

FAIRFAX FACTS

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CITY HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

City Hall Phone: 846-2204

Email:

fairfax@southslope.net

Website: fairfaxia.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Library Board Meeting

January 5 - 7:00 PM

Fairfax Library

Council Meeting

January 10 - 7:00 PM

Fairfax City Hall

Planning & Zoning

January 17 - 7:00 PM

Fairfax City Hall

Parks & Beautification

January 19 - 7:00 PM

Fairfax Library

Fire Department

January 30 - 7:00 PM

Firemen's Hall

8th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest

The City of Fairfax has made the selection of the winners of the 8th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. They are:



1st Place—Winner of \$100.00 is:

Steve and Sandy Tomash at 600 Hillview Drive



2nd Place—Winner of \$50.00 is:

Jeff and Tammy Tronvold at 815 1st Street



3rd Place—Winner of \$25.00 is:

Ernie and Kim Decious at 638 Main Street

Thank you for everyone who made a nomination and especially to everyone who decorated. Fairfax looked great!



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Johnson County Refuse will be doing one Christmas tree pickup this year. The date is:

- Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Trees must be placed at your curb by 7:00 AM, be real trees, and have all of the decorations and stands removed. Flocked trees have to go with your regular garbage, but they do not require an extra tag.

FAIRFAX LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REPORT

The City of Fairfax receives funding from the Local Option Sales Tax which was enacted in Linn County in 2008. The City began receiving funds in June of 2009 with the option to use the money for any legal purpose.

The City has several goals related to the use of the funds. The first is that we would like to maintain a \$100,000 reserve balance for an emergency. Secondly, we want to use it as a funding source with planned expenditures. Third, we would like to make sure that what is purchased impacts a large portion of town, has a long term benefit with a short term expenditure, and that we openly advertise where the money has gone so that you can see how your penny has benefited our community.

2011

INCOME:	EXPENDITURES:	PURPOSE:
	2,000.00	Fairfax Youth Sports Support
	195.00	Salt and Sand Bunker Project - Trees
	77,965.69	Hawks Ridge Park Improvements
	7,555.72	Linn Street Trail Hwy 151 Extension
	2,521.00	New Sidewalk Installations
	9,841.11	Farm Ground Tiling
	19,190.00	Fire Station/City Hall Roof
	8,310.00	New Mower Purchase
	13,900.00	Skid Loader Attachment & Trailer Purchase
	95,000.00	Snow Plow/Dump Truck Purchase
238,562.33	236,478.52	Totals of 2011 LOST Income & Expenditures
	+2,083.81	Net Difference for 2011
	164,105.90	Projected 2011 Year End LOST Fund Balance

WHAT, I FORGOT TO PAY MY WATER BILL!!!

You can sign up to have your water/sewer/solid waste bill automatically taken from your bank account each month. This service is convenient and free. This will eliminate any late fees. You will still receive your bill so you know the amount that will be deducted. The amount is taken out around the 10th of each month. If you sign up before month end, it will start with the next bill.

Stop at the city clerk's office to fill out a form!

MAYOR'S MINUTE



The years seem to be flying by faster all the time. My Grandpa used to tell me that the older you get the faster time goes - I think he was right. I hope everyone has a successful 2012.

This time of year, as I have shared in the past, is when we start studying and setting the budget (our fiscal years start on July 1st) and reviewing our Capital Improvement Plan. As a city staff we also try to catch up on ordinance updates, plan projects for the coming year, and update/change various office and personnel policies. Being in a geographical location where the seasons limit when we can do most outside projects provides a perfect opportunity to work on these non-weather impacted projects.

In 2010 we installed a central server at city hall and in 2011 we upgraded our city financial software. These were computer enhancements that help us be more efficient. We have several spreadsheets, such as the Capital Improvement Plan, that help us review the City's position and plan for the future. We are in the process of having the city council run a more electronic based meeting so that information is easily accessible, presentable and viewable during that meeting. In the next few months we hope to have these planning spreadsheets, maps, as well as the council packet information available on our website. This will put the information at our and your fingertips to access and review. The world has become so much more computer based over the last two decades and having a council/city hall that is more computer based will greatly enhance the knowledge and productivity of our city hall and our city council meetings. Knowledge and information is powerful and the more that we have readily accessible at our fingertips enables us to make better decisions.

I look forward to working for the city again this year. Please call at 319-310-0717 or email me at mayorrabe@gmail.com with any concerns, suggestions or ideas.

*The City of Fairfax
offices will be closed on*

*MONDAY,
JANUARY 2, 2012*

*for the
New Year Holiday*



The City of Fairfax is still accepting enrollments for the 2012 New Resident Welcome Packet Program. Please contact the city clerk's office as soon as possible to get your business or organization's information included!

City of Fairfax

2012 Welcome Packet Enrollment Information

Four levels of participation are available. Please choose the level that suits the needs of your business or organization, fill out the Enrollment Form, and return it with payment (levels 2-4) to:

City of Fairfax, PO Box 337, Fairfax, IA, 52228

Accepted forms of payment are checks, payable to City of Fairfax, or cash.

If you have questions about the Welcome Packet program, please contact the city clerk's office by phone (319) 846-2204, or send an email to Kathy, fairfaxdepclerk@southslope.net or Cynthia, fairfax@southslope.net.

Level 4: Welcome Packet Partner \$200 annual fee

- Your company logo will be printed on the Welcome Packet bags
- Your logo included on the Partners Logo Page in the Area Business Listing
- Half-page listing in the Partner Pages section of the Area Business Listing
- Promotional Item you provide included in the Welcome Packet bags
- Literature you provide (brochure, coupon, etc.) included in the Welcome Packet bags
- **NEW for 2012: One Welcome Packet Partner will be featured each month in the Fairfax Facts Newsletter. Equal to a half-page newsletter advertisement (a \$50 value)**
- Your business included in the Area Business Listing

Level 3: \$100 annual fee

- Promotional Item you provide included in the Welcome Packet bags
- Literature you provide (brochure, coupon, etc.) included in the Welcome Packet bags
- Your business included in the Area Business Listing

Level 2: \$50 annual fee

- Literature you provide (brochure, coupon, etc.) included in the Welcome Packet bags
- Your business included in the Area Business Listing

Level 1: No Charge

- Your business included in the Area Business Listing

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FAIRFAX FIRE AND RESCUE

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There are over 8,000 people that visit hospital emergency rooms each holiday season for injuries involving cuts, electric shocks, or falls that are related to decorations in their homes. I hope you have some time to read over the tips below to be sure your family and anyone who visits your home has a safe holiday!

Visitors/Visiting Tips

- Clean up after a party immediately if pets or children are around. This will reduce the risk of a child or pet getting into anything they can choke on, get injured with, or drink that is not safe.
- The Poison Hotline number is 1-800-222-1222. Keep this handy if you do have little children, to be sure if something is ingested you can get help immediately. Another suggestion is to keep this, along with the fire and police departments' numbers and 911, laminated on your refrigerator and in your wallet.
- Keep hot foods away from edges of tables or counters where they could fall and injure you or a toddler nearby.
- Food that needs to be thawed should not be on a countertop for thawing, but rather in a refrigerator. Also, any food that needs to be refrigerated should not be left out for longer than two hours.
- Be sure if you are drinking, that you have a designated driver. There are SO many families traveling around this time of year- the last thing we want to see is an accident involving your family or another due to drinking.

With 2012 beginning, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who works for the City of Fairfax or Walford. Our town would not be a town without the people that keep up on our day to day tasks, nor would we even be able to function without our different committees, city council, clerical staff, and the mayor. Our town has made so many improvements throughout this past year & thanks to the citizens that serve in these positions listed above, we will see many great changes in the future.

Being a firefighter's wife, I would like to take a moment to truly thank our fire department. Our fire department gives our town a sense of "safeness", one that makes many of us want to live in Fairfax for years down the road. The men & women of the fire department see many different types of calls every year. To others, the calls may seem unbearable and yet to these men & women, it is just their duty to report to the station with the sound of their pager. So, again, thank you for serving our great town. We hope all of you have a safe and wonderful 2012. Happy New Year!

~Jamie Meyers



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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2011**

A special meeting of the Fairfax City Council was held Friday, December 2, 2011 at Fairfax City Hall. Mayor Jason Rabe called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council members present: JoAnn Beer, Travis Otto, and Marianne Wainwright. Bernie Frieden and Marc Magers were absent. Shane Wicks entered the meeting at 5:34 PM. Other city staff present: Kathy Everett. Residents in attendance: Cory Stockton and Gary Stockton.

Motioned by Beer, seconded by Otto to approve the agenda. Ayes: Beer, Otto, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Absent: Frieden and Magers. Motion carried.

Mayor Rabe stated that the Board of Adjustment approved a variance to allow Cory Stockton to build a 26'x26' detached garage in a side yard, and five feet from an existing structure at 429 Front Street. The placement of the garage will result in an encroachment into the existing sewer easement, and council action is needed to allow the garage to be built as planned.

Motioned by Otto, seconded by Beer to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-80, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUILDING ENCROACHMENT INTO A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT, LOCATED ON LOT 5, SELZER'S LAKESIDE ADDITION TO FAIRFAX.** Ayes: Beer, Otto, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Absent: Frieden and Magers. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2011-80** duly adopted.

The city engineer has determined the sewer line located on Lot 5, Selzer's Lakeside Addition to Fairfax, is not centered in the existing sewer easement and that changing the location of the easement would be beneficial to the city and the homeowner. The City would vacate the existing sewer easement, and require the homeowner to dedicate a portion of Lot 5 to a new sanitary sewer easement. In order to consider vacating a sanitary sewer easement, a public hearing must be held.

Motioned by Beer, seconded by Wainwright to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 81, A RESOLUTION SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING VACATING A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT.** Ayes: Beer, Otto, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Absent: Frieden and Magers. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2011-81** duly adopted.

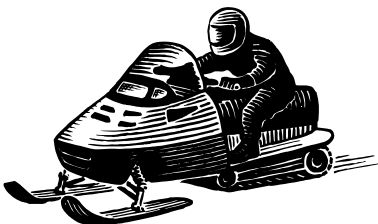
Motioned by Wainwright, seconded by Otto to adjourn. Ayes: Beer, Otto, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Absent: Frieden and Magers. Motion carried.

Mayor Rabe adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM.

Mayor Jason Rabe

Deputy City Clerk Kathy Everett

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ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS!

Snowmobilers, yes you will eventually get to use your sled. When you do, please remember a few simple guidelines. Ride on a designated trail when possible. If you must ride in the street, be sure the street has a snow cover and use the most direct route to and from your destination on designated streets. Do not ride over other people's private property. This simply isn't your property and you do not have a right to be there. The owner may have something in the yard that you would destroy or could do harm to your sled. Do not ride over sidewalks. This makes the snow really hard to remove.

Do not drink and drive. The life you save might be your own.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Fairfax City Council was held Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at Fairfax City Hall. Mayor Jason Rabe called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council members present: Bernie Frieden, Marianne Wainwright, Travis Otto, and Marc Magers. JoAnn Beer was absent. Other city staff present: Cynthia Stimson and Dave Yanecek.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Frieden to approve the agenda. Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Otto, seconded by Magers to approve and place on file the City Council minutes from November 8, 2011 and December 2, 2011. Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Otto to place on file the Planning & Zoning Commission minutes dated November 15, 2011, the Parks and Beautification minutes dated October 20, 2011, as well as the Board of Adjustment minutes dated November 30, 2011. Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried.

Deputy Egli presented the list of calls from the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

Marc Magers reported that the fire department is looking into purchasing a new rescue truck.

Dave Yanecek stated that the maintenance department has been preparing for winter.

The utility reports and annual report were reviewed. The other financial reports are not ready due to the city clerk/treasurer being on vacation until yesterday.

Shane Wicks reported that the diffuser at the sewer plant has been adjusted. The plant is working as it should be, except we are still adjusting a gauge. A tear was caused during the repair.

Discussion was held concerning the contract with the Linn County Sheriff's Department for police protection services. Mayor Rabe will contact Linn County about possible changes in their reporting of information about the calls.

Motioned by Frieden, seconded by Magers to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-82, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE WITH LINN COUNTY AND THE LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2011-82** duly adopted.

An amended tree policy was discussed. Changes are to be made to address trees on commercial property and more discussion is needed concerning the residential options.

The city clerk/treasurer informed in the city council that the Linn County Board of Supervisors has called for a LOSST election on March 6, 2012. They require the ballot language by January 3. Discussion was held about the use of LOSST funds and the sunset date.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Frieden to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-83, A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC REFERENDUM TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF A LOCAL SALES AND SERVICE TAX IN THE CITY OF FAIRFAX, IOWA, AT THE RATE OF 1%**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2011-83** duly adopted.

Mayor Rabe presented a comparison of quote information for the purchase of computers and a projector from Best Buy and Network Computer Solutions.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Frieden to approve the purchase of six tablet computers with the necessary accessories, one laptop computer, and a projector using LOSST money for this purchase. Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Otto to approve the renewal of the American Legion's Class C Liquor License. Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning information about the current sewer and water rates and their debt obligations.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2011 CONTINUED

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Otto to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-84, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 FOR THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2011-84** duly adopted.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Frieden to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-85, A RESOLUTION TO ISSUE PARTIAL PAYMENT #7 TO SCHRADER EXCAVATING & GRADING CO. FOR THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2011-85** duly adopted.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Otto to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-86, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE HAWKS RIDGE PARK 2011 IMPROVEMENTS**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2011-86** duly adopted.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Otto to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-87, A RESOLUTION TO ISSUE PARTIAL PAYMENT #1 TO DAVE SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE HAWKS RIDGE PARK 2011 IMPROVEMENTS**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2011-87** duly adopted.

Mayor Rabe stated he is working on the CIP Plan.

Initial information about the health insurance renewal was reviewed. A meeting is scheduled for December 20. The mayor and clerk were directed to check on specifics about coverage and other renewal options.

Mayor Rabe opened the public hearing concerning vacation of a sanitary sewer easement and dedication of a new sanitary sewer easement on Lot 5 of Selzer's Lakeside Addition at 8:22 PM. The city clerk's office has not received any input other than from the address owner, Cory Stockton. Cory was present to discuss the easement placement. Shane Wicks presented exhibits showing the old and new easement placements. Mayor Rabe closed the public hearing at 8:27 PM.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Otto to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-88, A RESOLUTION VACATING A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT AND DEDICATION OF A NEW SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2011-88** duly adopted.

Discussion was held concerning the commercial building permit application from Melody Vance for 51 Williams Boulevard. Shane Wicks discussed his recommendation's conditions.

Motioned by Frieden, seconded by Magers to approve the commercial building permit application from Melody Vance for 51 Williams Boulevard per Hall and Hall Engineer's recommendation and to not issue any occupancy permit until the property is in compliance with the City of Fairfax code and all conditions as stated in the engineer's recommendation. Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried.

Mayor Rabe read his oath of office for mayor.

Marc Magers read his oath of office for city council member.

It was noted that Travis Otto already gave his oath of office due to the fact that he started serving his new term as soon as the vote was certified.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2011 CONTINUED

A notice of voluntary annexation into the City of Cedar Rapids was reviewed.

Motioned by Frieden, seconded by Otto to approve the claims list dated December 13, 2011.

Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried.

The city clerk asked who would be doing the holiday decoration contest judging. Marc Magers and Marianne Wainwright will serve as the judges.

Marc Magers asked about the status of designating a core district. Shane Wicks is working on the project and the Planning and Zoning are aware it will be back on their agenda soon.

Bernie Frieden stated he attended a legislative meeting recently. He encouraged the council and staff to keep informed about the property tax reform debate and any possible changes to TIF regulations. He stated that the City of Fairfax's position may or may not be the Iowa League of Cities' position.

Motioned by Frieden, seconded by Magers to adjourn. Ayes: Frieden, Wainwright, Otto, and Magers. Nays: None. Absent: Beer. Motion carried.

Mayor Rabe adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Mayor Jason Rabe

City Clerk/Treasurer Cynthia Stimson

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CITY NEWS QUICKIES

- SNOWBIRDS - be sure to contact the city clerk's office before you leave. We have a form for you to fill out and choose billing options.
- Be sure to keep your animals on your property and under your control. No one wants messes in their yard from a neighbor's animal. Pit bulls and pit bull mix dogs are not allowed within the City of Fairfax.
- If you will be moving, contact the city clerk's office. We need to know your forwarding address and when you will be moving.
- Snow will be falling soon. Be sure to get your vehicles off the street so the maintenance crew can clean your street the first time by your address. Also, property owners are responsible to remove snow and ice on the sidewalks. Do NOT blow the snow into the street. It will just end up back in your driveway when the snow plow comes back through.
- No Parking Zones - be sure you are not parking in a posted no parking zone.
- Remember, Christmas tree pick-up is Tuesday, January 10.
- Found—32GB iPod Touch near the intersection of 1st Street and Skyview Avenue. The password must be provided to identify. Stop by city hall for more information.
- Sign up now to participate in our welcome packet program.

Chairman Bryan Balog called the meeting to order at 7:57 PM. Members Present: Bryan Balog, Tom Hill, Brad Wernimont, and Ray Zamastil. Absent: Gib Boxa. Staff present: Kathy Everett and Dave Yanecek. Also in attendance were Cory Stockton and Gary Stockton.

Motioned by Hill, seconded by Wernimont to approve the minutes from November 16, 2011. Ayes: Balog, Hill, Wernimont, and Zamastil. Nays: none. Absent: Boxa. Motion carried.

Mayor Rabe arrived at 7:59 PM.

Chairman Balog opened the public hearing regarding Cory and Stacy Stockton’s variance request for construction of a 26’x26’ detached garage at 429 Front Street, noting the new drawing submitted and the information received by email from City Engineer Shane Wicks.

Cory discussed the new proposed layout. Changes have been made based on suggestions offered at the November 16th meeting. The front of the garage is moved back to meet the 25 ft. front yard setback requirement. The proposed distance between the garage and the existing structure is 5 ft., and additional fire wall materials will be used in construction of the garage. Hall & Hall has marked the sewer line.

Chairman Balog asked if there were any further questions. There were no questions. Balog called for a motion to approve the variance request.

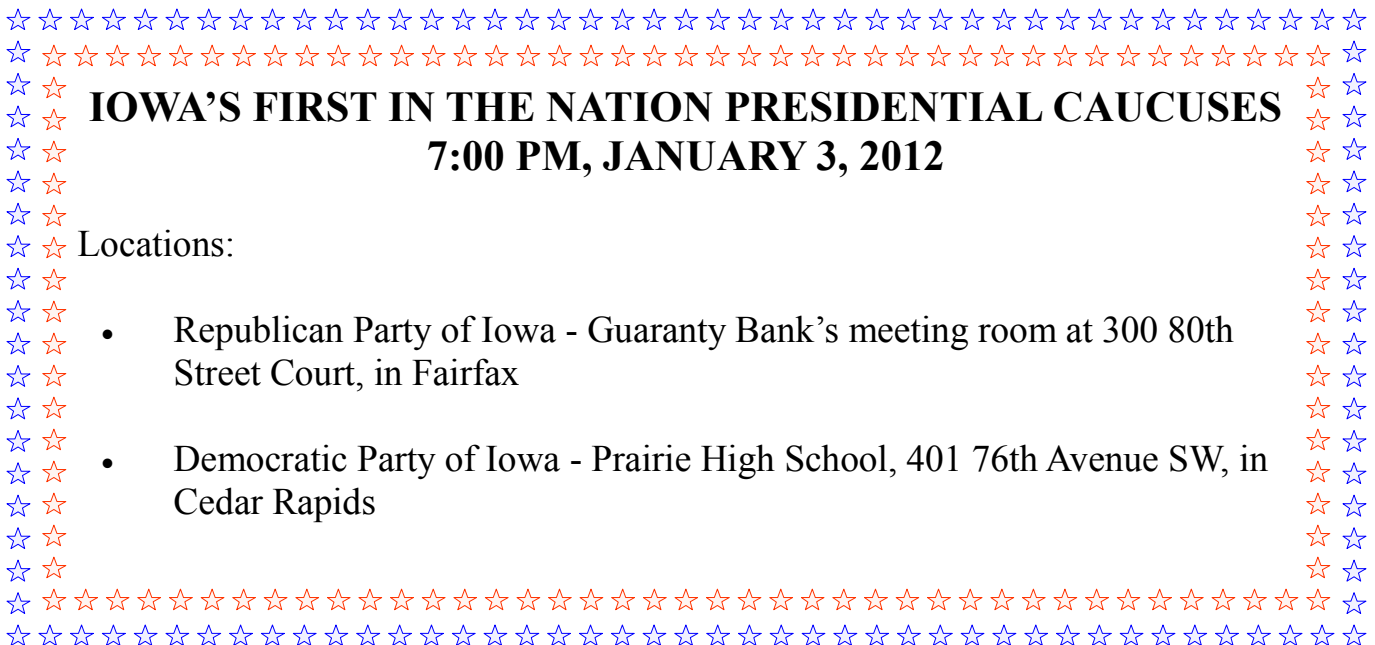
Hill motioned to approve the variance as requested to place a 26’x26’ detached garage in a side yard and five feet from the house. Zamastil seconded. Ayes: Balog, Hill, Wernimont, and Zamastil. Nays: none. Absent: Boxa. Motion carried.

Motioned by Zamastil, seconded by Wernimont to adjourn. Ayes: Balog, Hill, Wernimont, and Zamastil. Nays: none. Absent: Boxa. Motion carried.

Chairman Balog adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Kathy Everett
Deputy City Clerk

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IOWA’S FIRST IN THE NATION PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUSES

7:00 PM, JANUARY 3, 2012

Locations:

- Republican Party of Iowa - Guaranty Bank’s meeting room at 300 80th Street Court, in Fairfax
- Democratic Party of Iowa - Prairie High School, 401 76th Avenue SW, in Cedar Rapids

Chairman Kell called meeting to order at 7:00. Members Present- Boxa, Soukup, Nurre, Kunze, Sobaski, Meyers. No members were absent.

First item was to review the minutes from the October 18, 2011, meeting. Nurre motioned to approve, seconded by Kunze. All ayes. Motion carried.

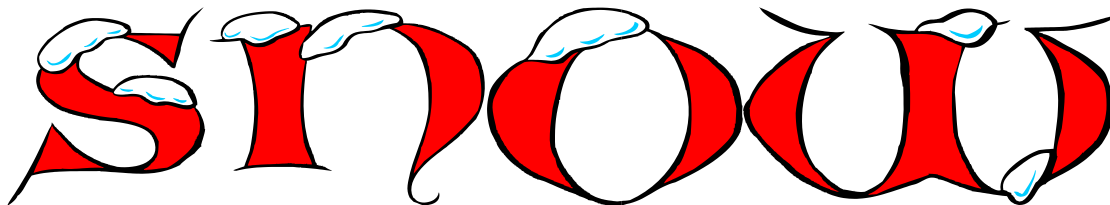
We went over the implementation schedule on the comprehensive plan.

We are making a list of recommendations to review and possibly move up some of the events in the years we'd like to see them completed. One of the key points discussed was to be sure we are planning enough park space for our growing town.

A sign has now been put up by parks and recreation for our new Fairfax complex that is going up along Linn Street.

Chairman Kell will be submitting a list of changes for the implementation schedule.

Motion to adjourn by Meyers at 8:15 and seconded by Sobaski. All ayes. Motion carried.



Even though it doesn't look like it yet, winter is definitely here. There are many issues to remember concerning snow. Be sure to drive and walk carefully. Slick conditions are beyond our control and can set in very fast. If you don't have to be out during a storm, please stay in and stay safe.

Remove all vehicles from the street parking areas during a winter storm. Don't place them back on the street until the snow has stopped and the street has been plowed. The snow plows are much more effective when they can pass through the street easily and straight along the side of the road. Vehicles on the street must be moved every 24 hours, regardless of weather conditions.

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax. Be kind to walkers and help make their pathway clear.

The snow plows deposit the snow along the side of the road. This means that you will have snow placed in the area of your driveway, mailbox, and sidewalk. The post office will not deliver your mail unless the driver can access the mailbox. The City may make multiple passes to keep the street area clear. This may require you to clean these areas more than once for each storm. There is no way to avoid this snow placement. When you remove the snow, do not place it back in the street or on someone else's property. You are liable for the snow at the front of your property. Make sure there is proper visibility for vehicles on the street and pulling out onto the street.

Please be sure to tell your children to stay away from the snow plows. These are large pieces of equipment and visibility is sometimes hard. No one wants a child injured. Children should not be allowed to play in the snow in the area between the sidewalk and the curb; and certainly not in the street.

Thank you for your help with these snow issues.

Library Board Minutes December 6, 2011

Board Members present: Mary Rita Meyers, Jim Stallman, Bernie Kleppe, David Lees , Dot Pospischil, Brenda Haendler, and Linda Pribyl . Board Members excused: Kelly Giese and Linda Balog
Staff Present: Cathy Bayne and Beth Wilz

Pospischil called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The board reviewed the minutes, and Meyers made a motion to approve them. Kleppe seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

The board reviewed and discussed the financial reports. Stallman noted that we are within our budget at this time. Stallman made a motion to approve reports, Haendler seconded. Motion Carried 7-0.

The board discussed the current bills. Kleppe made a motion to approve the bills, Haendler seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

The board reviewed the circulation reports. The number of patrons using NEI-BORS is increasing. Soon a computer set up will be available to more easily download books. The library staff will add the directions and agenda to our website.

Outside lighting at the library was discussed. The librarian will discuss with the city staff improving the lighting in the entrance area.

Circulation Policy was then read for the second and final time. Meyers made a motion to approve, seconded by Kleppe. Motion carried 7-0.

Computer Policy was read for the second and final time. Meyers made a motion to approve, seconded by Pribyl. Motion carried 7-0.

The Gift Policy was reviewed, and action on this policy was tabled until further research can be completed. Stallman will bring the Boy Scout gift policy, and the librarian will contact other libraries for examples.

The next library board meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, January 5th due to the conflict with caucus night which is scheduled for January 3, 2012.

Stallman made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Linda P. seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Beth Wilz
Mary Rita Meyers
Dot Pospischil

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Friday: Noon - 6:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - Noon
Story Time: Wednesday: 10:30 AM

January Calendar

2nd Library Closed for the New Year Holiday
5th Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
11th Preschool Story Time 10:30 AM
12th *Kung Fu Panda 2* Movie at the Library 1-3:00
Please Register
13th *Dolphin Tale* Movie at the Library 1-3:00
Please Register
19th Parks and Beautification Meeting 7:00 PM

February Calendar

7th Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
13th No School Day Library Activity 1-3:00
Please Register
14th Library's Valentine's Day Party 6:00 PM
Please Register
16th Parks and Beautification Meeting 7:00 PM
24th No School Day Library Activity 1-3:00
Please Register

NEW MOVIES

New DVDs and Blu-Rays:

Flicka 2, African Cats, The Smurfs, Buried, Cowboys and Aliens, The Hangover 2, Rise of the Planet of the Apes, Hereafter, Life is Beautiful, Kung Fu Panda 2, Friends with Benefits, and The Change-Up

New Blu-Rays:

Pulp Fiction, T2 Judgment Day, American Psych, The Cider House Rules, and The Ninth Gate

DVDs:

Our Idiot Brother, The Mist, Salem's Lot, Friday the 13th, Komodo, 976-Evil, Jenifer, Drag Me to Hell, and Mosquito Man



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MEMORIAL DONATION

The Fairfax Public Library received a very generous memorial donation from Scott and Ursula Williams and Emilie Williams (Michael) Kaplan in the memory of Morgan Lloyd Williams, their son and brother. The library added twelve new books about the countries of the world to our collection from this donation. These are great additions to our library. Thank you so much!

NO SCHOOL DAYS

There are two no school days in January and we are planning to have a couple of movie afternoons. A huge thank you goes out to Dave Neuhaus at the Fairfax State Savings Bank for purchasing a video projector for the library so that we can project the movies on a big screen.

Mark your calendar and plan to spend a couple of hours with us on January 12th for *Kung Fu Panda 2* and January 13th for *Dolphin Tale*. Please register so that we have enough treats for everyone.

THANK YOU

Thanks to a grant from South Slope Cooperative and Iowa Network Services, Inc., the library has two brand new computers for public use. These allowed us to update our card catalog and we now have flat screens for all of our computers. Stop in and use them!

Stop in and Check Us Out!



2012 Welcome Packet Partner Highlight

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