West Point sets levy at $7.02 for FY19

City selling off Veterans’ Memorial Park

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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WEST POINT - Residents in West Point will pay about 2.3% more in property taxes this year with a new levy of $7.02.

At Tuesday’s regular meeting of the West Point City Council, the council held a public hearing on the budget and heard no comments from the public. The hearing was closed and the council approved the budget at the new rate 5-0.

According to West Point City Administrator Gary Menke, the city really didn’t ask for any additional funds. Total revenue from the levy is projected to be $225,000.

“The dollars really are flat compared to last year,” he said after the meeting. “We had two multi-residents go single residential so that hurt us a bit and we had to increase the levy to make up the difference.”

City officials are projecting an ending fund balance of $1,924,417 on re-estimated figures for the current year, but the 2019 fiscal year shows an increase in the ending balance on June 30, 2019 of $2,130,441.

Total revenues for the next budget year are projected at $3,040,830 with total expenses coming in at $2,834,806.

The city’s enterprise funds, which are water, sewer, park, and even cycling, are also projected to have a $6,966,309 surplus this year.

The city is coordinating a volunteer event to aid in clean-up on April 21, rain or shine, is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, rain or shine, starting at 9 a.m. in an effort to make Fort Madison more presentable to visitors and the general population.

In past years, Community Clean Up volunteers bagged litter, swept sidewalks, and cleared weeds in an effort to make Fort Madison more presentable to visitors and the general population.

The 2018 clean up date is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, rain or shine, with registration in Central Park starting at 9 a.m. To aid in clean-up efforts, Great River Regional Waste Authority (GRRWA) will be on site for your Hazardous Waste.

Raze after the blaze

Demolition crews are taking down the apartment building that caught on fire in December in the 100 block of 10th Street. The upper apartment caught fire and several dogs were rescued in the blaze.

FMCH hosts Women’s Conference Saturday

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital will be hosting their annual Women’s Health Conference on Saturday, March 17th starting at 9:00 a.m. This year’s conference is titled “Good Health, Good Luck, GoodLaughter” focusing on overall wellness.

The conference will take place in the Conference rooms of the Business Center, lower level east addition at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

This year’s conference will present area women an opportunity to practice prevention with health screenings that include blood pressure checks, body mass index and blood sugar. Screenings will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The screenings will take place in the Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Center. These free screenings will be followed by a light breakfast and a dynamic dose of live entertainment presented by Sally Shaver DuBois.

Details released on Sunday fire

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FORT MADISON – At 7:32 p.m. Sunday, the Fort Madison Fire Department was dispatched to 2515 Avenue L for a structure fire with visible fire on the second floor of Sorrento’s Pizza.

Fire was showing on the deck of the apartment. Firefighters made a knock down of the fire on the deck and made entry into the apartment to battle the fire that had extended into the kitchen area of the apartment. The occupant of the apartment was not home at the time of the fire.

The owner of the building is Sean Mohlzon. Firefighters remained on scene until 9:33 PM.

The on-duty crew was assisted by all available off-duty personnel. The Fort Madison Police Department and Lee County Ambulance were also on the scene to assist. There were no injuries and the amount of the damage has not been determined.

The fire is under investigation.

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OBITUARIES

DARLENE LUCILLE REINARTZ

Darlene Lucille Reinartz, 74, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

She was born October 16, 1943 in Minneapolis, MN the daughter of Leo and Evelyn Marcus Cunningham. On February 8, 1964 she was united in marriage to James Reinartz in St. Paul, MN. He survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Pamela (Ron) Kiefert of Miami, FL and Julie Page of Keokuk, one son, Lonnie Reinartz of Cedar Rapids, IA, two granddaughters, Chrissy (Robert) Boecker of Panora, IA and Chelsea (Trent) Lovell of Keokuk, one grandson, James Kiefert of Portland, OR, seven great-grandchildren, Hannah, Bobby, Reilan, Weston, Skylee, Madison, Adalynn and with one more, Zion, on the way, and one sister, Marlene (Butch) Bogert of Sullivan, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one great-granddaughter.

Darlene graduated from Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, MN with the Class of 1961.

She was a member of Keokuk Living Waters Assembly of God Church in Keokuk.

Darlene had worked as a housekeeper through the years. She enjoyed spending time outdoors in her flower garden. She also liked to feed the birds and watch the hummingbirds.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Larry Wallingford officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12:00 -2:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

A graveside service will be held at 1:15 p.m., Friday at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

Memorials may be made to the Living Waters Assembly of God Church in Keokuk, IA.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.
For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

03/09/18 - 1:36 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4500 block of Avenue O. Jennifer Noel Harred, 42, of Fort Madison, was arrested in the 2800 block of Avenue K, on charges of Criminal Mischief and Theft in the 4th degree. She was released on his own recognizance.

03/10/18 - 11:37 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the intersection of 11th Street and Avenue F. On a warrant for compulsory education, and charges of possession of meth, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

03/10/18 - 11:03 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H. Matthew Lawrence Hoenig, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G on a warrant service for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

03/10/18 - 10:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Avenue E. Madison police arrested Raul Gonzalez, 28, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 11th Street and Avenue F, on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear.

03/10/18 - 10:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of Avenue G. Otto allegedly fell asleep. A vehicle driven by Honduras Villafane, 19, of Keokuk, crossed the center line after he allegedly fell asleep. A two-vehicle accident in the 2800 block of Avenue K. Kevin Lamond Clavile, 31, of Fort Madison, was arrested at 15-year-old male juvenile at Fort Madison High School on charges of 1st degree burglary and going armed with intent. He was held at the Southeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Center pending juvenile court.

03/09/18 - 4:12 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Matthew Lawrence Hoenig, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a warrant service for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

03/09/18 - 4:26 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jeremy Lee Fitchett, 34, of Donnellson, in the 200 block of North Main Street in Donnellson on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

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CURRENT-LEE

HTC TAPS 8th Annual Bunny Hop Event – March 31st, 2018

WEST POINT - HTC Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk or 10K Run event. Saturday, March 31st beginning at the West Point Library. Registration begins at 8:00a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m. Pre-registration before March 23rd at $20 & includes t-shirt. Registration on or after March 23rd is $25. Drinks and light snacks will be provided for participants. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place finishers in each age group. Registration forms can be found here or www.holtrini- tvschools.org. Click here to download & print your registration form.

Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7

FORT MADISON - A 5K run/walk will be held on April 7 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Elliot Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The event is being put on by Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for $15. Add a photo for $5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of $10 per 25 words and $3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

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West Point accepting bids on property until April 9

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er, and utility funds are projected to run at a slight deficit with revenues totaling $1,837,831 and revenues just a bit behind at $1,827,864.

In other action, the council approved putting up the Veterans’ Memori- al Park for sale. Menke said the park, located on the city’s west side off of Fourth Avenue, is now just a vacant ball park and could be subdivided into as many as three lots, but didn’t specify what zoning would be required, other than to say the city would like to see some property taxes generated from the prop-

erty. He said the city will start taking sealed bids on the lots on Tuesday with an April 9 deadline.

Menke said a group would probably get together the day before the 9th, which is the next city council meeting, and open the bids.

“We’re gonna consider anything and everything, but right now it is zoned residential. If it was the right business we would consider it, but we just want people to know out of the gate that it would require a zoning change. We’re going to look at all the offers,” Menke said.

PAW buddies
The YMCA preschool class collected loose change during the month of February and was able to make a donation to Fort Madison PAW in the amount of $185. This is the afternoon session, but both morning and afternoon sessions collected money in banks during the month. The class is pictured with Sandy Brown, director of the P.A.W. animal shelter.
CLASSIFIEDS/PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICES
The Great River Regional Waste Authority is accepting bids for the mowing of its properties located at 2092 303rd Ave in Fort Madison and 111 Carbide lane in Keokuk.

Bids must be received by April 2nd by 4:00 p.m.

It is recommended that all bidders look at the properties before submitting their bids.

Bids shall be for mowing services, weed eating every week (Unless not recommended by GRRWA) and also spraying weeds if needed.

Bids need to be sent to: Great River Regional Waste Authority, 2092 303rd Ave. Fort Madison, Iowa 52627 and at the Attention of: Wade Hamm.

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Assistant Director

Holy Trinity Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking an Assistant Director for their Ft. Madison Center.

This is a year round clerical and administrative role - full time during the school year, part time during the summer. Benefits eligible.

The position requires strong organizational and interpersonal skills. A college degree is preferred.

Please contact Stefanie Drollinger at stefanie.drollinger@holytrinityschools.org or 319-372-6428 for application information.

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Classifieds/Public Notices
Shaver DuBois to be keynote speaker at FMCH’s women’s conference

Sally will discuss the importance of living an active, healthy lifestyle in a fun and creative presentation that will cover wellness principles and how exercise, music and laughter can all have a positive effect on the brain and body. Women will smile, laugh and learn from Sally’s presentation, keeping their minds sharp and their sense of humor active.

For the Record

vehicle driven by Greg Allen Hoagland, 55, of Sheboygan, Wis., swerved to avoid a deer, but struck the driver’s side mirror. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene. 03/10/18 - 7:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Richard Alexander Porter, 56, of Monrovia at the intersection of Hwy 27 and 194th Avenue in Argyle on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his own recognizance. 03/10/18 - 10:08 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Michelle Dawn Fiscella, 46, of Ottumwa at milemarker 20 on Hwy 218 in Donnellson on a charge of violating a no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond. 03/10/18 - 10:46 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested William Tommie Frable, 47, of Ottumwa at Casey’s in Donnellson on a charge of violating a no-contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/11/18 - 12:44 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Rayna Tiylene Buckner, 26 of Keokuk in the 3900 block of Valley Road in Keokuk on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/11/18 - 2:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Raymond Anthony Antone Cullins, 27, of Cedar Rapids at the sheriff’s office on charges of violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/11/18 - 5:34 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Cammie Lynn Donalson, 35, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff’s office on a charge of voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 03/12/18 - 1:04 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on 320th Street. A vehicle driven by Kenneth LaVerne Soper, 71, of Keokuk, swerved to miss a deer and struck a metal pole railing on a bridge. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene. Those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.