expected to cost more than \$3 billion to build.

Advocates say carbon sequestration will help improve the climate and global warming. Opponents say the technology will take needed carbon dioxide out of the air and is just a red herring for profits to be taken in the conversion to methane, along with tax credits.

The issue has been emotional since its project was unveiled in 2021. Area landowners to be impacted by the pipeline have called out area legislators for the past 12 months on stopping the land grab and heavy tactics by contractors trying to secure easement agreements.

Former Supervisor Don Hunold said only 13.9% of the land for the pipeline has been secured through voluntary easements, the rest of the property owners are saying no.

Navigator CO2 pulled its original request with the Illinois Commerce Commission in January and plans to submit an enhanced proposal with additional sequestration sites after several Illinois counties passed temporary moratoriums on pipeline construction until more information was available on the safety of the pipelines.

Lee County Supervisors have been discussing the possibility of joining a lawsuit against the Iowa Utilities Board. A representative of an attorney looking to file the suit met with supervisors two weeks ago about the idea. Those conversations are ongoing, but to date, no counties have agreed to be the plaintiff in the suit.

Trump comments drove decision

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know they're pregnant at that stage.

Reichman said there could be something internal going on in the Trump campaign when it comes to Reynolds, but the campaign hasn't been reaching out to the Governor. He said he's spoken with the Governor recently about the event.

"I don't know if there's something internal going on. His campaign wasn't contacting her about events. She said she had a state to run but every other candidacy reaches out - he doesn't. She said that's all she's asked of candidates, and he doesn't do it."

Reichman said he's come to know the Governor as a caring leader and didn't appreciate the attack on Reynolds.

"He took a swipe at the Governor and I've come to know her over the past three years. Not only do I respect her professionally, she's a wonderful person and she truly cares about the state and the people," Reichman said. "It was a long drive to Des Moines that day thinking about this."

Reichman said a DeSantis staffer reached out to him after the comment and then set up a 10-minute conversation with DeSantis.

"We talked for about 10 minutes and I think we're going to meet him in Des Moines."

DeSantis will be in the state this week for a candidate forum hosted by Family Leader, a Christian group. Trump has decided to skip the

event.

"It just didn't feel right and didn't feel right being in the camp anymore. It's ok to throw rocks, but when you throw them internally - it's time to cut away," Reichman said.

When asked what he favors about the DeSantis campaign, Reichman said he delivers the agenda without all the nonsense.

"He keeps his eye on the ball. Doesn't let other things pull him away and distract from that. The policy will be similar, initiatives will be similar, but we don't have all the distractions," he said.

"It's no secret Trump is outspoken and we expect that, but when you throw mud in your own camp - that got to me."

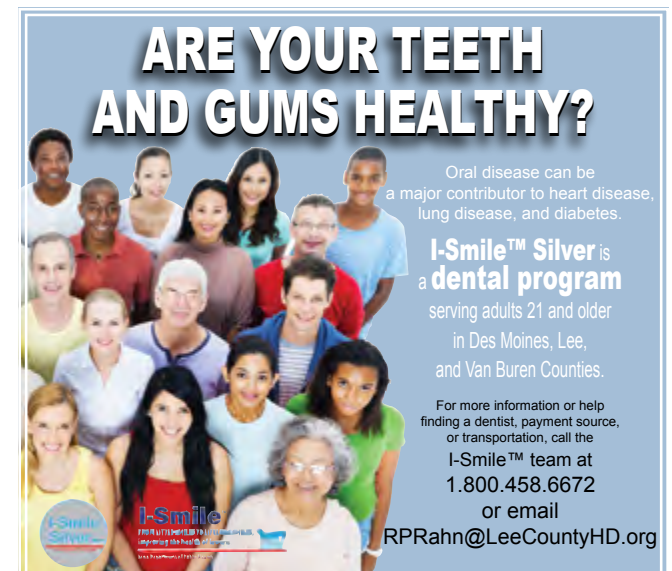
Reichman said potential financial support for

future campaigning in Iowa had nothing to do with the switch.

"Absolutely not. It wasn't a factor in it. I had a 10-minute conversation with (DeSantis) and I told him Trump flipped this area. The eastern portion of Iowa was the last holdout from going back to red. He made people believe we can recover our economy from what has happened over the past 30 years since NAFTA and we've started to see it and people in this area need to believe it, so I told him we need to see you in southeast Iowa. That was my ask.

"The biggest headline is that this was a direct result of his comments towards Reynolds.

"We really admire her. She's a wonderful woman and truly cares about Iowa."



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