Council sniffs out fireworks in city limits

City to revert back to previous ordinance banning fireworks

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - What was labeled as discussion and possible action on the use of fireworks within city limits, turned into the latter at the last minute.

At Monday’s regular meeting of the Fort Madison City Council, a proposal was put on the table to limit the use of fireworks in the city to six days. Last year, residents of fireworks in the city to six days. Last year, residents Council, a proposal was put on the table to limit the use of fireworks within city to end the use of fireworks in the city or consider the proposal and possibly amend it.

City Manager David Varley said the proposal was put in front of the council, but the council had two options, to end the use of fireworks in the city or consider the proposal and possibly amend it.

Chris Greenwald, serving as Mayor Pro Tem in Randolph’s absence, started the conversation saying he would prefer a no vote on the use of the fireworks, but wouldn’t allow anything that is explosive propelled.

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However, a motion from Councilman Bob Morawitz to eliminate fireworks within the city limits got a second from Councilman Matt Mohrfield and then passed unanimously, 6-0. Councilman Chad Cangas and Mayor Brad Randolph were absent from the meeting. The motion would still allow permitted fireworks displays such as the Fort Madison Partners city display and would allow the use of low-grade sparklers, smoke bombs, and snakes on residential property, but wouldn’t allow anything that is explosive propelled.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Department report
11/2/18 - 9:12 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue E.

11/2/18 - 10:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Joseph Ryan Manning, 18 of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of 35th Street on a warrant for failure to appear on 5th degree theft. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

11/1/18 - 2:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

11/3/18 - 2:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 600 block of 8th Street.

11/4/18 - 3:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Derek Dale Bolton, 24, of Hamilton, Ill., in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a charge of OWI-1st offense.

He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

11/4/18 - 12:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of 23rd Street.

11/4/18 - 1:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

11/4/18 - 7:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 800 block of Avenue F.

11/5/18 - 8:17 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3400 block of Avenue N.

Lee County Sheriff’s Department report
11/2/18 - no time listed - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Michelle Leanne Eid, 27, of Fort Madison, no address provided, on a warrant for violation of a no-contact order. She was released after paying a fine.

11/2/18 - 8:37 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s Deputy cited Ivan LeRoy Swearingen Jr., at the intersection of Hwy 61 and Country Club Lane on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear.

11/2/18 - 7:24 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s Deputy arrested Ryne Steven Sackman, 26, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff’s office, on a warrant for a judgment hold. He was released for weekend time served.

11/2/18 - 7:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Darin Michael Bleything, 31, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff’s office, on a judgment hold. He was released for weekend time served.

11/2/18 - 9:14 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s Deputy arrested Justin Dwain Britton, 35, of Wever, in the 3700 block of 185th Street, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.

11/3/18 - 7:02 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Justin Dwain Britton, 35, of Wever, in the 2600 block of Avenue N., and run in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

11/3/18 - 11:21 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of 185th Street.

11/3/18 - 1:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 near 170th Street. According to the sheriff’s report, a vehicle driven by Collin Reed and loss and entered a field damaging a fence. Fuller indicated the report she was not ticketed and no loss was sustained. She was cited for driving with a suspended license, failure to produce insurance and failure to maintain control.

11/4/18 - 12:20 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 200 block of Hwy. 61. According to the sheriff’s report, a vehicle driven by Ashley Keith Watson, 16, of Keokuk, swerved to miss a deer and came to rest in the right hand ditch. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene.

11/4/18 - 6:56 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 200 block of Hwy. 61. According to the sheriff’s report, a vehicle driven by Ashleen Mariah Noel, 26, of New London, in the 3400 block of Hwy. 218 on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released upon citation.

11/5/18 - 1:12 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Christopher Edward Capps Guzman, 19, of Fort Madison near mile marker 27 on Hwy. 61 on a charge of escape from custody. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Muscantine woman’s autopsy shows accidental death

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FORT MADISON - Autopsy results on a 20-year-old woman who was found dead south of West Point on Aug. 2 show the woman died from blunt force trauma. Damain Hamann, 28, of Morning Sun has been charged in the case with leaving the scene of a fatality accident, which is a class D felony in Iowa.

Sadie Alvarado, 20, of Muscatine was found alongside 235th Avenue, south of West Point, in Lee County on the morning of August 5th. Lee County Attorney Ross Braden said the case is proceeding with the initial charges but no additional charges are expected to be filed.

City approves new contract with RRWA

"For me it's gonna be real simple - No," Greenwald said. "These have no place being in residential areas. I'm concerned about the public, especially the military people who have come forward. I run a place down there on the highway and I never served. And I get to do that because of those that have. So if they don't want it, I don't want it."

Morawitz, who revealed at the meeting that he's battling stage 4 cancer, pushed the motion because there was concern from members of the audience that the measure wouldn't be passed in time to be on the books before the December window that would allow more fireworks to be used within the city. Morawitz said he was going to go through chemotherapy and would continue to represent the voters to his fullest ability.

"We're talking about banning everything and I don't agree with that," Mohrfeld said. "Kids should be able to do sparklers, snakes, and that kind of thing. But there's concern here that this wouldn't be passed in time for these people."

The motion will now be put into an ordinance that will be the same language the city had two years ago, which carries a $500 fine for use of non-approved fireworks. Police will have authority to confiscate any fireworks not allowed if a citation is issued for illegal use. The citation will also transfer to the parents of any juvenile found using or discharging non-approved fireworks.

In an unrelated issue, the council approved a new contract with Rathbun Regional Water Association with an increase in the charge to the water association of about 19 cents per 1,000 gallons. City Public Works director Larry Driscoll said it costs the city about $1.60 to produce a thousand gallons so the city was making about 10 cents per 1,000 gallons last year. The increased rate will be $1.89 with a minimum purchase of 22 million gallons per month.

The RRWA also purchases water from Burlington, Mount Pleasant, and Keokuk and Mohrfeld, who voted against the new service contract, asked what other communities were getting paid for their water. Driscoll said he didn't have actual figures in front of him, but Burlington was charging about $1.60/1,000 gallons, Mt. Pleasant was getting $2.40/1,000, and Keokuk was approximately $2.13/1,000. He said, however, that both Keokuk and Mount Pleasant were supplying far less water than Fort Madison.

The motion to approve the new contract passed with a 5-1 vote.

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"My patients are the most rewarding part of being in health care. Caring for them and watching their health improve and knowing that I got to play a small role in this is very fulfilling."
American Legion Post 82
The American Legion Post 82 will meet 7 P.M. Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at the Eagles Club, 4821 Avenue O. All members and those interested in The American Legion are encouraged to attend. For more information contact, Dan Vice, Commander at 319-470-7377 or George Shields, Adjutant at 319-371-5755.

Main Street Wine Walk glass pre-sale
Wine Walk glass pre-sale at SIP (n) a coffee and wine bistro, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 9

Veteran’s Breakfast at Sunnybrook
Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran’s Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madison.

Community Blood Drives
The following are November Fort Madison blood drives: Fort Madison Housing Authority Blood Drive from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Hillview Community Room at 1102 48th Street. Contact Pat Troops to donate. Nov. 13 at the Madison from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Activities center. Contact Janelle Case at 470-4011. Lincoln Elementary gymnasium on Nov. 15 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. - contact LeAnn Cashman at 372-2896; Fort Madison Public Library, 1920 Avenue F, contact Blood center at 800-747-5401 ext. 1281.

Thanksgiving 101
The Fort Madison Public Library will host author Rick Rodgers “Thanksgiving 101”, in a discussion Thanksgiving recipes Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

RSVP Nutrition Class
RSVP/United Way of The Great River Region is hosting a free-nutrition class at the Resource Center, 3421 Avenue L in Fort Madison on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. To sign up call 319-372-8043 or stop by the center.

Business After Hours
The Kensington and the Fort Madison Chamber are hosting a Business After Hours on Nov. 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kensington 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison, to celebrate the Kensington’s 15th year in business in Fort Madison.

Community Thanks-5
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Griffin’s combining diapers with diagnostics

New donation seeks 10,000 packages of diapers for local Community Action

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FORT MADISON - Griffin Muller & Brake Center is spearheading a Diaper Drive for the month of November for the families of Lee County in need of an adequate amount of diapers. Please help the families of Lee County with a need for diapers by donating a package today. Drop off areas are at Griffin Muller & Brake Center, 535 Ave G, all Connection Bank offices, and MidWestOne Bank at 926 Ave G.

Nannette Griffin, owner of the auto service center said the idea is unique to the area.

"I thought what a different idea that hasn’t been done in our area. So I contacted Dolly Stancil with Community Action to see if they had families in need and she told me about the shortage in the county," Griffin said.

Griffin said she then started doing some research and found Iowa has three diaper banks with one in Cedar Rapids. She said she wanted the efforts to directly impact the area, so all the diapers collected will go to Community Action.

She said she wanted to reach out to Human Resource directors in the county to see if they incorporate the effort with employees with maybe some sort of contest. She said she would offer to pick up the collections.

"I have been overwhelmed by not only the need in Lee County, but all across the nation. Families received help by way of groceries, but not for diapers, wipes, or basic needs like laundry soap, etc. Wouldn’t it be awesome if we could get 10,000 packages of diapers collected?"

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The break down is 0-3 Months up to 10 per day, 3-6 Months up to 7 per day, and 6-11 Months up to 5 per day.

Most working parents rely on child care. Most child care facilities require parents to provide diapers for their child. Without child care, parents can’t work or attend school. 72% of Iowa mothers are in the workforce. The national average is 63%.

Early Head Start provides diapers for infants and toddlers. 72% of Iowa mothers are in the workforce. The national average is 63%.

DataUSA statistics show there are over 16,000 workers in Lee County. 16.4% of Lee County families are below poverty rate. If 75% of the employees of Lee County would donate one package of diapers, that would total 12,000 packages of diapers.

If you have any questions or ideas on how to make November Diaper Drive Month for Lee County, please call Nannette Griffin at 319-372-2478 or email griffinmuller@gmail.com.

Dinner committee looking for pies, volunteers again for 2018 meal

DINNER - Continued from Page 1 resdents are encouraged to dine at the high school, but carry outs will be available after 12:30 pm.

Collier said the committee appreciates the efforts of the greater Fort Madison business community and Fort Madison Community School District who partner with them to help make this free event happen.

"It is the goal of the group to see that no one is overlooked this Thanksgiving so getting the word out to community members in need and to those who may not have a family to share a holiday meal with is of utmost importance," she said.

Volunteers are needed to chop, mix, bake, count, greet, serve, deliver, setup, and cleanup in various shifts on Tuesday (4-8pm), Wednesday (8am-4pm), and Thursday (8am - 3pm). Volunteer slots are limited so calling the hotline starting on the 12th is encouraged.

="We are in need of pie donations, as well. Financial donations continue to allow us to bring the free meals to those in the community who otherwise may not have one. All monetary donations go to the Community Thanksgiving Fund and are used for Community Thanksgiving expenses," Collier said.
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Griffin’s Diaper Drive

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