

Marina, Turnwater christened



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld points to some before-and-after photos of the Fort Madison marina with the new facility open for business Monday.

COMPLETELY COMPLETED: Turnwater Grill, Marina open for business Monday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Local and state officials christened the Turnwater Bar and Grill and encompassing Fort Madison Marina Thursday with the facility’s opening set for Monday morning at 11 a.m.

About 200 people, including donors, local officials, and media, were invited Thursday to a test run of the facility on a chilly night that didn’t allow for a full exposure to the patio and the vista of the Illinois bluffs nestled against the

Mississippi River.

At about 7 p.m. the setting sun bounced off the BNSF Bridge almost electrifying the bridge as a visual spark to the night’s events.

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld welcomed the guests in a presentation held in the event center on the west side of the facility.

“We have the nicest bar and grill in southeast Iowa, we have a much needed event center, and 6,500 square feet of patio. We have a convenience store, gas, it’s fully staffed,

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TRI-STATE RODEO

ProRodeo inducts Tri-State Rodeo into Hall of Fame

FORT MADISON - A legacy that began in 1948, the Tri-State Rodeo is set to make history. After 76 years of thrilling performances and unwavering dedication, it will be immortalized in the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. This prestigious honor will be bestowed upon the Tri-State Rodeo during the Colo-

rado Springs, Colorado ceremony in July 2024. It’s a momentous occasion to be inducted alongside the likes of “The Daddy of Them All” Cheyenne Frontier Days, The Calgary Stampede, The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, The National Western Stock Show, The Pendleton Round-Up, and The Ram

National Circuit Finals.

The ProRodeo Hall of Fame opened in 1979 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Hall of Museum was opened to preserve the cowboy contest’s legacy and culture and the competition’s

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COMMENTARY



A “Caitlin Clark” citing by Miller-Meeks

It was a crazy past week.

Most of the time I like a message in my Sunday nonsense and this week I thought about talking about student loan debt and President Joe Biden’s never-ending attempts to wipe out a good portion of that crippling, federal swipe.

I’m not going to do that because it could get political and that’s never good for anyone, but suffice it to say the government shouldn’t be making billions off putting students through college. That was a private market enterprise and should’ve stayed that way. It actually helped keep the price of college down, but that’s for another day.

Today, I just want to talk about the weird week that was.

It started on Monday when I found myself questioning the legitimacy of a closed session that my other employer, Lee County, was headed into to discuss “imminent” litigation. I said weird, and that’s weird. I’m questioning the very board that gave me a wonderful opportunity to write and comply with grants and handle their ARPA funds. But here I am, sitting in the meeting asking Lee County Chairman Garry Seyb if he’s sure he’s overcome the hurdle of the definition of imminent with Lee County Attorney Ross Braden sitting just behind me.

“If you come out of this closed session without filing a lawsuit, how do you justify the closed session because clearly litigation is not imminent. The Iowa code the board cited was 21.5(1) c: “To discuss strategy with counsel in

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OBITUARIES

SCOTT E. KELLEY

Scott Edward Kelley, 62, of Keokuk, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Scott was born on August 3, 1961, in Minnesota, the son of James Leonard Kelley and Helen Ermina (Barton) Kelley Trask. He graduated from Danville High School in 1979, and went on to attend Southeastern Community College in Burlington. Scott was a member of UFCW Local #617, and was employed at Conagra for the past 22 years. He was a talented woodworker, and was very good at re-purposing furniture. He enjoyed disc golfing, and in his younger years, he spent his free time bowling, trap shooting and collecting antiques. He was also a car enthusiast, but his main priority in life were his grandchildren, and he attended every event he could.

Scott is survived by three daughters: Jill (Matt) Mitchell of Grundy Center, Iowa, Jess (Jacob) Murphy of Carthage, Illinois, and Cassie (Boyfriend Brandon Devitt) Kelley of Hamilton, Illinois; his son Brian (Kayley) Kelley of Kahoka, Missouri; nine grandchildren: Lucas, Hayley and Mackenzie Mitchell, Peyton and Parker Murphy, Gunner, Rosa, and Jasper Stark and Cassidy Kelley; two sisters: Sandra Strange of West Burlington, Iowa, and Cori Keefe of Nixa, Missouri; two brothers: Harry (Betty) Knight of Atlantic, Iowa, and David (Jenny) Kelley of Ozark, Missouri; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Scott is preceded in death by his parents, his step-father Ralph Trask, his brother Britt (Jan Heinold) Kelley, and his brother-in-law Patrick Keefe.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Jaggar Cemetery in Danville, Iowa. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 23, from 4 to 7 pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family in care of Jess Murphy. Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



KELLEY

OBITUARIES

TRACI L. SPARROW

Traci Linn Sparrow, 58, of rural Dallas City, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the Memorial Hospital in Carthage, Illinois.

Traci was born April 12, 1966 in Quincy, Illinois, the daughter of Donald and Dyna (Freeland) Scanlan. On August 24, 1985 she married Martin Sparrow at the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, Illinois.

Traci was a graduate of Dallas City High School. She attended nursing school and later graduated with a business degree from Southeastern Community College in West Burlington, Iowa. She previously worked at the Riverview Supper Club in Dallas City, The Madison Nursing Home in Fort Madison, Iowa, LaHarpe-Davier Health Care Center, LaHarpe and for the Hancock County Circuit Clerk. She was currently owner and operator with her husband, Martin, of Scanlan & Sparrow Trucking.

Traci was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dallas City, where she was a member of the Altar & Rosary Society. She and her husband cared for numerous foster children over the years. She was an advocate for special needs children within the foster care system. In 2011 she was awarded Mother of the Year by the Illinois Country Living Magazine. Her life revolved around helping others.

Survivors include her husband, Martin, four children: Marc (Skye Moore) Sparrow, Monte Cole, Bobby Sparrow and Danielle Sparrow all of Dallas City, one bonus daughter: LaAnni Asensio of Spain; her parents Donald and Dyna Scanlan of Dallas City; one sister: Tara (Gabe) Harrison of Warsaw; two brothers: Seth Trent Scanlan of Warsaw and Jay (Tiffany) Kosse of Dallas City; a bonus sister: Alaina (Cody) Paxton of Blandinsville and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m Monday, April 22, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, where the family will receive friends from 4:00 until 6:45 p.m. A Rosary will be held at 6:45 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dallas City with Fr. Tony Trosley as celebrant. Burial will follow in Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established for Courageous Smiles, Carthage or her children's education. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Traci's obituary at banksandbeals.com.



SPARROW

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come; and reformed the corporate tax system by gradually reducing the rate from 9.8% to 5.5%.

“These commonsense policies have made Iowa one of the most competitive states in the country. Yet, we still have a budget surplus of nearly \$2 billion, more than \$900 million in reserve funds, and more than \$2.7 billion in the Taxpayer Relief Fund. It’s time that state government stop over collecting from the hardworking men and women of Iowa.



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From the Front

Playground is next on Riverview Park to-do list

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with public restrooms and showers. We have opened the door for business in Fort Madison,” Mohrfeld said.

Mohrfeld said the old marina chased people away, while the new marina will put a pin in the map of the Mississippi River at Fort Madison, Iowa.

“We are now at a point where we do have the best damn marina on the Mississippi River,” the mayor said.

Lee County EDG Dennis Fraise echoed Mohrfeld’s sentiment.

“We used to drive down here on this road in the evenings,” Fraise said referring to his high school days in the 70s.

“Since that time we’ve lost 25% of our population. Think about that - 1 in 4 people have left Lee County and tonight we’re seeing the renaissance that is the new Fort Madison. It’s like we woke up one day and realized we had this river. Look at this view. I don’t know how far you have to go, but it’s a hell of a long way to beat this.”

Fraise then introduced Congresswoman Marianne Miller-Meeks (IA-1) who said the project will accomplish greater goals.

“I do think it will lead toward what we wanted which was tourism, economic development, and attracting new business,” she said.

The U.S. Representative for the district congratulated the mayor for the vision of the project.

“I think this is a testament to the vision and the big thinking of your Mayor. You’ve got the Caitlin Clark of mayors,” she said.

“You had a big vision to do something in a town and community that has been struggling and we all know it. What you have done here is nothing short of amazing.”

The ceremony moved on with Iowa Economic Development Authority Director Debi Durham saying the facility will help Fort Madison with a problem that’s been plaguing the state.

“The greatest challenge in Iowa is still the same as it was pre-covid and that’s that we have a population problem,” she said.

“We have to create communities. Focus on the community development side of the equation and create communities in which people want to live. We can retain people and, more importantly, we can attract people to Iowa.”

Durham said she’s in Lee County so much that she should have temporary office space.

“This rivals anything we see in any big city.”

She said the marina is catalytic and has been asking



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

IEDA Director Debi Durham talks to a crowd at a soft opening of the Turnwater Bar and Grill and Fort Madison Marina Thursday evening.

officials what’s next, which has included conversations around the new playground, the Old Fort, and the former Sheaffer Pen building across the highway.

“I can’t, quite frankly, wait to see what’s next,” Durham said.

Mohrfeld gave credit to Michael Mohrfeld and Wade Knoke for their commitment and detail of the marina, restaurant, and other assets. Michael Mohrfeld is owner of Mohrfeld Electric and Knoke is a project manager with the company, the two make up the for-profit piece of the development.

There is also a non-profit piece that is responsible for maintaining the marina and dock facilities with revenues generated off marina facilities.

The city infused the project with \$1.5 million and leased the property to the non-profit Southeast Iowa Aquatic Restoration Group, Inc., who leased the land for the facility to the for-profit Turnwater Bar and Grill.

According to the Secretary of State’s office, Turnwater is registered by Chris Swed, who was originally hired to manage the facility, but that position is now held by Dan Krieger. The non-profit was registered by Fort Madison attorney Rich Fehseke.

The city leases the property to the aquatic group for \$1 per day. The non profit is responsible for all property and income taxes due off the property with the

caveat that the two groups work together to identify abatements available.

Mohrfeld thanked several people by name including Larry Smith for his fundraising efforts, as well as Greg and Ashley Shottenkirk who donated the final \$750,000 toward the project. He also thanked Michael for his continued commitment of resources to get the project completed.

He also recognized the millions of dollars raised out of the community with no return on investment.

The next step in the process is the playground.

You don’t build a \$12 million marina and put up a swingset. We had one vision in mind for that - would people drive 50 miles to come to this playground. That’s the playground we’re gonna build,” he said.

“Is that gonna take \$1.5 million? Debi Durham assured me of this - ‘we have money for that.’ But she assured me it would take a little more from us, too.”

Turnwater opens to the general public today (Monday, April 22) beginning at 11 a.m for lunch, dinner and beverages seven days a week. For more information contact the bar and grill at 319-250-9120. You can visit the website at <https://turnwaterbarandgrill.com/>.

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Sports/From the Front

AREA GOLF

Hounds send seven to Drake Relays

DES MOINES – Fort Madison will send seven athletes to the 2024 Drake Relays this week.

Junior Brylie Lorence is seeded 18th in the girls shotput and will be the Lady Hounds' only representative at the meet. The cutoff for the girls' shot was 38'6.5" and Lorence had a season best 39'1.5" from the Burlington High School Invitational on Saturday, April 13. Lorence will compete at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Drake Stadium.

On the boys' side, Caden Barnes is seeded 14th in shotput. Boys needed a throw of 55 even to qualify this year and Barnes season-best this year is a 54'1.5" at the Fairfield Trojan Relays on April 9th. The junior is 7.25" away from being in the top 10 in the state. Barnes will throw at 9 a.m. on Friday morning.

Kenden Bowie has come out of nowhere to qualify for the Blue Oval getting a 6'4" leap last Saturday in Burlington. He's seeded 23rd and will jump at 11 a.m. in Friday morning's session.

The Fort Madison boys' 4x100 team of Adam Sobczak, Dayton Lamar, Hayden Segoviano, and Julian Dear currently has the 62nd fastest time in the state at 44.37. The cutoff this year was 44.87. That team will run in preliminaries starting at 10:12 a.m. Saturday with finals later in the day beginning at 4:29.

Keokuk's 4x100 team of Malachi Allison, Lucas Swainey, Ryan Bait, and Drew Campbell are just inside Fort Madison's mark with a 44.35 and also qualified. Burlington's 4x100 team has the same mark as Fort Madison, so those three schools are just .02 seconds apart.

For more information and possible livestream options go to the Drake Relays website at <https://godrake-bulldogs.com/sports/drake-relays>.

Crazy week started with tornado

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matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation."

Take "judicial" note if you will that the language does NOT say ...where litigation is likely imminent, it says imminent. Think of it this way, is death imminent? Not necessarily, even though we all will eventually get there. But when you say death is imminent, it changes the meaning to it's coming very soon.

At issue are some drainage concerns at 320th Avenue that have arisen after the construction of the PORT trail up 15th Street to Rodeo Park. The county contends the issues were created with the construction and, according to a 28E agreement, the city is responsible as owner of the trail to

correct any issues. However, the city contends it isn't the construction but poor county drainage systems that are the problem. Either way, it would seem like a problem that a cup of coffee and some compromise could solve. And we're not convinced ultimately that type of thing will lead to the resolution.

Meanwhile, back at the closed session, if there still is no commitment to filing a suit, then the litigation can't be defined as imminent. Therefore, we feel the closed session was in error. You also have to give consideration to the fact that the county came out of the session and filed in intent to file, giving the city two weeks to react to the contentions of the 28E. If they are giving the city two weeks to react, then, again, the lawsuit is not imminent.

We will be asking for the recordings of the closed session as a "trust but verify" move to protect the public's right to access conversations of an elected body.

Words matter...gram-

mar matters...sentence construction matters, and all this language under Iowa Code 21 is geared to make public bodies conduct business in an open fashion not as a matter of regular business, but as a matter critical to the integrity of the board itself. The margin of error in that judgment to go into closed session is razor thin, and the code was specifically written to reach that thin layer of exemption.

So that was a seriously weird way to start the week and then on Thursday, at a soft-opening for the Fort Madison Marina and Turnwater Bar & Grill, where Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks called Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld the "Caitlin Clark of Iowa Mayors".

Now I was expecting something huge from the Mayor when he took the stage, after all, he doesn't think basketball is a real sport. If it has a ball, it's not a sport. I'm not sure where he gets that, but no one can pass judgment on the validity of his commitment to running and swimming, both sports that do not engage a ball.

The "Caitlin Clark of Mayors". And this is coming from someone who was referred to as a rock star of Economic Development by Lee County EDG President Dennis Fraise.

"I really missed a cue, I should've walked up and said, "I only want to make three points tonight," Mohrfeld said after the event. "But I doubt I've put a whole gender on the map."

Well, maybe not. But we'd be hard pressed to say you haven't helped put Fort Madison on the map.

Throw in some storm chasing on Tuesday night where I would've sworn I was going to get my first twister photo ever and yeah, it was a crazy week. But in the news world, that's what makes it so much fun.

Taking principal at risk of profit, chasing ugly storm clouds, and a "Caitlin Clark" citing made this week's work just a bit more entertaining for me, and hopefully for you – But that's Beside the Point.

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HOF induction honors tradition of operating committee

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culture. Since opening, 294 people have been inducted, 38 livestock athletes, and 32 committees.

Being nominated and inducted into the Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor. The rodeo season officially ends at the end of September, placing the Tri-State Rodeo toward the end of the season. Over the 75 years of the Tri-State Rodeo, we've always seen the competitors "sitting on the bubble" trying to qualify for the Wrangler National Finals in Las Vegas, which is the "Super Bowl" of Rodeo. After competing in Fort Madison and realizing the quality of the rodeo offered, the committee has always heard positive comments about the rodeo's hospitality, the fans, and the community. Fort Madison sees the "best of the best" competing and continuing to return year after year to the Tri-State Rodeo. That's truly a testament to the hard work of the Tri-State Rodeo Operating Committee, which are all volunteers working year-round to produce a Hall of Fame rodeo. The Tri-State Rodeo brings a world-class announcer selected four times as the PRCA announcer of the year and an award-winning music director and award-winning cowboy protectors (bullfighters) each year to the arena. Their partnership with long-time stock contractor Cervi Championship Rodeo has brought tremendous livestock athletes consistently nominated to perform at the Wrangler National Finals.

"We are thrilled that our event is being inducted into the esteemed Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. This recognition is a tribute to the dedication and hard work of our past chairman, our current and past committee members, and all the volunteers who have poured their hearts into making our event a standout in the rodeo world," said Bobby Hotkamp, Tri-State Rodeo Chairman.

"We are honored to be alongside the great of the sport and grateful for this prestigious acknowledgment of our event's impact on the rodeo community."

Rodeo Committee secretary Bob Huffman echoed the comments.

"We are very excited to have our rodeo receive this prestigious recognition. It would not have been possible without all the past and present Tri-State Rodeo General Chairman, Tri-State Rodeo Committee Chairman and assistants, and finally, all the wonderful community volunteers who put in countless hours every year to make this event a tremendous success for Ft. Madison and the surrounding region,"



Huffman said.

"For a city of just over 10,000 people, we draw a crowd from across the Midwest and the country, for that matter. We are awfully proud of that," said Chuck Kempker, the Tri-State Rodeo Board of Directors president.

"The volunteers, sponsors, and the community of Fort Madison are a huge asset to our rodeo every single year. We wouldn't have this honor without them."

Other 2024 ProRodeo Hall of Fame inductees include: Kaycee Feild, who set the gold standard for PRCA bareback riders, winning an event record six PRCA World Championships, and won PRCA World Championships in (2011-14, 2020-21); team roper Art Arnold, a 1968 RCA World Champion; bull rider, the late Blue Stone, a PRCA World Champion in 2001 and 2002; stock contractor Sammy Andrews; bull-fighter Darrell Diefenbach, who was selected to work the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo 12 times (2001-12), notable J.D. Yates, who made the NFR as a team roping header and heeler; standout bull Mr. T of Burns Rodeo Company (1986 PRCA Bull of the Year, and Bull of the NFR in 1986 and 1989); the rodeo committee from the Tri-State Rodeo in Fort, Madison, Iowa; and barrel racers Marlene (Eddleman) McRae, the 1983 WPRA World Champion and Jeana Day, the 1974 WPRA World Champion.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **MONDAY April 22, 2024 MEETING CONVENING TIME: 10:00 A.M. 933 AVE H**

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Public Input
Consider Approval to Replace Two Full-time Paramedics
Discussion and Possible Action on Claim for Refund for Erroneous Assessment and Payment of Taxes

Consider Approval of Service Agreement with Nyhart Company for Actuarial Services

Consider Approval of Change to Section 3.15 in Personnel Policy Due to Passage of Religious Freedom Reformation Act

Discuss and Consider Approval to Accept Allotment from Great River Landfill and Donate to Skunk River Project
Consider Approval of 28E Agreement with Iowa Governmental Health Benefits

Consent Agenda
• Monday, April 15, 2024 Board Minutes
• Claims for Payment
• Class C Retail Alcohol License for Fat Jimmy's Smoke House and Spirits Commission or Com-

mittee Reports
Adjourn

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes - March 26, 2024 Meeting
3. Review and recommend Council Approval of Parcel Split for Kokjohn.
4. Zoning Code Updates:
 - B-3, B-4 zoning map review of the Corridor to the west end.
 - Continue adjusting uses for B-3, B-4 (and B-1, and B-2 as needed).

• Review uses list in regard to changes from last meeting.
5. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DRONE SERVICES

The City of Fort Madison ("City") is seeking proposals from qualified entities interested in performing emergency drone services for police and fire operations. Specifications and instructions are

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PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION Monday, April 22, 2024 3:00 P.M. City Council Chambers, City Hall 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA 52627

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of November 1, 2023.
2. Discuss Test Dates

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Lee County is taking applications for a Road Maintenance Worker III to work at the Ambrosia Shop. Duties will include the operation of light and heavy equipment and trucks to perform road maintenance and construction projects, occasionally plowing snow, and the performance of manual labor as required. Requires a high school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent and must possess a valid Class A commercial driver's license with air brake endorsements. The starting wage range is \$22.57 to \$27.55.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

For a job description and to apply, download an application from our county website, www.leecounty.org or you can pick an application up at the Engineer's office and return your completed application along with a resume to Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627, or email it to engineer@leecounty.org. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee County Engineer Office at (319) 372-2541 or email them at engineer@leecounty.org.



**TENTATIVE AGENDA
APRIL 23, 2024
SPECIAL SESSION -
6:00 P.M.**

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. BUDGET HEARING - FY2024-2025:
 - a) Open Hearing for Public Comment
 - b) Approve Budget for FY2024-2025 (Exhibit I) (Motion) (Roll Call Vote)
4. Adjourn (Motion)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE**

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 2024, at Heartland Co-op, east of Wever.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF
WEST BURLINGTON
Special City Council
Meeting
Wednesday,
April 24, 2024 - 6:00 PM
West Burlington
City Hall
122 Broadway Street**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA
1. Minutes from Regular City Council meeting on April 17, 2024
 2. Approve Quote from Dave Bessine Electric to install traffic cameras at Hwy 34 and Gear Ave. - \$38,729.99
 3. Approve Liquor License for JB's LLC, 1201 Derek Lincoln Drive
 1. Council will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
 2. Council will hold a Public Hearing on the question of the City's intentions to repeal Ordinance 541 and adopt a new Ordinance granting Interstate Power and Light Company a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain

and operate an Electric Energy system in the City of West Burlington, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants, and require said company to pay a 3% Utility Franchise fee to the City of West Burlington, Iowa

3. Council will hold a Public Hearing on the question of the City's intentions to repeal Ordinance 542 and adopt a new Ordinance granting Interstate Power and Light Company a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to erect, construct, reconstruct, maintain, and operate plant and systems for the distribution of natural gas in the City of West Burlington, and require Interstate Power and Light Company to pay a 3% Utility Franchise Fee to the City of West Burlington, Iowa.

- NEW BUSINESS**
1. Consider a Resolution approving the proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
 2. Consider the first reading of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance 541 and granting Interstate Power and Light Company a non-exclusive twenty-five year franchise to supply Electric Energy to West Burlington and require Interstate Power and Light Company to pay a franchise fee to the City.
 3. Consider the first reading of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance 542 and granting Interstate Power and Light Company a non-exclusive twenty-five year franchise to supply Natural Gas to West Burlington and require Interstate Power and Light Company to pay a franchise fee to the City.
 4. Consider a Resolution approving salary for non-union personnel for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- CITIZEN INQUIRIES
ADJOURN**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
April 4, 2024
501 Main Street
5:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in a special public hearing meeting on April 4, 2024, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker, Shelley Oltmans, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman (entered at 5:09 p.m.), Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Roslyn Garcia was absent. Staff in attendance: Interim City Administrator Dave Hinton, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, and Chief of Police Zeth Baum.

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 5:01 p.m. on proposed Property Tax Levy. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on March 21, 2024.

COMMENTS: Hinton gave overview of the proposed property tax levy. Citizen Linda Mullen commented on property tax rate.

There being no further comments or objections on the matter, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Motion made by Walker, second by Bryant to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES OF THE
BURLINGTON, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL
INFORMA
WORK SESSION
March 25, 2024**

The Burlington City Council met in an informal work session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J.

Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Billups, Council Members Bailey, Graham-Murray, Scott and Weiss present.

Items discussed at the informal work session are listed on the work session agenda on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Adjournment: 5:38 p.m.
Approved: April 1, 2024
Chad Bird Jon D. Billups
City Manager Mayor

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Present: Garry Seyb, Tom Schulz, Chuck Holmes, Ron Fedler and Matt Pflug

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

Seyb amended the agenda, striking item #7, approval of first reading of Loose Cattle Ordinance. Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a contract with Schickedanz Construction for construction of an ambulance building in Keokuk. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a five-year service agreement with Stellar Services for inmate video visitation equipment. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler,

seconded by Pflug, to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a letter of support for the City of Fort Madison's RAISE Grant application. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve 0% raise for the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the February 12, 2024 Board minutes, the claims for payment and a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Izaak Walton League, for the period March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve a step increase for Carie Barnes, Election Administrator, from \$21.74/hr. to \$22.41/hr., effective 3/1/24. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of January 2024 and a Manure Management Annual Update for Pieper Pork Plantation in Cedar Township.

Committee Reports: Pflug reported on an employee Insurance Committee meeting. Fedler reported on an 8th Judicial Committee meeting. Holmes reported on a Conservation Board meeting and a RUSS Board meeting. Schulz reported on a Landfill Board meeting and an Economic Development Board meeting.

At 11:20 a.m. it was moved by Schulz, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in

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