Council also to consider incentive package for hotel

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FORT MADISON - The second and third phases of the Fort Madison recreational trail will be in front of the city council on Tuesday evening.

At their regular meeting Tuesday night at 5:30, the council will vote on a resolution awarding construction of Phase II to Jones Contracting of West Point, Iowa in the amount of $147,777. The next phase will be a cement path built connecting the first path near Ivanhoe Park with 48th street along an easement just sold to the city by the Fort Madison Community School district.

The path will be an east-west run from the current path to 48th Street. Future plans, or Phase III, calls for this path to be connected to a trail head right across from Avenue I at 48th Street. The path will run west 2,300 feet to the current Fort Madison Community Hospital's outdoor exercise path. The Council will also be voting on a resolution to apply for an Iowa Department of Transportation TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) grant that would provide up to 80 percent of the cost of Phase III in reimbursement funds if the city kicks in 20% of the cost of the project.

BESIDE THE POINT

Empty Nesting is driving me crazy

I n the fall of 2011 I had an emotional breakdown. I don't cry very much as an adult, but I sobbed like a baby filling my tank with gas outside of the University of Central Florida, I think it was Hess station. I remember facing east, tears running down my face, and in a full bodied cry as I just dropped off my oldest daughter at college and was heading back to Iowa.

This was the same girl that made me cry when she was eating a French fry, I think she was, like, six at the time, and ate too far down forgetting to move her fingers back in time. I looked over to see huge crocodile tears running down her face.

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City to vote on Boulders incentives

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ing Outdoor Recreational Trails project is nearing completion according to committee chairwoman Rachel Benda.

"Things are really moving along well," she said. "We're finishing up the added touches on Phase I including lighting, fencing, benches, etc. Phase II should be breaking ground soon. Now we're seeking TAP money for Phase III."

According to City Manager David Varley, Phase II of the project should begin and be completed before the end of the summer if everything goes according to plans. The council will also be voting to hold a public hearing on an incentive offer to Boulders Inn & Suites as part of the new construction at the hotel. The city gave the company about $400,000 in incentives when the first section of the hotel was built in 2014 under an urban development agreement with the city. Varley said the hotel came back to the city when they executed plans for the 39-room addition. "They came to the city again and we put together another incentive package for them," Varley said. "They wanted $600,000, $300,000 up front and then the $300,000 rebate on property taxes on the new addition. We thought that was a little high. The package will be the same as the first package except we're recommending the council give them $250,000 up front and $250,000 capped on property tax rebates over six years."

Under the initial agreement, when the hotel was first built, the city paid $200,000 up front in a forgivable loan and then rebated the lesser of $200,000 or 80% of the increased tax on the property valuation over five years. The new agreement proposes $250,000 up front and then a rebate of the lesser of $250,000 or 80% of the increased tax over six years. In other action, the council:

• will consider a support resolution for the reconstruction and re-habilitation of 1,000 feet of trail surface at Rodeo Park.
• will consider a resolution authorizing $110,000 in seal coating projects for the city with W.L. Miller Company of Hamilton, Ill.
• will consider a resolution approving a contract for transportation services between the city and Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission.
• will consider a 2nd Amendment to the city's Urban Renewal Program.

FMAAA Garden Tour winner
Theresa Stolley was the winner of the Scotts Miracle-Gro product raffle last Sunday at the 2017 FMAAA Annual Garden Tour. "My husband is a master gardener who has given seeds to our local conservation agency; we will look forward to using them."
Suspect charged with felony, misdemeanors

**For the Record**

**Fort Madison Police Report**

06/15/17 - 7:18 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of 10th Street.

**Lee County Sheriff’s Report**

06/15/17 - 5:50 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Christopher Allen Krogmeier, 39, of Fort Madison in the 100 block of 110th Street in St. Paul on warrant for escape from custody and a judgement hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/15/17 - 9:59 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Chance David Beach, 24 of Wever, at the Lee County Sheriff’s office on a charge of 3rd degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail and then released on bond.

06/15/17 - 5:22 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 2 and County Road X23. According to the report, a vehicle driven by James Ricky Rea, 71 of Noca pulled into traffic in front of a vehicle driven by Dana Sue Millard, 29 of Salem, traveling west on Hwy 2. The two vehicles collided and Millard was sent to FMCH with injuries. Rea was transported by private party to FMCH and was cited for failure to yield. Donnellson Fire & Rescue responded to the scene.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy.

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2BR • 1BA • 2 car garage
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Very nice maintenancefree home by Lincoln School with a 75 X 145 fenced yard, nice patio, fire pit and child's play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carport area on the paved alley. Listing #20164148 • $72,500

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1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres
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Very nice maintenancefree home by Lincoln School with a 75 X 145 fenced yard, nice patio, fire pit and child's play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement and 3 car garage. Listing #20162543 • $53,000

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930 sq. ft.
7,250 sq. ft. lot
A house with character! Wrap around porch, original hardwood in formal dining room/ living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size eat-in kitchen including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage. Listing #20164279 • $38,500

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Listing #20162159 • $149,500

3 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage
1,248 sq. ft. • 0.37 acres
Well-kept ranch on a beautiful, large corner lot in West Point, IA. New wooden privacy fence surrounding the entire back yard. There is also an attached garage and storage shed. A large wooden deck leads to the front door where you can sit and enjoy those beautiful Iowa summer sunsets! PLUS a covered deck in the back for those rainy days. This house is a rare find.
Listing #20164234 • $119,900

3 BR • 2.50 BA
2 car garage • 1,194 sq. ft.
10,400 sq. ft. lot
Great family home is move-in ready. Nice-sized kitchen with all appliances, dining area, and nice living room all on the upper level. Completely re-modeled family room with a wood burning fireplace on lower level. Many updates include new flooring, roof, and HVAC system.
Listing #20164531 • $114,900

2BR • 2BA • 3 car garage
1,404 sq. ft. • 1.42 acres
Upgrades, improvements, updates...call it what you like, this home has had MANY in the last 2 plus years. This seller has completely refurbished the hill to the north of the home with new landscaping finishes. This is a must see property!! It has enough room for your family and then some!!
Listing #20164991 • $129,900

4 BR • 1.75 BA
3 car garage • 2,052 sq. ft.
8,700 sq. ft. lot
Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently re-decorated and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24’ X 36’ insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park.
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2 car garage • 2,527 sq. ft.
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Listing #20162733 • $269,000

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who gets my crazy sense of humor, lost on most, and a large home with no children.

Our cats have become the kids’ surrogates. And if you don’t believe me, I offer you this.

I was outside watering my dying perennials Wednesday (I’ll blame it on the heat). I leave the door open because our two cats like to come outside and roll around on the pitted concrete patio. It’s warm and feels good on their hides. After about two minutes of watering I hear some panicked chirping. I ignored it for a couple seconds because birds are crazy creatures. But then I turned and see the boy, Bailey, hunkered down on the brick step as several robins dive bomb him.

“Hey, whataya think you’re doing,” I yelled over at the crazed robins with their feathers all poofed out. I start to walk over as Bailey belly crawls toward the house, looking around, still under attack. But he sees me coming and he looks at me, “Dad.... what the hell?” is what I imagine from the look on his face.

I actually say out loud, “You OK, buddy?” He stops and turns around now feeling a little more confident with his wing man. “I can grab a snow shovel or something...?” yep, actually said that to the cat.

The enemy barnstorming robins flitter up to the top of the fence and look at me and the boy. Angry birds, both of them. Both with ticked off looks in their eyes. I’m a little intimidated.

Bailey starts to flank from their right and to my left. He looks up at me, “I got this, dad.” I creep toward the house looking up at the tree. There’s a cardinal in there yapping, too. I started thinking Hitchcock and again thought about the shovel, but it was under where the birds were perched and that would have required some serious speed.

Now, this all happens in about 30 seconds, with all kinds of birds yapping, and an adult man making attack strategies with a cat on a couple of birds.

Then I see a new nest on one of the branches. “Stand down, Bailey. We’ve got newbies in the tree.”

He looks back as the two robins stare menacingly down from the pickets of the fence. They, too, have a plan.

“C’nere buddy.” He doesn’t want to give ground. Then my wife comes out.

“What’s going on out here,” she said.

“Uh, I don’t know, these birds were, like, attacking Bailey and I was, like - trying to help - and then he was all, like, squatted down and I thought about grabbing the shovel, but he was going back inside and then turned around... and now he’s, like, trying to go over by the fence and I don’t...really know... ”

“Are they trying to get you, Bailey,” she asks. He sees mom and comes running to the house. “We had a plan...together.... bird wars. Moms....

We laughed a little on the way in, but I realized that these two cats, the girl was inside – she wanted none of that nonsense, were going to become our children. Not that I ever battled critters with my daughters except on Pokemon (and I think a bat once or twice), but we did go to war on room cleaning, showering, homework, safe driving, and respect of others.

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