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EPA lifts sanctions against city

City attorney says action 'closes book' on fines; City Council to appoint mayor Dec. 7

By KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

There was no gold star or a sticker with a letter stamped with approval on the document, but the city of Nashua received a report card from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the news was about as good as one municipality can receive.

This was an A+ letter grade – no doubt about it.

The EPA has lifted the sanctions regarding the water cleanliness levels at Nashua's Wastewater Treatment Plant according to Nashua City Attorney David Skilton at last Monday's regular City Council meeting.

"This is the closest thing you have to an exoneration because it closes

the book on fines and that was the threat that was given repeatedly," said Skilton.

"I don't think we could ask for anything better," said Council member Jake Johnson.

Skilton stated at the first Council meeting of this month that sanctions could be lifted early by the EPA, this was after a recommendation to do so by ION's Chad McCleary – the

owner and operator of the wastewater company.

"We're getting out from under the scrutiny of the EPA and the sanctions. In fact the engineer asked that we be discharged early because of the test results showing we are more than perfect for

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County supervisors agree that they do not want pay raise

Hackman also suggests the county consider institute a hiring freeze because of new law

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

The members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors quickly came to an agreement during Monday's meeting when it came to discussing potential pay raises for themselves.

They don't want one.

"I just think since the board took a 9 percent [increase], I think there should be a wage freeze," Supervisor Jake Hackman and the other four supervisors agreed.

"I think with budgets next year, I think we're going to have to dial that back just a bit," Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said.

Hackman said that according to the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) website, Chickasaw County's population ranks 63rd out of the state's 99 counties while supervisor pay ranks 74th. Hackman noted that "if you look at the whole survey, we're not even at average yet."

But the longest tenured board member, as he has done for several months now, expressed concerns over a House File 718, a bill that Gov. Kim Reynolds signed into law this spring.

The bill that was passed with bipartisan approval – the vote was approved 49-0 in the Senate and 94-1 in the House – is designed to keep counties and cities from tapping into skyrocketing home assessments, and supporters say it will save Iowans \$100 million in property taxes each year.

But the bill, which in reality takes effect with the fiscal year that begins on July 1, also will impede cities and counties from raising the amount of revenue they receive from year to year without a "new property value" added to the tax rolls.

In short, state lawmakers said the goal of the bill they passed was to make sure that cities and counties weren't allowed to keep the same levy rates and rely on large increases to property assessments to generate more revenue.

Hackman said he also believes the county should consider instituting a hiring freeze to deal with the effects of the new law.

"If you look at the [ISAC] survey again, we

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Getting ready to serve up a Thanksgiving meal at the Compass Outreach Center on Tuesday are (from left) Jenny Olsen, Kim Connor and her granddaughter Violet Schilling, Zenda Vikturek and Bonnie Lore.

A WEEKLY GATHERING SPOT

COMPASS OUTREACH CENTER OFFERS NASHUA RESIDENTS A GOOD MEAL, FUN PROGRAMMING EVERY TUESDAY

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

It's a weekly rite of passage at the Compass Outreach Center.

Folks gather for a meal, fellowship and some kind of programming, and this past Tuesday was no exception, save for the fact that the

aroma inside the Compass Outreach Center was, well, in a word, delicious.

Let's be honest, nothing smells better than a Thanksgiving meal, and that's what the center was serving two days before the official Turkey Day.

"Every Tuesday, we have a free lunch – two kinds of soup, bread and a dessert," Kim Connor

said, "but today, with it being Thanksgiving this week, we went all out and we'll do the same thing and have a Christmas meal, too."

Compass started the Tuesday program to give Nashua-area residents a weekly gathering spot.

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Board of Health's message to county: Don't move us

By BOB FENSKE

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The Chickasaw County Board of Health has gone on record that it doesn't want Public Health and Homecare Services to move to the Heritage Center.

During the open comment

period of Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, Public Health Administrator Lisa Welter told board members that during a meeting held last week, the Board of Health made a motion "to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to leave Public Health and Homecare Services to Environmental Health

at its current location, 260 E. Prospect St., for the benefit of county residents."

The motion passed on a 4-0 vote, and when Supervisor Jake Hackman queried Welter on the reasons, she responded that her board members mentioned the number of residents who currently walk to the

Community Services Building.

"So we realized it is a county agency, but some of the residents walk," Welter said. "If we were out there, then 100 percent of the people will have to travel to get there. It's been voiced by the county

SEE PUBLIC HEALTH, 3



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Florida governor makes an appeal for 'religious liberty' at Little Brown Church

GOP presidential candidates receives warm welcome in the 'Vale,' says the job of the government is to 'protect those rights that God' has given

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis found himself in friendly waters Sunday morning when the Republican presidential candidate got a few minutes to talk with Little Brown Church members during a worship service at the famed church just outside of Nashua.

"As Americans, our country was founded on one simple truth: That our rights do not come from government; they are gifts from the Lord, our God," he said after Little Brown Church Pastor Drew McHolm invited DeSantis to speak during the service. "Government is created not to give us rights but to protect those rights that God has already given us."

And his comments got a warm reception from church members, especially when he talked about the right to life.

"We stand for a culture of life, we

need to promote a culture of life in this country, and when states like Iowa and Florida have acted to protect innocent life – babies with heartbeats – that is something that is not terrible," DeSantis said. "It's not something that is harsh, that's something that's noble. That's something that lifts people up."

The governor, his wife Casey, along with their three children – ages 2 to 6 – took part in the worship service that included the singing of the song, "The Church in the Wildwood," that figuratively put the little church on the map and into the American conscience.

DeSantis, who served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and was elected governor of Florida in 2018, is part of a relatively crowded field seeking the GOP nomination.

Former President Donald Trump continues to hold a large lead in polls leading up Iowa's first-in-the-nation

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DeSantis says his young kids enjoying campaign

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caucuses that are set for Jan. 15, while DeSantis and former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley are in a tight race for second.

On Sunday, DeSantis said he and his family will spend the bulk of the next two months in Iowa and joked with Little Brown Church members that "as the governor of Florida, normally when I want to talk to Iowans in winter, I just go to southwest Florida because half the state is there."

But he said he is looking forward to presenting his case to Iowans, and he's excited about the chance for his children to experience the winter season.

"I have three young kids as you see," he said, "and none of them have seen snow before. Something tells me we're going to be able to correct that in the next two months."

During his five minutes in the Little Brown Church pulpit, he focused on one of the major themes — religious liberty — of his campaign.

"There is a strain in our society which says bottle it up here, don't actually live as a Christian in civil society; in fact, when there is a conflict between what a lot of the secular leaders want and your faith demands you to do, they expect you to bend a knee," he said. "That is not religious liberty as our founding fathers understood it."

DeSantis added that his faith is how he conducts himself as a leader.

"I think you have to have that solid foundation, you have to understand that there is ultimately a higher power because every single day when you're out there, people shoot at you,

they throw arrows at you, they attack you, they do all this," he said. "How do you keep that sail set to true north with all the choppy seas that come from living in this world on a daily basis? For me, that solid foundation is faith in the Lord."

He paused for a moment and then talked about one of the questions he is often asked: What is his recommendation for those who want to be a leader in 21st century America?

"What I tell them is first put on the full armor of God," he said.

After spending their morning at church just outside of Nashua, DeSantis and his family visited MBS Family Farms near Plainfield, and during a short interview following the church service, DeSantis said that he thinks one of the lesser-known things about his home state is the importance of agriculture to the "Sunshine State's" economy.

"It's a huge industry for us," he said, "and here in Iowa, it's not only an important industry, but it's really the backbone of these communities — just like it is for a lot of our small cities and towns. ... We're going to be very supportive of that as president. We'll get the bureaucracy off their backs — the EPA and these agencies — [and] we're going to eliminate the death tax so that family farms can stay together."

As he finished his thought, one of his daughters told him it was "time to go" and he was asked about having them with him during the campaign.

"We campaign together as much as possible," he said, pointing out that schools in Florida have Thanksgiving week off and that he and his wife work with their children on their homework while they're



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis shares some thoughts with worshipers during Sunday's service at the Little Brown Church.

traveling in his campaign bus. "We don't want to be absent parents, so we know this is a weird situation, but at the same time, they've had a good experience, they've had a lot of fun."

He pointed out that all three of his children still talk about their visit to the Field of Dreams and various county fairs this past summer.

"We really appreciate the hospitality of the people of Iowa," DeSantis said, "we appreciate the decency of the people of Iowa, and we appreciate that people in Iowa love this country and love the Lord, our God."

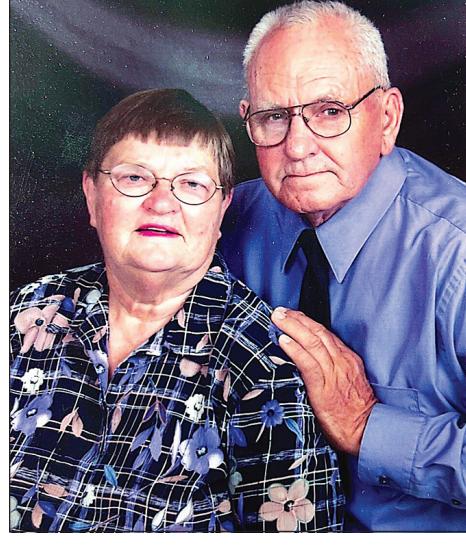
Firefighters association thank Rich and Alice Grandy estate for recent donations

The Nashua Firefighters Association is expressing gratitude to the Rich and Alice Grandy estate for its generous donation that has been used to purchase a Lucas device.

A Lucas device is used to provide chest compressions to patients when their hearts are not beating on their own.

The Grandy estate also helped with the purchase of "To Go" bags for Nashua first responders. These bags have oxygen in and medical equipment for immediate use by first responders.

"Thank you again to the Rich and Alice Grandy estate for helping keep our community of Nashua safer," the Nashua Firefighters Association wrote in a press release announcing the donations.



Alice and Rich Grandy

Supervisors fret over how new law will affect budgets

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have a lot of staff compared to our neighboring counties," he said. "We'll see what happens with House File 718 and everything else going on. I'd agree that there needs to be a wage freeze, but I think they're should be a hiring freeze, too, but we'll talk about that at a later date."

None of the other supervisors expressed their opinions on a hiring freeze; instead, they want to see what the Compensation Board recommends after it meets.

Under Iowa law, each county has a compensation board that includes representatives of the elected officials in the county. Supervisors have two representatives on the board while the other offices — attorney, recorder, auditor, treasurer and sheriff — have one representative.

The board will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, who can either accept the board's recommendation or reduce the salary increase suggestions by the same rate. The only exception is the supervisors, who can cut their recommended salary increases by more than the other five offices.

A year ago, on a 5-2 vote, the Compensation Board agreed to recommend across-the-board 20 percent pay increases for elected officials. Board members who supported the recommendation say the county needs to offer elected officials who can earn more in the private sector.

Supervisors then cut the recommendation by 55 percent, which meant elected officials received a 9 percent pay increase when the new fiscal year began this past July 1.

"If what I'm being told is true," Hackman said later Monday, "then the state is really going to be setting our levy rate.

In effect, that's what's going to happen, and we're going to face a very, very challenging budget year."

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with a submission deadline on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, at 5 p.m. Grants are awarded to projects within the program areas of arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, and health and human services.

The 2024 online grant application can be found on the CCCF's website at chickasawccf.org. Technical support will be available to applicants until Monday, Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. Grant recipients will then be announced in March.

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"We're trying to give back to the community," Connor said. "If Nashua isn't going to thrive, then we're not going to thrive. Our whole goal is to bring people together, have it be just a meeting place where people can hang out. We don't have that anymore. ... We don't have a cafe, or a place like that, so at least we have this once a week."

Meals are served on Tuesdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and then for the next couple of hours are so, a program is held.

Programs have ranged from self-defense to first aid to a mom's group that puts on a program on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Connor said some programs are meant to be educational while others are entertainment.

"We had one on poker," she said. "They were dealers in Vegas and so they taught us how to play poker. That was a lot of fun."

And did Connor win? "No," she said with



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Compass Outreach Center's Kim Connor talks with residents Tuesday during the meal that the center puts on each week.

a laugh, "because Jenny Olsen kicked my butt ... But I think the best thing about the programs is it just keeps people together and they get a chance to be with others."

She said usually Compass serves lunch to anywhere between 15 and 25 residents each week, although she was hoping to possibly double that number on Tuesday.

And if there's food left over, it doesn't go to waste.

"We pack everything up and deliver it to shut-ins," she said. "A lot of us really look forward to Tuesdays. It's been a rewarding experience to be a part of this, and we'd love to see more people. You know, the more, the merrier ... that's true."

City Council to appoint Nashua mayor on Dec. 7

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months on this and that was not the situation before this new contractor," said Skilton.

Nashua discontinued and did not extend a contract to its previous contractor – PeopleService Inc. – at the end of the fiscal year on June 30. The city retained the services of Ion Environmental Solutions – a Muscatine-based water/wastewater operator – last April to help run its water/wastewater department.

Nashua is withholding final payment to PeopleService – a water and wastewater company based out of Omaha – because of damage done to the plant.

"I sent a letter out. It was not friendly received," said Skilton. "But, you know, I think that's what the Council is facing with that lack of maintenance on that water, where the hydrants – it was very clear that they're hadn't been maintenance and the city ended up paying over \$18,000 because of lack of maintenance. So that's where it

stands right now."

Now one of the City Council's most pressing concerns is officially replacing former Mayor Alex Anthofer, who abruptly resigned on Oct. 16 – effective immediately. Mayor Pro Tem Hal Kelleher has filled his shoes since then and has voiced an interest in filling the mayoral position.

Kelleher isn't the only citizen of Nashua that is interested in replacing Anthofer.

Former Nashua Mayor Clinton "Butch" Betsinger has thrown his hat in the ring and said he would be open to taking over the position of mayor should he be appointed. Anthofer replaced Betsinger – who chose not to run after his mayoral term was up in 2021. Anthofer was sworn in as Nashua mayor on January of 2022.

"Those are the only two people that I heard are currently interested, but if there is anybody else that comes up I will definitely let the Council know," said Nashua City Clerk John

Ott.

The Council has decided to appoint a mayor, as opposed to holding a special election, which is obviously much more expensive.

The Council agreed to push back the next scheduled Council meeting to Thursday, Dec. 7 when they are planning on appointing a mayor. The reason the meeting has been moved to Dec. 7 is due to availability of council members.

If a mayor is appointed, there can be a petition for a special election – but that needs to happen within 14 days of the appointment.

There are stipulations for that petition. The number of signatures of eligible electors of a city for a valid petition shall be determined as follows: in a city of less than 10,000 people or less, at least 200 hundred signatures or at least the number of signatures equal to 15 percent of the voters who voted for candidates for the office at the preceding regular election at which the office was on the ballot,

whichever number is fewer.

In other news from Monday's meeting:

- There was a public hearing set on Monday for Dec. 18 on an ordinance amending Chapter 65 of the Code of Ordinances Stop of Yield Required.

If passed and approved, a two-way stop sign on Lexington Ave. and Greeley St., with a stop sign on Lexington Ave., could be added.

Council members have also discussed removing the four-way stop sign on Greeley St. and Lexington Ave. There would also be an addition of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Andrews Panama streets, as well as a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Greeley Panama.

Council members also decided to look at Blink cameras that could be installed at the Welcome Center. The cost for those cameras would be \$150.

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No public opinion

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging, Mike Donohue went through his agencies 2023 updates and had a budget request for FY24-25.

Discussed drawings for the Public Health relocation to the Heritage Center. There was a consensus of the Board of Supervisors to get a cost estimate from Martin Gardner Architecture.

Discussion and consensus of the Board of Supervisors to go out for bids for the city water hookup at the Heritage Center.

Discussed Secondary Roads updates with Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve final plans for Pavement Marking Project FM-CO19(114)-55-19 and authorize Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors' signatures on cover sheet. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to exit Closed Session under Iowa Code 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50), TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 10:11 A.M. Roll Call: Aye: Hackman, Cerwinski, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Final Plans for Highway Safety Improvement Program Project HSIP-SWAP-CO19(112)-FJ-19 and authorize Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors' signatures on cover sheet. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 11-13-23-78 WHEREAS, Chickasaw County completes an inspection of all bridges and structures on the Secondary Road System of Chickasaw County and WHEREAS, part of this inspection

No action taken after close sessions.

No Committee Assignments

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 10:44 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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Chickasaw County Board of Health members want Public Health and Homecare Services, along with the county's Environmental Health director, to remain at its current location in the Community Services Building.

ing to get an estimate on how much it would cost to remodel a portion of the Heritage to accommodate Public Health, pointing out that the cost to get that estimate would not cost the county any extra funds.

During that same meeting, Board of Health member Jeremy McGrath took issue with what he perceived as the lack of communication between supervisors and the Board of Health.

"As a board member," he said, "I wished someone would have come down and said, 'Hey, this is what we're going to look at doing. We're going to spend \$10,000 or whatever it was on this study to do this. What are your guys' thoughts?' That didn't happen."

On Monday, though, Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Kuhn bristled at comments that had been made that supervisors had not toured Public Health or reached out to board members.

"It was stated at our previous meeting that nobody's toured the building, that nobody's toured, nobody's talked to board members," Kuhn said. "I know that I've toured the build-

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Lincoln Savings Bank hires new mortgage sales manager

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With 13 years of experience in the mortgage field, Schneider began his journey with LSB in 2010.

A graduate of Wartburg College with a BA in marketing, Schneider grew up in Mason City and has resided in the Waterloo area for the past 25 years.

"I believe in a philosophy of helping people along the way reach their financial goals," Schneider said. "Community banking is a vital part of achieving those goals, and I've come to appreciate how a community bank can support all aspects of a person's life, from business startups to buying a first home."

Commercial pesticide applicators reminded of upcoming deadline

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will require all applicators that still need a Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators to call for a "re-show" date as soon as possible.

"Re-shows" will not be offered after Friday, Dec. 15 for this calendar year.

To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC's, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

Additional information and registration forms for all courses offered through PSEP can be ac

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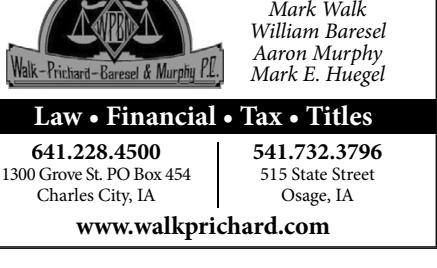


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City of Nashua
Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Nashua, Iowa located at Nashua City Hall, Nashua, Iowa at 7:00 pm on December 18, 2023. The purpose of this hearing is to solicit citizen input on amending Chapter 65 (Stop of Yield Required) by adding a

a new paragraph 65:02(24) entitled Stop Required, Lexington Avenue; Section 65:04 FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS amended by removing 65:04(1) Lexington Avenue and Greeley St. and adding two new subsections 65:04(6) Andrews Street and Panama Street and 65:04(7) Greeley St. and Panama St.

Copies of the proposed amendment to the Nashua Ordinance are available at City Hall.

Any person(s) wishing to be heard on this matter will be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted through the day of the public hearing at the Nashua City Hall PO Box 38 Nashua, Iowa 50658. Oral questions or comments can be directed to City Hall at 641.435.4156

Eligible electors of the City of Nashua, Iowa wanting to be considered for the appointment should submit a request in writing to the City Clerk's office by 12:00 PM on Monday, December 4, 2023.

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The City of Nashua, Iowa, has had a Mayor vacancy as of October 16, 2023, due to the resignation of Alex Anthofer.

Pursuant to Section 372.13(2a) of the Code of Iowa, notice is hereby given that the City Council of Nashua, Iowa, intends to fill this vacancy by appointment during the council meeting at the Nashua City Hall at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 7, 2023. However, the electors of the City of Nashua have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. If electors wish to require a special election, a valid petition must be filed with the City Clerk within fourteen days after publication of this notice or within fourteen days after the appointment is made. If no such petition is filed, the appointment shall be for the period until the next pending election as defined in Section 69.12 of the Code of Iowa.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the Canvas of the City-School Election held on November 14, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Absent: Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the Canvas of the City-School Election held on November 14, 2023. To authorize the Auditor to Certify the results to the State and record them in the permanent election register. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, and Kuhn. Absent: Cerwinski. Motion carried.

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Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 9:53 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, and Kuhn. Absent: Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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City of Nashua
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on November 20, 2023, at City Hall Council Chambers . The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Pro Tem Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Harold Kelleher III, Tim Malven and Ernie Willsher. City Clerk Ott was present along with 4 guests.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to approve the regular agenda after amending to change the order of the agenda to move resolutions to directly after citizen/public comments. J. Johnson/M., Willsher/S., M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting November 6th and special meeting November 8th; Permits: Alcohol - Kwik Trip, Building: 1300 Howard St., 50th Chickasaw St., 499 Greenwood Ave. Demolition/Excavation: 499 Greenwood Ave., and 28 Charles City Rd.; Consent Calendar: Payment of Claims \$55,474.77+7,963.42 (Wages). Willsher/M. J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the consent agenda. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to approve the public comments: There were none.

Hearings/Resolutions

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the following resolutions: 23-62 Resolution to Approve Nashua Volunteer Firefighters as Drivers for Nashua Area EMS and 23-63 Resolution to Hire Reece Reams to fill Maintenance/Public Works position. J. Johnson/M., Malven/S to approve both resolutions, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Public Hearings

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to set a public hearing for the Ordinance Amending Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required for December 18th. S. Johnson/M., J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to open the public hearing for the 1st reading of Code of Ordinance #353 Amending the Code of Ordinance for Compliance with the Plumbing Code. Malven/M., Willsher/S., M/C. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 7:25PM. After discussion, J. Johnson/M., S. Johnson/S, M/C to close the public hearing, RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 7:25PM. Malven/M., Willsher/S., M/C to adopt Ordinance #353 Amending the Code of Ordinance for Compliance with Plumbing Code. RC: all ayes.

J. Johnson/M., S. Johnson/S, M/C to allow the leaves/mulch at the dump site to be burned as long as there was a fire truck and firefighters on site and the neighbors were notified because of the smoke. They also recommended breaking it up and putting it in smaller piles. RC: all ayes.

Business of the Mayor:

Kelleher wanted to thank the Chamber of Commerce for the decorative flower pots on Main St and to also thank John and Lisa for their support at City

closed at 7:19PM. J. Johnson/M., Willsher/S., M/C to adopt Ordinance #351. RC: all ayes. J. Johnson/M., S. Johnson/S, M/C to forego the 2nd and 3rd reading and move to final passage. RC: all ayes. J. Johnson/M., Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes to adopt Ordinance #351 Amending the Code of Ordinance Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to set hearings for Dogs at Large for 821 Main St. and 44 Monroe St. J. Johnson/M., S. Johnson S, M/C to set the hearing for December 18th at 7:00PM RC: all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to open the public hearing for the 1st reading of Code of Ordinance #352 Amending the Code of Ordinance for Water Use Metered. S. Johnson/M., J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 7:21PM. After brief discussion, S. Johnson/M., J. Johnson/S, M/C to close the public hearing. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 7:22PM. S. Johnson/M., Malven/S M/C to adopt Ordinance #352 Amending the Code of Ordinance for Water Use Metered.

J. Johnson/M., S. Johnson/S to forego the 2nd and 3rd reading and move to final passage. RC: all ayes.

Heather Hackman Library Director shared the Library's monthly report with the council.

Discussion/Action

The council discussed and took action on multiple issues.

J. Johnson/M., Malven/S, M/C to remove the broken piece of sidewalk at 7 Cedar St. and to resurface the area after the sidewalk is removed. RC: all ayes.

J. Johnson/M., Malven/S, to have City Clerk Ott look at Blink cameras for the welcome center and if he thought they would work authorized spending up to \$150; RC: all ayes.

S. Johnson/M., J. Johnson/S, M/C to table discussion on putting a 72 hour parking sign at the Welcome Center. RC: all ayes.

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N-P pressure delivers big win in opener

Huck scores career-high 30 points as Husky girls cruise to road victory

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The savory, herb-roasted turkey and all the fixings can wait a day for the Nashua-Plainfield girls basketball team after its season-opening lockdown at Tripoli on Tuesday.

That's because these Huskies got back to work at practice on Wednesday morning to prepare for a senior-laden Northwood-Kensett squad next week in the home opener on Friday.

This devoted and focused N-P squad wants to get better and improve on its five-win total from a season ago.

"I tell 'em what I tell 'em all the time. Take the night to enjoy it or take the night to forget about it if it's a loss. We know when we hit the gym tomorrow, there's definitely things we need to work on," said N-P head coach Josh Smith after his Huskies ran roughshod over the out-gunned Panthers of Tripoli.

N-P's thorough destruction of what looked at times to be a helpless Tripoli squad sure won't hurt the Huskies confidence as Smith's Top of Iowa Conference team rolled to a convincing 59-25 thumping of the Panthers on their home court.

That means those sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie tasted that much sweeter at Thursday's Thanksgiving meal for all involved with N-P after the big win over the Panthers.

"For tonight, for the season opener, putting up nearly 60 and our defense playing the way it did – it's something you gotta celebrate," said Smith. "We're not going to sit here and nitpick wins tonight."

It was a bountiful harvest for the Huskies as junior Kadence Huck pilfered and pick-pocketed the Panthers at will with steal after steal en route to her career high of 30 points.

Huck was second-team all-conference last season and did a lot of running up and down the court after her fast-break transition buckets were put through the hoop. She hit on 10 field goals and drained 10 free-throw attempts out of 16 tries.

Stats were not posted to gobound.com as of Wednesday afternoon – but Husky fans shouldn't be surprised if the prep track champ posted a triple double once all the numbers become official from the score-sheet.

"She's going to be a high priority for other defenses that we play," said Smith. "She played a great game tonight. She had to

have close to double-digit steals and rebounds, too.

Huck broke her previous career-high of 26 points scored last winter against Clarksville.

Huck set the tone with N-P's full-court pressure defense. Smith called off the dogs – so to speak – at the start of the second half, but the damage was already done. N-P led 30-8 at the break and 54-12 headed into the final period of play.

"That was our game plan coming. We think we have girls that we can put them in a good position to have our pressure give teams trouble. I think the girls executed it pretty well. I think we got a little bit sloppy with it and committed too many fouls in the frontcourt there, but I think overall it was exactly what we wanted it to do," said Smith.

Huck is a returning starter, along with senior Jalynn Pratt and junior Paige Franzen.

N-P did a lot of the same in this exact same scenario against Tripoli on the same floor in last year's season opener – which ended up being another 46-25 rout for the Huskies.

Many of those players on that squad from a year ago – if not all – had never started a game.

"They're all a year older. It's girls that I think are a little bit more comfortable this year. Last year we were kind of throwing out a whole new team and rolling with it," said Smith. "This year everybody that we got has been around and has done it at least once. I think they'll get more comfortable with their roles and obviously beating on somebody else instead of practice has been good."

Tripoli went 2-20 last year and lost it two top ball handlers from a year ago. Smith said another junior Panther that would have been a key contributor for Tripoli did not go out this year.

The lack of ability to possess the ball showed as N-P raced out to a 11-0 lead and the Huskies kept forcing turnover after turnover that led to easy buckets down low on either run outs or layups off the break.

N-P closed the first half on a 16-0 run and one-upped that streak of points with a 19-0 run to take a 49-10 lead with 2:09 remaining in the third period.

Still, as stated before, N-P has plenty of areas it will need to get better at – especially when facing much tougher opponents.

"Our offense was rushed at times. Our defense – our rotations – where not quite where we want it to be," said Smith.

This was the first game that N-P has played with the new



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck (above) chases down a loose ball, which she will turn into a fast-break bucket, while teammate Maci Malven (below) sets up the offense during the Huskies' 59-25 win over Tripoli Tuesday evening.



free-throw rules – which eliminated 1-and-1 free throws. Teams are awarded a two-shot free throw after fouls have reached five in each period. Those fouls are reset after each period.

Smith feels – at least on paper – it will mean less free throws shot this season for teams because of the implementation of the new rules.

"Tonight's probably not a good barometer of that because we kind of lived at the line – especially in the second half," said Smith.

N-P's Ava Kirk – a sophomore – nailed three 3-pointers and tallied nine points. Franzen finished with seven points and hit on all but one of her six free throws.

Husky senior Myranda Webster – one of two N-P centers – started seven games last year and scored two points. N-P's other center – junior Josslynn Glaser – also netted two points.

N-P's backcourt that saw significant time on Tuesday consisted of Huck, Pratt, Kirk, junior Marleigh Lowe and senior Maci Malven.

Pratt scored four points and Malven made good on a 3-point shot for her three points.

"This year we bring back a lot more experience than we

did last year so there's a lot more ability to jump in where we left off. We're also trying to re-emphasize the importance of our team culture and what our brand of basketball needs to look like, on and off the court," said Smith.

Tripoli was whistled for 24 fouls and saw two players foul out in Reagan Schwarze and Emilee Blasberg.

N-P was supposed to play at Rockford on Tuesday, but the Warriors canceled their season due to low participation numbers.

N-P is also low on the number of players on its roster, as there will be no junior varsity squad this season. The Huskies have just 12 players out in grades 9-12.

That means practice are a little different this year according to Smith.

"It's different, that's for sure. Obviously we have enough to scrimmage and play when we're full strength, but last week we had some sickness go through so it made it tough. We're coaching the girls we have and are doing our best to improve individually and as a team and get the girls ready for our game tonight," said Smith.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 59, TRIPOLI 25

NP	12	18	24	5	-	59
Tripoli	6	2	4	13	-	25

Elayna O'Neil 0-0-0, Kadence

Huck 10-10-16, 30, Josslynn Glaser 1

0-0-2, Ava Kirk 3-0-0-9, Maci Malven

2-0-0-5, Marleigh Lowe 0-0-0-0, Bailey

Bond 0-0-0-0, Jalynn Pratt 1-2-2-4,

Kristen Lee 0-0-0-0, Myranda Webster

1-0-1-2, Paige Franzen 1-5-6-7. Totals

19 17-25 59.

3-point field goals - Kirk 3, Malven

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Huskies have two placewinners at opening tourney

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield Huskies are back at it.

The N-P girls wrestling team opened the season at the Decorah Tournament on Saturday and came away with two placewinners.

Eden Lamborn – a sophomore 235-pounder – finished fourth in her weight class and Husky sophomore Nevaeh Bloker (170) placed sixth.

N-P finished 12th out of the 16-team field with 33 points. That tied the Huskies with North Butler.

Lamborn won her first match of the year over Nevaeh Dutcher of the North Central Trailblazers by fall in 5:02 in the quarterfinal round. Lamborn's other win of the day came over the Trailblazers' Ava Wolzten by a 5-1 decision.

Bloker was busy as she tangled with seven different opponents on Saturday and won four of those matches. She pinned Brenna O'Connell of Cedar Falls twice. Bloker stuck Brianne Burke of Crestwood in 4:49 and also pinned Jayla McAllen of North Fayette Valley in just 28 seconds.

The Huskies will be back in action on Tuesday, when they travel to Elkader for a 19-team tournament hosted by Central.

DECORAH TOURNAMENT TEAM SCORES

Cedar Falls 335, Decorah 240, Charles City 171, Crestwood 130.5, North Central Trailblazers 126, Waukon 92, North Fayette Valley 78, MFL-Mar-Mac 67, South Winneshiek 63, Alburnett 54, Cedar Rapids Xavier 41, Nashua-Plainfield 33, North Butler 33, Waterloo East 30, Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center 25.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

135 - Elexa O'Neill did not place. Champ. Round 1 - O'Neill dec. Lupita Lievana (CR), 7-5. Quarterfinal - Lanai Schafer (CF) pinned O'Neill, 0:27. Cons. Round 2 - Ceanna Cappelen (NB) pinned O'Neill, 1:59.

170 - Emerson Franzen did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Kemadri Butikofer (NFV) won by forfeit Franzen. Cons. Round 2 - Ayla Benning (AB) won by forfeit Franzen.

170 - Lily Jones did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Jones pinned Mataya Jones (CC), 3:44. Champ.

Round 2 - Kirstyn Cotcher (CF) pinned Jones, 1:47. Cons. Round 3 - Jayla McAllen (NFV) pinned Jones, 2:15.

170 - Nevaeh Bloker placed sixth. Champ. Round 1 - Bloker pinned Brenna O'Connell (CF), 0:26. Champ.

Round 2 - Bloker pinned Briana Burke (CR), 4:49. Quarterfinal - Annalessa Arnold (DEC) pinned Bloker, 0:55. Cons. Round 4 - Bloker pinned Jayla McAllen (NFV), 0:28. Cons. Round 5 - Bloker pinned O'Connell (CF), 3:44.

5th Place Match - Elizabeth Mills (CF) pinned Bloker, 4:50.

235 - Eden Lamborn placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Lamborn pinned Nevaeh Dutcher (NCT), 5:02. Semifinal - Brian Ludeman (CF) pinned Lamborn, 1:21. Cons. Semi - Lamborn dec.

Ava Wolzten (NCT), 5-1. 3rd Place Match - Makayla Jones (CF) pinned Lamborn, 2:26.



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TUESDAY

Girls wrestling at Central Elkader Invitational, 5 p.m.

Boys baseball at Rockford, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Boys wrestling vs. Mason City Newman, Lake Mills and Garner-Hayfield-Ventura at Mason City Newman, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

Basketball vs. Northwood-Kensett, JV boys at

5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

Wrestling at Wapsie Valley Chris Davis Invitational, JV at 8:15 a.m., varsity at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

Girls wrestling at Waverly-Shell Rock tournament, 4 p.m.

Basketball at Mason City Newman, JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

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