

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Library Board Meeting
 January 4 - 7:00 PM
 Fairfax Public Library

Council Meeting
 January 11 - 7:00 PM
 Fairfax City Hall

Planning & Zoning
 January 18 - 7:00 PM
 Fairfax City Hall

**Parks and Beautification
 Committee Meeting**
 January 20 - 7:00 PM
 Fairfax Public Library

Fire Department
 January 31 - 7:00 PM
 Firemen’s Hall

7th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest

The City of Fairfax has made the selection of the winners of the 7th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. They are:



1st Place—Winner of \$100.00 is:
 John and Karen Wagner at 610 Hillview Drive



2nd Place—Winner of \$50.00 is:
 Steve and Sandra Tomash at 600 Hillview Drive



3rd Place—Winner of \$25.00 is:
 Ernie and Kim Decious at 638 Main Street

This year the judges decided to mention three addresses for honorable mention. These addresses were not nominated, but the judges felt they deserved listing. They are: 145 Highland Avenue, 215 Vanderbilt Street, and 324 Main Street.

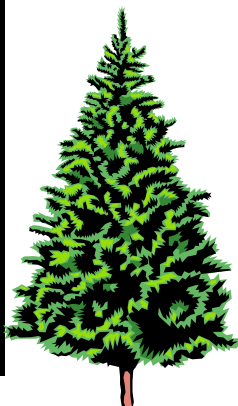
Thank you for everyone who made a nomination and especially to everyone who decorated. Fairfax looked great!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Johnson County Refuse will be doing two Christmas tree pickups this year. The dates are:

- Monday, January 3, 2011
- Monday, January 10, 2011

Trees must be placed at your curb by 7:00 AM, be real trees, and have all of the decorations removed. Flocked trees are not accepted. They have to go with your regular garbage.



NEW RESIDENT WELCOME PACKET PROGRAM

The City of Fairfax has received a tremendous response to a new program we will be starting in January. The City will start to give new residents a packet of information about our community, the businesses, and the organizations located in this area.

Businesses and organizations have an opportunity to include information in this packet. In fact, they have an opportunity to participate at four different levels. These levels range from level one that is free to the partner level that costs \$200.00 a year.

We have nine businesses who have signed up to participate at the partner level. We thank them for their generous participation. They are:

Diamond Limousine
Fairfax Greenhouse
Fairfax State Savings Bank
Guaranty Bank and Trust Company
Kittens Little Paws Childcare & Preschool
Midwest Athletic Club Express
South Slope Cooperative Telephone Co.
Star Bar & Grill
Waln Repair & Collision Center

Several other businesses and organizations have signed up for the other levels of participation. The welcome packet will have lots of great giveaways, coupons, and information for the new residents!

If you are involved in a local business or organization and want to be included in the welcome packet, be sure to contact the city clerk's office. You need to return your information sheet in order to be included, even for the free level.

Please remember to use our local businesses. Spending your dollars here in the Fairfax area does make a difference. If we want to keep our local businesses, they need our support.


***THE ENTIRE STAFF AT THE CITY OF FAIRFAX
WISHES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A SAFE
HOLIDAY! PLEASE CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY.***

MAYOR'S MINUTE



The last year has flown by, it is probably a combination of adding another member to my young family and the busy year we have had as a city government. This year has given me a whole new level of respect for those who have served as Mayor in the past and those that serve in other capacities in local government. There is as much work available to do as you have time to put into it. It has been a privilege to serve this last year and I look forward to continue to tackle the challenges, problems and opportunities in the coming year.

I wanted to take a moment to recap the last year, sort of a state of the city, and what we have planned for the coming year. This past year saw us gain efficiencies in the areas of streets with our new salt/sand bunker, personnel with the streamlining of our clerks office, and technologically with the combination of an updated computer system and the remote read water meters. We have also taken steps to be more efficient with our future planning by meeting and tabulating a list of projects that needed to be completed in the next 1-10 years. These projects are already being considered in the upcoming budgeting process. This has also led to a more tactical look at funding sources. We even halted the second phase of our water main project until we were able bring in several finance experts, free of charge, to go over our finances. We also attended schooling on several financing sources, such as TIF, so that we are fully utilizing the resources in front of us. Now we have a plan in place to start replacing an antiquated system, expand services, and do it on a faster timeline. So, the coming year will see a renewed focus on planning, budgeting, water main replacement, new city finance software, and other projects as we are able to follow those key steps of planning, finding funding sources, and implementation.

This coming year is also a bit of a milestone for our city as we hit our 75th year of being incorporated. While our town has changed and grown over the years, hopefully we can maintain the feeling that inspired our motto, "Home Sweet Home". May we all have a successful 2011!



FAIRFAX AMERICAN LEGION PANCAKE, EGGS, AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

8:00 AM to Noon
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011

*Adults - \$6.50
Children under 12 - \$3.00*

This is a fundraiser to purchase flags to line the streets in Fairfax. Come to the American Legion Hall at 216 Main Street to enjoy a great breakfast and support this wonderful community project!



FAIRFAX FIRE AND RESCUE

PROUDLY SERVING FAIRFAX-WALFORD AND SURROUNDING AREAS

It's been an exciting season for all of us on the Fairfax Fire department! We just received our new fire truck - a tanker that holds up to 2,000 gallons of water! We will use this truck to shuttle water to rural areas and places where there are not any fire hydrants accessible.

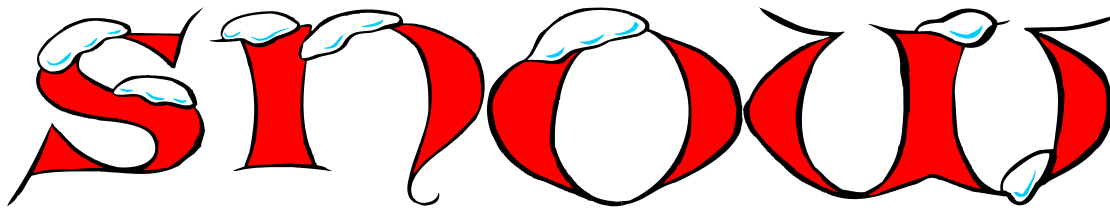
Also, this past month we purchased a new set of ice rescue suits. We completed training at the quarry, where some of our firefighters suited up and simulated someone falling through the ice. Others practiced the safety precautions and necessary steps to complete a rescue involving icy water.

Speaking of icy water, since there has been some cold weather, many of us are preparing to head out to various lakes and partake in some ice fishing, ice skating, snowmobiling, or other fun activities! Please be aware of how thick the ice is around you. The Iowa Department of Safety states that it takes 4 inches of ice to support a human being and over 5 inches to support a small vehicle, such as a snowmobile or 4-wheeler. At the first sign of the ice cracking around you, lie down slowly and disperse as much of your weight as you can. Start sliding across the ice towards the nearest point of safety. Please be safe no matter how thick the ice is you may be standing on.

On our final note of the month, if you are looking to replace your fire detectors/smoke detectors, pay attention. Most of the detectors, if not all of them, are now coming standard with a 10-year battery, which is good for the life of your fire detectors/smoke alarms.

From all of us at the Fairfax Fire Department, have a safe January!

-Jamie Meyers



Winter is definitely here. Did you enjoy a white Christmas? It is pretty, but it can also cause problems. 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.

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.

The City employees have had two recent close calls with children and the snow plows. 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. During one of the incidents, a child ran out into the street and actually touched the snow plow blade. The other incident involved a snow fort along the street. 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. Just think, there are only 79 days in 2011 until the first day of spring!



Fairfax Community Chili and Soup Supper
Guaranty Bank – Community Room
Friday January 28, 2011 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Take a break from the cold winter weather with hot bowls of chili or soup and warm, friendly conversation. Join your neighbors, friends and family for a community supper. Chili, soup, dessert and beverages will be provided free of charge. All ages are welcome.



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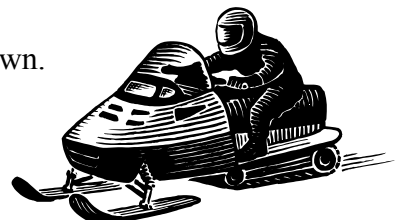
KEYS FOUND

A large set of keys and a single GM vehicle key have been turned into the city clerk's office. This is the third set of keys we are holding for an owner to identify. If you have lost keys, please stop by and see if they are yours.

ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS!

This winter has been a great one for snowmobile owners. You don't always get so many great opportunities to use your sled. Enjoy the fun. While 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.



THE STAR BAR

303 CHURCH STREET FAIRFAX, IA / 845-4045

WEEK NIGHT SPECIALS

MONDAYS

1/2 PRICE PIZZA / \$5 DOMESTIC PITCHERS
ANY PIZZA – ANY SIZE – DINE IN OR CARRYOUT

TUESDAYS

BUY ONE GET ONE TENDERLOINS
\$2 DOMESTIC BOTTLES

WEDNESDAYS

WING NIGHT
.35 TRADITIONAL / .50 BONELESS WINGS
\$2.50 MORGANS

THURSDAYS

TACO'S
\$1.25 BEEF / 1.75 CHICKEN TACOS
\$2.50 CORONA OR BUD LIGHT LIME

FRIDAYS

4 PIECE CHICKEN DINNER \$7.99
\$4 BOMBS

STOP OVER FOR A WEEK DAY LUNCH SPECIAL!!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PERSONAL 2 TOPPING PIZZA	CHICKEN FRIED STEAK	ANY WAY BURGER	HOT ROAST BEEF SANDWICH	GRILLED or Breaded TENDERLOIN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2010

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting of the Fairfax City Council was held Thursday, December 9, 2010, at Fairfax City Hall. Mayor Rabe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Council members present: JoAnn Beer, Travis Otto, Marc Magers, and Marianne Wainwright. Bernie Frieden was absent. Other city staff present: Cynthia Stimson, Lynn Miller, Jeff Ammeter, and Ron Dusil.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Beer to approve the agenda. Ayes: Beer, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Absent: Frieden. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the condition of well #1. Northway Well and Pump has replaced the pump, but the well is still not functioning properly. They have now televised and cleaned the well. Their recommendation states that the well needs to be abandoned or a smaller liner installed. The cost estimate for this work is about \$40,000. This repair should last another 50 years.

A spreadsheet showing possible funding sources was reviewed. This well is in the TIF District.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Wainwright to make the recommended repairs and pay for these expenses from the TIF Fund balance. Ayes: Beer, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Absent: Frieden. Motion carried.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Beer to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Beer, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Absent: Frieden. Motion carried.

Mayor Rabe adjourned the meeting at 6:08 PM.

Mayor Jason Rabe

City Clerk/Treasurer Cynthia Stimson

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2010

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Fairfax City Council was held Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at Fairfax City Hall. Mayor Jason Rabe called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council members present: JoAnn Beer, Bernie Frieden, Travis Otto, Marc Magers, and Marianne Wainwright. Other city staff present: Cynthia Stimson, Dave Yanecek, and Cathy Bayne.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Beer to approve the agenda. Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Motion carried.

Motioned by Frieden, seconded by Otto to approve and place on file the City Council minutes from November 9, 2010 and December 9, 2010. Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Motion carried.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Beer to place on file the Planning and Zoning Commission minutes from November 16, 2010 and the Parks and Beautification Committee minutes from October 21, 2010. Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Motion carried.

Linn County Deputy Sheriff Pavelka discussed the string of recent burglaries. He encouraged residents to lock their homes and vehicles and keep a watch on the neighborhood properties. Another Deputy dropped off the list of calls later in the meeting.

Cathy Bayne stated that library patrons can now go on the website and check out ebooks online.

Dave Yanecek reported that the new fire truck has arrived. It is stored at the Walford station.

Dave Yanecek gave the maintenance department report stating that they have been working on the lift stations and getting ready for snow removal. Shane Wicks informed the city council that the pump life should be 7-10 years. The pumps that are failing have only been in for about three years. The warranty is only good if we replace them with the same brand of pump.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Wainwright to approve the financial reports. Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Motion carried.

Shane Wicks presented the engineering report. Pictures showing areas of concern were reviewed.

Wainwright introduced **ORDINANCE NO. 112, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FAIRFAX CODE OF ORDINANCES OF 2007, OF THE CITY OF FAIRFAX, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO STOPS REQUIRED, BY ADDING A STOP SIGN ON 2ND STREET.**

Continued:

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Beer to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to this meeting with respect to **ORDINANCE NO. 112**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Otto to give final approval and adoption to **ORDINANCE NO. 112, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FAIRFAX CODE OF ORDINANCES OF 2007, OF THE CITY OF FAIRFAX, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO STOPS REQUIRED, BY ADDING A STOP SIGN ON 2ND STREET**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Frieden, seconded by Magers to approve **RESOLUTION 2010-58, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE WITH LINN COUNTY AND THE LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2010-58** duly adopted.

Motioned by Frieden, seconded by Otto to approve **RESOLUTION 2010-59, A RESOLUTION REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT FROM GUARANTY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN PRAIRIE CREEK ESTATES FIFTH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FAIRFAX, LINN COUNTY, IOWA**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2010-59** duly adopted.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Wainwright to approve **RESOLUTION 2010-60, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL (28E) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAIRFAX AND CITY OF WALFORD FOR FIRE PROTECTION**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2010-60** duly adopted.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Beer to approve **RESOLUTION 2010-61, A RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON DESIGNATION OF THE EXPANDED FAIRFAX URBAN RENEWAL AREA AND ON URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT**. Roll call vote: Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mayor Rabe declared **RESOLUTION 2010-61** duly adopted.

Roger Hiles and Gary Briesemeister, both from Ridge View Drive, discussed the changes the City Council made about vacant property status for the utility billing system. They are concerned about potential problems and the inconvenience. They think property owners should be responsible to protect their property from damage or leaks. They feel Fairfax is a small town where a compromise can be made. Discussion was held about why the City Council decided to make the policy to require service is billed or shut off at the street. After discussion, the city clerk was directed to offer the option to residents to leave the service on at the street but suspend billing during a vacancy if they sign a form stating that the City will not be responsible for any damage and that no utility charges will be forgiven due to unknown water usage while the billing is suspended.

Gary Lefebure, from the American Legion, Pekomy Post No. 572, discussed the Legion's plans to purchase flags to display on some of the utility poles in Fairfax. They plan to purchase 50 flags as well as the poles and brackets to display them. The Legion members will be responsible to put the flags up and take them down for several different holidays throughout the year. They will have a fundraiser to pay for this project. The City Council thinks this is a great idea and encouraged them to proceed.

Motioned by Magers, seconded by Wainwright to approve the renewal of the Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service Area for the American Legion, Pekomy Post No. 572. Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Joe Blood discussed his plans to purchase two lots from Gordon Sevig on Ridge Drive. The City has a storm sewer line that runs between these two lots to the drainage basin behind the lots. The line currently makes a 90 degree turn, which isn't efficient for the water flow. Joe Blood requested that the City of Fairfax share in the expense to move this line to improve the water flow and to get it away from the area where he wants to build a house. The new line placement would cut across one of the lots he plans to purchase. He will give the City an easement.

Motioned by Otto, seconded by Magers for the City of Fairfax to pay up to \$2,000 in total cost to help draft an easement agreement and move the drainage pipe. This \$2,000 max would include the City's engineering costs. The drainage money would be used to cover this cost. Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONTINUED:

Joe Blood discussed possible future plantings on the city owned drainage property. He is to draft a proposal and have Lynn Miller review and approve any plan prior to any planting.

Shane Wicks mentioned that there are several easement agreements that Gordon needs to have his engineer draft and submit to the City of Fairfax.

A spreadsheet showing cost estimates for various phases of work to help improve drainage on Vanderbilt Street was reviewed. This area is very flat and the drainage pipe isn't buried very deep. The City will make the resident aware of these cost estimates.

Shane Wicks showed the City Council a spreadsheet with cost estimates for the Water Main Replacement Phase II Project. The City will talk to Speer Financial about financing options. No action will be taken until the TIF District is amended.

Erosion of a drainage swale south of East Cemetery Road was discussed. Pricing is to be gotten for options.

Motioned by Beer, seconded by Wainwright to purchase the accounts payable, general ledger, bank reconciliation and payroll software from Data Technologies for a cost estimate of \$8,150.00. Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Rabe discussed a possible employee bonus program. Councilmember Frieden suggested any increases be made in the hourly rate rather than a bonus program. No action was taken.

The health insurance renewal quote was reviewed. Discussion was held about self funding options.

A report showing the crop expenses and income was reviewed. The needed wood chips are to be purchased from this money up to the previously set dollar limit of \$7,500.

The annual report was reviewed.

The initial information to start the budget planning process was discussed.

Mayor Rabe stated that he did talk to Carey Lewis, with the IDOT, about the last bill. It was from the work they did when they resurfaced Williams Blvd. This is to be paid using the general fund certificate of deposit marked for transportation.

Motioned by Wainwright, seconded by Magers to approve the claims list dated December 14, 2010. Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Harold McCormick stated he thinks that the P&Z missed an opportunity by not recommending Gordon Sevig's and Casey's rezoning request.

Shane Wicks asked the City Council if they want to have incentives and disincentives written into the contract for Phase II of the Water Main Replacement Project. The City will try these to help keep the project on time or even completed early.

Mayor Rabe informed the City Council that Mediacom met with him and the city clerk to let us know that they will be making some broadcast changes starting March 1.

A list of the businesses that have signed up for the new resident program was reviewed.

JoAnn Beer asked if any other council members had received a letter about sidewalks. Marianne Wainwright stated she had.

Bernie Frieden asked for a list of city employee contact numbers.

Marc Magers asked that the city clerk prepare an agenda notes report for items without supporting paperwork in their council packets.

Motioned by Frieden, seconded by Magers to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Beer, Frieden, Otto, Magers, and Wainwright. Motion carried.

Mayor Rabe adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Mayor Jason Rabe

City Clerk/Treasurer Cynthia Stimson

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The City of Fairfax Wishes
You and Your Family a
Happy 2011!

CITY NEWS QUICKIES

- We have received a complaint about people parking in handicapped marked areas without the proper handicapped designation on the vehicle. Remember, there is a \$100.00 fine for parking there without the designation. If you feel you qualify for this designation, talk to your doctor. There is an application that needs to be filed with the Iowa Department of Transportation. More information is available at their website at: www.iowadot.gov/mvd/ovs/disabled.htm
- Keep meter paths clear. Although the City of Fairfax reads your water meter by radio transmission, other utilities still send a monthly meter reader to your address. Be sure to keep the area around your meter and the path to the meter clear of snow and ice.
- The new telephone directories will be delivered soon. Remember that the old directories are recyclable.
- If you will be away from your home for an extended period you will need to stop at the city clerk's office. We have a form for you to fill out to pick one of three different options for city utilities while you are gone. You can choose to make your account inactive with service off or on at the street and not receive a monthly bill or you can leave your account active and have us remove the garbage portion of your monthly bill while you are away. The disadvantage to making your account inactive with no monthly bill is that we don't read your meter and you may have a water usage problem and not know about it until you return. The City of Fairfax will not be responsible for any damage and will not forgive any large water usage bills.
- The City began work on the budget for the next fiscal year in December. This must be completed by March 15, 2011. The next fiscal year begins on July 1, 2011.
- Remember to place snow removed from your sidewalk or driveway on your own property, not the street. Also see that vehicles are removed from the street to help the city crews plow the street area.
- Make a New Year's resolution to never pay a City of Fairfax late fee in 2011 - sign up for auto debit of your city utility bill today!
- If you have a stove or fireplace, be sure to have it checked for creosote build-up.

*The City of Fairfax
offices will be closed on
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2010
for the
New Year's Holiday*

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES

DECEMBER 21, 2010

Fairfax Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Chairman Kell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioners present: Boxa, Kell, Hill, Kunze, Meyers, and Nurre. Absent: Soukup. Also present: Shane Wicks.

A brief discussion began on the viability of having a Land Use Map. There is already a map for this purpose in the Comprehensive Plan, debate will need to continue if a more detailed one should be available. The minutes from the regular meeting held November 16, 2010 were moved to approval by Meyer, seconded by Boxa. All ayes, motion carried.

Shane Wicks presented a proposed schedule for submittal of plans, plats, and rezoning requests. All agreed this would be a useful tool for anyone submitting documents to be aware of the target dates and for the city to have sufficient time for review and scheduling. This proposal is recommended to City Council with the following amendments. First, the schedule for Preliminary Plat submittal should have the addition of a column after initial submittal for a committee review before P&Z approval. This would be an opportunity for P&Z to be involved in planning earlier in the process. Second, the schedule for Plan of Improvement/Final Plat submittal should have the two columns for P&Z stricken with an accompanying alteration in the ordinance that requires this. This is normally past the opportunity for P&Z to affect any changes. City Council will retain final approval authority.

Discussions on updating the zoning map and the new core district were combined. Work has progressed with more to be done.

Term expirations were discussed for Commissioners Hill and Soukup. Commissioner Hill has chosen to exit the commission, Commissioner Soukup sent agreement to a term extension.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nurre at 8:49 pm, seconded by Meyers. All ayes, meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Hill
Secretary

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.

2009

INCOME:	EXPENDITURES:	PURPOSE:
\$126,050.89	\$38,000.00	Fairfax Water Tower Repainting, Repair, and New Stand Pipe Casing
	\$19,295.16	Interest on Water Main Phase I Replacement Project
	\$68,755.73	2009 Year End LOST Fund Balance

2010

\$205,644.84	\$14,061.25	Interest on Water Main Phase I Replacement Project (Going forward this will be paid through TIF and the Water Fund.)
	\$46,301.07	Salt and Sand Bunker
	\$34,632.45	Hawks Ridge Park Improvements
	\$11,616.22	Linn Street Trail/Drainage Improvement
	\$5,767.49	Engineering
	\$112,378.48	Total 2010 Expenditures
	+\$93,266.36	Net Difference for 2010
\$331,695.73	\$169,673.64	Total of LOST Income and Expenses
	\$162,022.09	2010 Year End LOST Fund Balance

2011

Projected Income Through 08/2011:	Projected Expenses:	Purpose of Current Budget Commitments:
\$154,551.11	\$95,000.00	A portion of a new Dump/Snowplow/Sander Truck
	\$10,000.00	New lawn mower
	\$17,000.00	Used skid loader and trailer
	\$50,000.00	Prairie Creek Trail Project
	-\$17,448.89	Net Difference for 2011 through 08/2011
	\$144,573.20	Projected LOST Fund Balance 08/2011

TELEVISION & MONITOR DISPOSAL POLICY

GENERAL POLICY

The Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency (Agency) accepts all electronics at Agency recycling locations at no cost to Linn County residents. The Agency does not accept televisions or monitors, including computer and video monitors, for landfill disposal.

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

In an effort to divert bulky items from, and keep heavy metals out of the landfill, televisions and monitors, regardless of size, cannot be disposed in the Agency landfill. This includes cathode ray tube (CRTs), plasma, LED and LCD televisions and monitors.

Televisions and monitors are accepted for recycling at no cost to Linn County residents. Items can be dropped off at both Agency locations, 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids, and 1954 County Home Road, Marion. Customers must first check-in at the scale house where they will be directed to the recycling facility. Both locations are open Monday - Saturday, 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

ENFORCEMENT

After an initial grace period to inform the public, ending 1/01/11, Agency staff will be responsible for ensuring televisions and monitors are not landfilled. Spotters on the landfill working face and at the small load disposal area are expected to inform customers of the policy and direct them to the recycling center. If the item has already been discarded, the incident is documented and the violator fined.

Any person who violates this policy shall incur a fine of \$35, a special handling fee, for each item. Each television or monitor that is disposed of improperly is a separate violation.

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Library Hours: Mon., Tues., & Thurs.: Noon - 7:00 PM Wed.: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Friday: Noon - 6:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - Noon
Story Time: Wednesday: 10:30 AM

January Calendar

1st Library CLOSED for New Years
4th Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
20th Parks and Beautification Meeting 7:00 PM
21st Adult Craft Night 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Please Register

February Calendar

1st Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
10th Valentine's Party 6:00 PM
Please Register
17th Parks and Beautification Meeting 7:00 PM
18th Adult Craft Night 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Please Register
25th No School Movie Activity 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Please Register

NEW MOVIES

New DVDs:

101 Dalmatians, Mary Poppins, Hercules, Oliver & Company, New in Town, Transformers: The Revenge of the Fallen, First Sunday, Deception, A Christmas Carol, Hannah Montana: That's So Suite Life



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With a valid library card, patrons of participating libraries can log onto the digital library website from the Fairfax Public Library's webpage, install the free software and then check out and download popular and classic audio books to their computer. Patrons can then transfer the download to a portable MP3 player, burn some titles to a CD, or download to an eReader.

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Please visit our website or stop in the library to receive more information on how to access these two new ventures.

Stop in and Check Us Out!

CONGRESSMAN DAVE LOEBSACK'S REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE HOURS

Congressman Dave Loeb sack will have a member of his staff in Linn County for open office hours. Constituents are urged to come in to discuss concerns and issues.

Tuesday, Jan. 11: Fairfax City Hall, 525 Vanderbilt St., 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Ely City Hall, 1570 Rowley St., 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Mt. Vernon City Hall, 213 1st St. W, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Wed., Jan. 12: Center Point City Hall, 200 Franklin St., 2:00 - 3:00PM
Central City City Hall, 137 4th St., 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Wed., Jan. 19: Marion City Hall, 1225 6th Ave., 10:30 - 11:30 AM
Hiawatha City Hall, 101 Emmons St., 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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