Randolph re-elected, Morawitz in
2017 Fort Madison City Elections

Randolph 695
Sorrentino 208
Morawitz 177
Wright 120
Andrews 862
Lair 199

"I'm flattered and humbled as usual that people got out and for the support I received," Randolph said. "It just kind of reaffirms the progress that we've made and the way we're going about things and our future for the vision of Fort Madison. All in all I'm excited about the win and excited about continuing on as mayor and I look forward to future success with the city." He said he wasn't surprised at voter turnout but is concerned about voter apathy.

"I think for a city election, we always talk about turnout and participation and apathy and how we make that better. Whether people are satisfied or they don't choose to get involved or they don't think their vote matters...I don't know how we interpret the results."

Absenee voting continues to be an accurate barometer of final results as Randolph accumulated 131 absentee ballots to Sorrentino's 41. The mayor ran unopposed in 2015 and won over Donna Amandus in 2013, 536 to 360 after being appointed in 2012 following the death of Mayor Steve Ireland. Randolph said he always appreciates those who get on a ballot.

"I always appreciate people running. That's the democratic process," he said. "When you get somebody, maybe it takes a single issue that starts the ball rolling, but you hope they don't stay a single issue candidate. And there's 300 or so voters out there that think we have some shortcomings, so going forward everybody's opinion counts and we need to roll those decisions into our decision-making process as well."

Phone calls to Sorrentino went unanswered Tuesday before this article was posted.

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Supervisors open to boosting county jail staff

Board to ask DHS if tapping mental health funds is possible

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison residents overwhelmingly reinstated Mayor Brad Randolph in Tuesday's municipal elections, while 2nd ward residents elected Bob Morawitz to the City Council.

Randolph soundly defeated challenger Chris Sorrentino in every district and in absentee ballots. Sorrentino launched his campaign in late spring campaigning on restoring trust with Fort Madison residents and eliminating wasteful spending.

In total Randolph took an overwhelming 66% of the vote 695-208. Fort Madison's Andy Andrews accepted a late write-in campaign and 128 votes were for write-in candidates.

"I think their vote matters...I involved or they don't choose to get

Weber also said there's additional space at the complex for more cells but he didn't can that money be used for. Rick Larkin said the county needed to be careful putting permanent demands on that money without knowing what the state is going to do.

"My question would be with this fund are we going to reduce that down and then (the state) changes it and then we have to bring it back up. Any use we have in there that's permanent may be well."
City looking into Avenue G sidewalk project

Funds could come as part of the Waste Water treatment plant revolving loans

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - As part of the city’s renovations of the waste water treatment plant’s state revolving funds, the city may be eligible for money to do some renovations on Avenue G sidewalks, according to a project specialist working with the city.

At Monday’s Fort Madison City Council meeting, the possibility of the project was brought to light by a project specialist from Cedar Rapids.

The funds for the treatment plant renovations came from a state revolving loan fund and Tim Cutsforth, a project manager with HRGreen of Cedar Rapids, said 10% of the loan funds are eligible for a sponsored project.

The project would put concrete from the building facings out six feet into a 12-foot sidewalk. The outer six feet between the concrete and the curbing would be brick pavers that are gapped to allow water to percolate down into a stone bedding and then, ultimately, a sub drain below the stone.

Cutsforth said the stones would be under a sublayer that the pavers would sit on and there would be pea gravel in between the pavers to allow the water to seep through.

The larger stones, about 3” stones, would allow the water to slowly spread into the surrounding ground and water from heavy rainfall would go through the cracks and into the subdrain that would take the water into the city sanitary water.

The sponsored project would cost about $1.55 million of which the city would only be responsible for roughly $23,000. Cutsforth said the program may provide a potential opportunity to fix those issues.

The project would look at replacing sidewalks, and possibly curbing, on Avenue G from Sixth to 10th Streets.

The project would put concrete from the building facings out six feet into a 12-foot sidewalk.
For the Record

Fort Madison Police report
11/02/17 - 10:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tevin Michael Acosta, 38, of Chicago and held. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.

11/02/17 - 9:25 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Skylah Christine Beach, 26, of Burlington in the 400 block of Avenue E, on a charge of OWI 1st offense and possession of marijuana. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

11/02/17 - 8:50 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

11/01/17 - 11:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1100 block of Avenue L.

11/01/17 - 10:47 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

11/01/17 - 10:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue O.

11/01/17 - 10:16 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue O.

11/01/17 - 10:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism at the intersection of 6th Street and Avenue E.

11/01/17 - 09:42 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 29th Street and Avenue L.

11/01/17 - 08:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue T.

11/01/17 - 7:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident.

11/01/17 - 6:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue H.

Police report
11/10/17 - 11:36 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 2700 block of Avenue K.

11/04/17 - 6:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kevin Drew Washburne, 47, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue G on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/02/17 - 9:54 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

11/04/17 - 10:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Daphine Kay Akers, 38, of Plymouth, Ill., in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for a controlled substance violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/04/17 - 11:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue L.

11/01/17 - 11:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tyler Riley McFadden, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 400 block of Avenue E on a charge of consumption of alcohol under the legal age and interference with official acts.

11/01/17 - 11:06 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Skylah Christine Beach, 26, of Burlington in the 400 block of Avenue E, on a charge of OWI 1st offense and possession of marijuana. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

11/01/17 - 11:05 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

11/01/17 - 11:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

11/01/17 - 10:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H.

11/01/17 - 10:30 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of Fourth Street.

11/01/17 - 09:30 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1000 block of Avenue H.

11/01/17 - 09:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue H.

11/01/17 - 09:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue H.

11/01/17 - 08:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue H.

11/01/17 - 07:45 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue H.

11/01/17 - 07:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue H.

11/01/17 - 03:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of Ninth Street.

11/01/17 - 03:33 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 2700 block of Avenue K.

11/04/17 - 06:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kevin Drew Washburne, 47, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue G on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff’s report
11/03/17 - 4:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 218 and 255th Street. A vehicle driven by Jason Acosta, 38, of Chicago and a vehicle driven by Andrew C Moses, 35, of Parapanyi, NJ collided. Acosta and a passenger were transported to FMCH by ground units. Another passenger was transported by Air Evac. Acosta was cited for failure to obey a stop sign.

11/03/17 - 8:29 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Ashley Nicole Bowman, 28, of Mt Pleasant at the Salem Slub in Mt Pleasant on a charge of fifth degree theft. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on her own recognizance.

11/03/17 - 7:16 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jaci Michelle Renee Elder, 19, of Keokuk, at the intersection of 277th Street and Hwy. 218 on a charge of simple assault. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.

11/06/17 - 12:43 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 3300 block of Hwy 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Jeffrey S Courtis, 35, of Quincy, Ill., struck the back end of a vehicle driven by Matthew Sean Taylor, 23, of Macomb, in a work zone. Courtis was cited for following too closely. No injuries were reported at the scene.

11/06/17 - 2:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Laramie James Kniese, 24, of Macomb, in the 400 block of Avenue E on a charges of sex offender verification violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

11/06/17 - 6:42 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Tavin Michael Black, 23, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Sheriff’s office on a charge of sex offender verification violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

11/04/17 - Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
11/01/17 - 11:36 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to two medical calls, one motor-vehicle accident and one burn complaint.

11/02/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls.

11/01/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one lift assist.

FOR THE RECORD

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Rep. Loebsack bill aimed at diabetes signed into law

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Dave Loebsack released the following statement today after President Trump signed into law S. 920, the National Clinical Care Commission Act. Loebsack and Congressman Pete Olson (R-TX) were the bipartisan cosponsors of the House version of this legislation, which passed by unanimous consent on a voice vote. This legislation will help improve care by:

- Identifying gaps where new approaches are needed to improve diabetes care
- Eliminating duplication and conflicting efforts and assisting in coordination across all federal agencies
- Leveraging the significant federal investment in public health by evaluating best practices and other resources and tools for diabetes health care professionals and patients
- Providing guidance on diabetes clinical care to maximize the effectiveness of our strong federal investment in diabetes research

The commission brings together clinical endocrinologists, specialists, health care professionals, patients and representatives from the federal agencies. Specifically, the National Clinical Care Commission will help streamline federal investments, as well as improving coordination and clinical care outcomes. November is recognized as American Diabetes Month to help raise awareness of the disease.

Video of Loebsack discussing the legislation when it was passed by the House can be found here.

“Today, the National Clinical Care Commission Act will help bring together the best clinical endocrinologists, specialists and health care professionals in search of a cure for diabetes. This disease affects over 30 million Americans and costs $320 billion each year in health care costs. I thank President Trump for signing this bill into law and look forward to seeing the Commission gets set up and begin its important work.”

Loebsack recognized as American Diabetes Association named Congressman Loebsack a champion for diabetes health care.

Keokuk, Missouri men nabbed on meth charges

KEOKUK – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk, Iowa man and a Revere, Missouri man on misdemeanor drug charges.

Robert Gene Kay Jr, 52, of 906 Palean Street, Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on October 31st, 2017 at 906 Palean Street in Keokuk on misdemeanor drug charges. Kay was charged with possession of methamphetamine second or subsequent offense, an aggravated misdemeanor, possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor, and maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor.

If convicted, Kay faces up to 4 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

Bruce Wayne Key, 30, of Revere, Missouri was arrested on October 31st, 2017 at 906 Palean Street in Keokuk on misdemeanor drug charges. Key was charged with possession of methamphetamine second or subsequent offense, an aggravated misdemeanor, possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. If convicted, Key faces up to 2 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

The arrests of Key and Kay stem from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that they were involved in the use of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area. A search warrant was served in connection to this investigation and items that support the charges were discovered.

The Lee County Attorney’s Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Keokuk Police Department, and the Lee County Sheriff’s Office assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendants are presumed innocent until and unless 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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In the 2nd Ward, Morawitz succeeded in ousting Brian Wright from his council seat. Morawitz won the second ward election with 177 votes to Wright's 120. Morawitz won the absentee push 42-24.

"I'm still stunned. I went out and worked for it and I think talking to people is what really did it for me," Morawitz said after the results were posted.

"I'm at a loss for words. I anticipated winning but I guess I wasn't prepared for it," Wright said.

Wright served the city well. "He's done a good job over the years. It's a tough job to do and campaigning is a tough job and he's worked hard at it. I hope I can continue to do good work for the city," Morawitz said.

One of the first chores Morawitz said he would take Wright's seat was to take Wright's seat and work for it and get input on their feelings. That's been an issue with a lot of people.

"I'm happy with what I did going into the election, but he's concerned about staffing levels and having issues like they had recently at the jail," Wright said. "I see an immediate need for COs after what we saw the other day. Pilug said referring to an altercation between an inmate and an officer. A correctional officer working an overnight shift alone had an altercation with a newly arrived offender from Fort Madison and the two fought for over three minutes in a cell before the officer got the situation under control.

Weber said on the midnight shift there is one correctional officer on duty and the other three shifts run with two officers. He asked the supervisors to add four full-time officers which would put one additional officer on each shift. He said on Nov 1, the Lee County Jail had 106 inmates and that number fluctuates but it's far greater than the 70 average being used to calculate budgets. In past meetings Weber said Lee County has been helping other counties out by taking in some of its overflow and those counties pay for that service and that's helping offset the food budget, but the large number of offenders is taking its toll on the staff.

Pilug asked Weber if he had people ready to hire to fill the positions. Weber said he would first look to the part-time officers who could step into full-time positions, "They've paid their dues and I'd like to give them a chance to become full-time," Weber said. "We could fill the positions."

"Our staff has been staying around and they are starting to accrue vacation time. And these jobs are tough and if these folks need to get away they should be able to do that," Weber said.

Supervisor Don Hunold also saw the video and said it was disturbing to him. "I wouldn't have wanted to be in that situation and I'm a pretty big guy," Hunold said. Larkin recommended that Pilug and Hunold meet with Renstrom and other county officials on Wednesday to formulate a plan on paying for additional officers and bring it back to the supervisors' meeting next Tuesday. He put that recommendation into a motion which then passed 5-0.