



Some of the vegetation has been "planted" by the many birds they feed.

June Yard of the Month is lovely both night and day

Brad Williams and Michelle Brackin, 125 Elmer Avenue, partners for 23 years, have created this luxurious backyard totally themselves. Brad's incentive for creating this incredible backyard with Michelle's

help was to avoid mowing grass.

It is evident they have and continue to spend countless hours shopping for decorations, lights, and plants and then planting and placing their items to attractively enhance their backyard. In addition, they



Landen and Izabelle Brackin are proud that Grandma and Grandpa are Yard of the Month winners. If you look closely to Izabelle's left, you can see the fish in the pond.

spread about 110 bags of mulch around the gardens and on the paths every other year.

They are very appreciative of being recognized and would like to thank Weeds on Fire for sponsoring this award.



Their attractive tomato and pepper garden is weed-free.



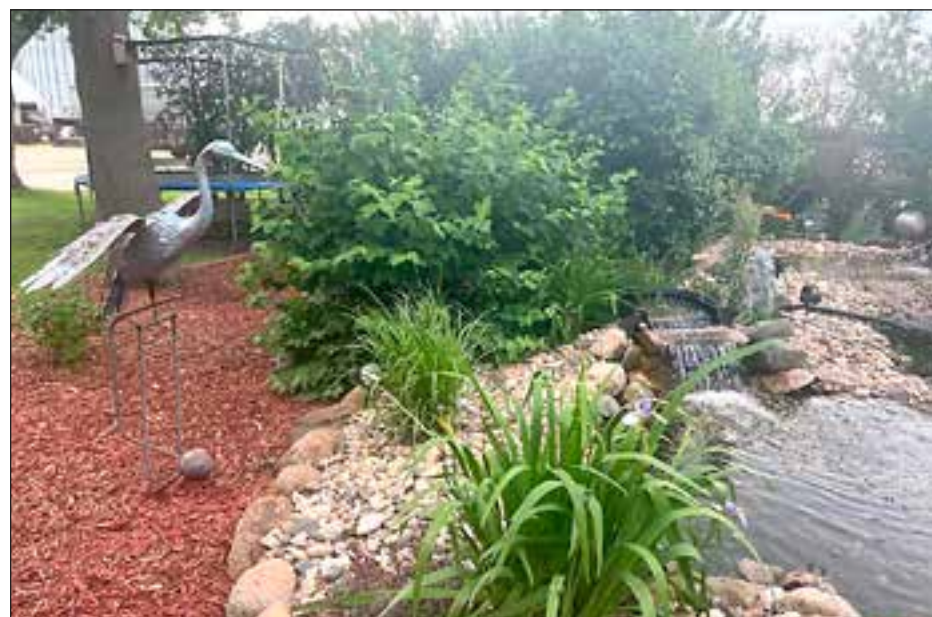
Potatoes are grown in the tires in front of the abundant asparagus patch.



The pond's water is fed by their sump pump.



Two of Brad's decoys now decorate their backyard.



The blue heron is one of their many garden decorations.

~ See more photos on Page 13 ~

Cruising Thru History coming to Readlyn

Mark your calendars for the Cruising Thru History event on Sunday, August 4.

Registration will be at 12 noon at the Bremer County History Museum and 12:30 p.m. at Readlyn's Historical Museum on Main Street. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for youth ages 5-18 years old. The registration fee goes directly back to funding

preservation of history in Bremer County.

The history cruise through Readlyn will be 1-3 p.m. followed by Readlyn's Historical Society's Annual Ice Cream Social at 3 p.m. at the museum. A route map of the cruise will be provided at registration.

All types of vehicles are welcome, especially the classics.

Denver/Readlyn Blood Drive is July 5

The next Denver/Readlyn Blood Drive is planned for Friday, July 5, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Denver Community Center, 100 Washington St.,

Denver.

To schedule an appointment, text: LIFESERVE to 999.777; call 800-287-4803, or visit lifeserve.info/schedule.



Grump's Grumblings

By Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump

Well, this is my last Grump article. I have been replaced.

It has been a lot of fun meeting and greeting people. I always get a kick out of people's reaction when I tell them I'm from Readlyn. When they ask if I'm the Grump and I answer that I am, I love the look on their faces.

It has certainly been a busy month getting ready for Grump Days, but everything is falling into place. Thanks to some new members for their help and donations.

Hopefully, the rain will hold off so we can have a fun time.

Bonnie Wittenburg is the new Grump. I must say that I think she has been practicing. She will be good and she certainly knows how to bake a pie for the fair.

Thanks to everyone for making my year as Grump a great experience. Remember, once you make the Grump Elite Team, you are always a Grump. Thanks again.

Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump

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Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29, 2024
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2024
New Year's Day 2025	Wednesday, January 1, 2025

If garbage is not picked up due to a holiday, the next garbage pickup day, each household is allowed to put out 1 (one) extra bag without a tag. This bag may not be larger than 32 gallon and must not weigh over 50 pounds.

Please remember that all lids must be snapped down and attached or garbage will not be picked up.

A beautiful place for a wedding - The Poor Farm

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Moeller (of rural Tripoli) on their recent marriage (shown at right)! The couple was wed at The Poor Farm in Bremer County on June 8, with Andrew Pahnisch officiating.

Ron Leistikow and Charlie and Wilda Albrecht were on-site to give tours and educate the wedding party about the venue's rich history. The reception was held at Grumpy's Event Center in Readlyn, with delicious food, drinks, and dancing!



College News

Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry Participant

PELLA, IA -- Central College hosted the Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry event to showcase the many projects by Central students during the 2023-2024 academic year. The event included in-person honors and senior presentations, poster sessions, performances and exhibits.

Gunner Meyer of Fairbank participated. His presentation title was The Roles of Severity of Trauma, Sleep Disturbance, and Therapy in PTSD Recovery.

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Kirkwood Community College announces Dean's List honors

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa - Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Spencer Aiello of Readlyn was named to the list.

Loras College Announces 2024 Graduates

DUBUQUE, Iowa - Loras College has announced the names of students who earned a bachelor's degree or master's degree in 2024.

Kiks Rosengarten of Readlyn, a Wapsie High School graduate, earned a BA in Business Administration.

Hawkeye Community College Announces Spring Graduates

WATERLOO--The following are Hawkeye Community College 2024 spring semester graduates and their programs of study.

Readlyn: Garrett Barnes, Associate of Applied Arts, Digital Mass Media.

Fairbank: Hayley Kleinheksel, graduated with honors, Associate of Applied Science, Dental Hygiene; Parker Landsgard, Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts; Gavin Leistikow, graduated with honors, Industrial Equipment Maintenance; Armando Silva, Associate of Applied Science, Industrial Automation Technology; Autumn Sullivan, Associate of Science, Liberal Arts; Kyle Zimmerman, certificate, CNC Machine Operator; certificate, CNC Machine Set-Up Specialist; Associate of Applied Science, CNC Machining & Tool Making Technology; diploma, CNC Machining Technology.

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25. If you'd like to get on our book club email
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*There are still Summer Reading Program bags
available at the library. Everyone who turns in
a reading log at the end of the program will
receive a prize!*

Fruit and vegetable voucher project to address food insecurity

Food insecurity is an official term from the United States Department of Agriculture. Food insecurity means lacking the resources to purchase the quality or quantity of food that is needed to live a healthy life. Simply put, it refers to when people don't have enough quality food to eat. There are many causes of food insecurity, such as inflation, high living costs, unemployment, low wage jobs, medical emergencies, or family crises.

It's important to understand that it can happen to anyone and is not a consequence of personal failure. Food insecurity can have serious consequences on individuals' and families' health and well-being.

The Bremer County Health Department and Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way have partnered together to offer the Fruit and Vegetable Voucher project

to address food insecurity for individuals and families in need. To support the health and well-being of people in our local communities, Bremer County Health Department Administrator, Lindley Sharp notes "Addressing food insecurity requires coordinated efforts and by partnering with the WSR Area United Way, we can better target the 1,360 individuals experiencing food insecurity in Bremer County." United Way Director, Jill Krall, acknowledges the pertinent timing of this partnership stating, "We know that local families are struggling as grocery costs are rising. The produce voucher program ensures local families have access to healthy food choices, especially during the summer months when kids are home from school."

Eligible households include those liv-

ing in Bremer County or Shell Rock who face any level of food insecurity. Vouchers can be redeemed at Fareway in Waverly, beginning in June through September 2024.

For more information about the Fruit and Vegetable Voucher project, follow Bremer County Health Department and Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way on Facebook.



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News from Community Lutheran School



On Wednesday, May 1, the students in preschool through eighth grade performed our spring musical "Faith News Network." Our message was anything is possible when we follow God's plan for our lives.



Way to go track athletes!

Congratulations to all of our track athletes who competed on Saturday, May 4 in Davenport! We are proud of your hard work and team spirit!

Thank you to our two volunteer coaches Kira Stover and Lizzie Matthias for your time

and dedication to our student athletes! God is good!

2024 Track Results

Boys team overall: 6th place
Girls team overall: 5th place

Not pictured in team photo is Cash Kaufman. He left after his events but did great!



We celebrated all of our CLS students and our 8th grade graduate, Sadie Hogan at Fruit of the Spirit Awards Night on Wednesday, May 22! We celebrated the many blessings of this school year. We are Connected in Christ! Congratulations to our students, staff, volunteers, and families on the completion of the 2023-2024 school year! God is good!

Deadline for the July 31 Chronicle is Thurs., July 18 at 5 PM

Wapsie Valley School Board - June 3, 2024

Wapsie Valley CSD Special School Board Mtg. June 3, 2024

- Pledge of Allegiance
- 1. President Wolfe called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 P.M.A. Directors: Wolfe, Sauerbrei, Aiello, Kaufman, Aiello (6:13)
- B. Administration: Chris Hoover, & Principal Murphy
- C. Board Secretary: Kim Arndt, Others: Garret Pochop (virtual) Kyle Martin, Brian Stark (7:36)
- 2. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0
- 3. Facility Projects-Discussion was held on potential projects compiled by Administration, Operations Manager, District Staff, & Brian Stark. Garret Pochop-Piper Sandler presented scenarios borrowing against Sales Tax dollars. Brian Stark was able to answer questions after he arrived.
- 4. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve Approximately \$4,000,000.00 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue as present-

- ed. Motion carried 5-0
- 5. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the Resolution Fixing Date for a Hearing on June 18, 2024 on the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$4,000,000.00 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds as presented. Roll Call-All Ayes Motion carried 5-0
- 6. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve of Resolution Fixing the Date for a Public Hearing on June 18, 2024 on the Proposed Use of SAVE Revenue for an Athletic Facility Infrastructure Project as presented. Roll Call-All Ayes Motion carried 5-0
- 7. Board Talking Points-The June 17, 2024 regular board meeting will be changed to June 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the High School Media Center
- 8. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Kaufman to adjourn at 8:34 PM Motion carried 5-0. Respectfully submitted,

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Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc. earns Award Of Excellence at State convention

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa – Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc. of Waverly received the Iowa Award of Funeral Service Excellence at the 144th Annual Iowa Funeral Directors Association (IFDA) Convention held April 16-18, 2024 at Prairie Meadows Convention Center in Altoona, Iowa.

The Iowa Award of Funeral Service Excellence recognizes a funeral home's exemplary service to the community it serves. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes,

Inc. was one of nine funeral homes from throughout the state to receive the award. It is the 14th year the funeral home has been recognized by peers for this achievement. To qualify, a funeral home must excel in four of five areas: presentation of public information, active membership in the state association, sponsorship of community events or services, professional development, and personal development.

This year's Annual IFDA Convention featured highly regarded local and nation-

al funeral service speakers who presented current information on bereavement education, business and management practices, regulatory updates, technical skills and training, and additional topics related to the funeral service profession. The Annual IFDA Convention provides funeral directors with a forum to receive and exchange information so they may return home with new ideas that will allow them to better serve the families in their communities.

IFDA represents over 700 Iowa licensed funeral directors and 425 funeral home establishments throughout the state. The mission of the Iowa Funeral Directors Association is to promote and support funeral service excellence. To that end, IFDA promotes high standards within the field of funeral service through continuing education programs, legislative representation, and service to Iowa communities. For more information, visit www.iafda.org.



Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc. of Waverly received the Award of Excellence in Funeral Service for a 14th year during the 144th Annual Iowa Funeral Directors Association Convention in April. L to R: IFDA President Marcus Vigen, Ryan Tucker, Darren O'Donnell, and incoming IFDA President Justin Rasmussen. Photo contributed

Readlyn City Council Meeting May 13, 2024

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the public hearing followed by the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Rocco Imbrogno, Keith Brunscheon, Nicole Barnes, Jason Franck. Absent: Joey Jones. Others in attendance: Bamey Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Austin Matthias, Matt Mahoney, Auston & Brittney Rueber.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to approve minutes from the April 16, 2024 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve bills presented for payment. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to approve clerk and treasurer's reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Barnes to approve budget report. Library report was unavailable. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve police report. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to approve agenda as printed. All said yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wedemeier opened the Public Hearing on the FY23/24 Budget Amendment. Notice of time and place has been published in the Waverly Newspaper on May 2, 2024. No written or oral objections were received. After all desiring to be heard, motion by Franck and seconded by Barnes to close the public hearing. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to introduce Resolu-

tion No. 2024-04 entitled "RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2024-04 duly adopted.

Butler REC representative, Matt Mahoney reviewed with the council several upgrades for the electric utility. Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to approve contracting with Stanley Consultants to do an ARC flash assessment with possible implementation of CMR closing devices for possible hot line work. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on the cleanup of the property that is now owned by the City of Readlyn at 110 Briggs Ave. Council received bids for the removal of cement at the site of the new emergency services building on First Street. Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to approve estimate from Smith Excavating, Inc. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council received an update on the recent Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation Board meeting. Council received an update on the recent EMRRA meeting.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to approve Austin Matthias to attend underground utility locating workshop sponsored by IAMU. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Eames and seconded by Franck to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.

ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

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Need an easy meal for any season? This one is a traditional favorite for my family and also printed in the Readlyn Historical Society's cookbook.
Submitted by Janet Huebner

Pancakes

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| 2 c. Flour | 1 1/2 c. milk |
| 4 tsp. baking powder | 1 egg |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | 2 T. soft butter |
| 2 T. sugar | |

Mix the above ingredients with a hand mixer and pour onto a hot griddle. Want something different than maple syrup? Try Cinnamon Syrup.
1 c. light brown sugar, packed
2/3 c. hot water
1/4 c. salted butter
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
Combine the sugar and water in a large saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil. Turn heat to medium-low and continue to simmer for 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Turn the heat to low and stir in butter, 1 T at a time. Once the butter is melted and incorporated into the syrup, remove from the heat and stir in the cinnamon and vanilla. Stir until dissolved. Serve warm over pancakes. Enjoy!

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Readlyn Community Fund's Second Annual Award Night

Sunday, June 2 was the second annual award night hosted by the Readlyn Community Fund. For years, the Readlyn Community Fund was an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA) and distributed funds through the CFNEIA's platform. To provide a stronger connection and greater local impact, the Readlyn Community Fund established its own 501(c)3 at the start of 2023.

The mission of the Readlyn Community Fund is to provide support for future projects directly benefiting the people of Readlyn through an annual grant process. The current committee members of the RCF (Readlyn Community Fund) are Kyle Shores, Jaci Hogan, Jill Krall, Amy Sheppard, Danny Sickles, Jill Schwickerath and Sharon Davis. For the 2024-2025 grant cycle, the RCF was able to award four local organizations their full grant request.

The first recipient of the award night was Wapsie Valley Readlyn Elementary's 6th grade teacher Heather Robinson for \$1,420.97. These funds will be used to help upgrade the 6th grade science curriculum to the OpenSciEd curriculum as well as purchasing the corresponding kits to help teach the curriculum.

The second recipient of the 2024-2025 grant cycle was the Readlyn Fire Department. RFD was awarded \$5,000 to go towards acquiring a Turnout Gear (fire-fighting PPE) washer/extractor. This extractor is an industry standard that is used to remove carcinogens from firefighting gear after a fire. Ultimately, this unit will help lower the risk of Readlyn's volunteer firefighters being diagnosed with cancer because of harmful toxins.

Community Lutheran School was the third recipient of the night, and the school was awarded \$2,474.77 to help the faculty implement STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education earlier and more consistently from preschool to 8th grade. Receiving the initial building blocks of STEAM will prepare students for a constantly developing digital world.

Final recipient of the 2024-2025 grant cycle was the Northeast Iowa Food Bank with an award value of \$5,000. This grant request will aid the local backpack program that assists many families in the Readlyn community and surrounding communities. The program partners with Wapsie Valley School District to help provide non-perishable and nutritious foods to help sustain children over the weekends throughout the school year.

All organizations were exceedingly grateful for the support of the Readlyn Community Fund. The next annual RCF grant cycle will coincide with Bremer County Foundations' grant cycle in 2025 so please, if you know an organization that would benefit from applying, please spread the word! Furthermore, if you would like to help fund the Readlyn Community Fund's 2025-2026 grant cycle, you can donate by dropping it off at the Readlyn Savings Bank or by mailing it to the Readlyn Community Fund; P.O. Box 116; Readlyn, IA 50668. All donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions about our organization, please reach out at readlyncommfund@gmail.com or message the Readlyn Community Fund Facebook page. The RCF looks forward to helping Readlyn's community organizations in the many years ahead.



Kyle Shores awarded Jaci Hogan as a Community Lutheran School Board Member. See more photos on the next page.

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In addition to the Homestead Tax Credit, claimants who are 65 years of age or older on or before January 1 of the assessment year are eligible for a Homestead Tax Exemption. An exemption is a reduction in the taxable value of the property rather than a direct reduction in the amount of property tax you pay.

Eligibility for the Homestead Credit & the Homestead Exemption: You must own and occupy the property as your primary homestead on July 1 of each year, declare residency in Iowa for income tax purposes and occupy the property for at least six months each year. Once a property owner qualifies for the credit and/or exemption, the credit and exemption continue until the property is sold or until the owner no longer qualifies. Please refer to Iowa Code, Chapter 425.

Property owners may be eligible for a Military Tax Exemption. Again, an exemption is a reduction in the taxable value of the property rather than a direct reduction in the amount of property tax you pay.

Eligibility for the Military Tax Exemption: You must be a resident of Iowa, have been involved in full-time active duty during a war or conflict, be a veteran defined by Iowa Code 35.1* or served 18 months active duty and have been honorably discharged. (The original or a certified copy of the DD214 must be recorded in the Bremer County Recorder's Office by July 1 the year the exemption is first claimed. Your DD214 needs to show release from active duty during a qualified

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Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Credit: Refer to Code of Iowa, Chapter 425.15. For more detailed information on this credit, please see the assessor's page on the Bremer County Website under Credits & Exemptions, call the Bremer County Veteran's Affairs Office at 319-352-4209 or reach out to the Bremer County Assessor's Office.

Filing deadlines for these credits & exemptions: For the 2024 valuation the deadline is July 1, 2024. (After July 1 all applications would be considered for the following year.) Please note: The same application is used for both the Homestead Tax Credit and the Homestead Tax Exemption.

Application forms may be found online at the Bremer County Assessor's section on Bremer County's website <https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/government/assessor/assessor.php> or the Department of Revenue's website at <https://tax.iowa.gov/tax-credits-and-exemptions>. You may also go directly to <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com> or visit the Bremer County Assessor's Office. If you have any questions, contact the Assessor's Office 8-4:30 Monday-Friday at 319-352-0145.

*House File 259 recently updated Iowa's definition of a veteran. Individuals may now qualify for the Military Tax Exemption if they were members of the National Guard or Reserves who have a VA service-connected disability.



Two-day celebration for Randy Liddle

Randy Liddle has retired from the tiling business after putting in 50 full-time years. Please come and help him celebrate his retirement with a dance and refreshments on Friday night, July 19, starting at 7 p.m. Wichita will be the opening band on Friday at the Douglas Den in Plainfield.

The celebration will continue on Sat-

urday, July 20, at 5 p.m., with a meal and then another band will follow around 7 p.m. The band consists of the members of Endless Summer.

Please, no gifts. Just bring along a memory on paper and drop it in the memory box. Thank you.

All Saturday events will take place at 1195 Hilton Ave., Plainfield.

Readlyn City Council Meeting June 10, 2024

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00 PM for the regular meeting. Meeting was called to order by Councilman Franck due to the absence of the mayor and mayor pro-tem. The following named council members were present: Rocco Imbrogno, Keith Brunscheon, Jason Franck, Joey Jones. Absent: Nicole Barnes. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Auston & Brittney Rueber.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to approve minutes from the May 13, 2024 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Jones to approve bills presented for payment. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Franck to approve clerk and treasurer's reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve budget and library reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve police report. All said yes. Motion carried. Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve agenda as printed. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve cigarette/tobacco/nicotine/vapor permit renewal for Kwik Trip, Inc dba

Readlyn Kwik Star #708 effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on the cleanup and possible selling of lot at 110 Briggs Ave., Readlyn, IA. Motion by Franck and seconded by Imbrogno to refer matter to city attorney with purchaser requirements as discussed. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to introduce Resolution No. 2024-05 entitled "APPROVE BUDGETARY TRANSFERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024". Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Whereupon Resolution No. 2024-05 was declared duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to introduce Resolution No. 2024-06 entitled "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES FOR APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF READLYN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025". Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Whereupon Resolution No. 2024-06 was duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

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ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk

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The public markets have touched all-time highs this year but if you zoom out and look at the last 25 years, it has been a roller coaster ride to get us there. In my opinion, the best blanket advice anyone with a license can give is to “stick to the plan” and “stay invested”. As with anything, everyone has a different tolerance for the inevitable highs and lows. Our firm’s investment team works day in and day out to navigate public markets and tactically seek out momentum, but there are also private market tools we have access to that help us mitigate volatility.

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Part of their expansion plans are to add field rock and possibly other plants.



One of two toad houses because as a kid, Brad loved to catch toads.



Part two of their expansion plan is to enlarge and decorate around their apple tree.



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