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*This is difficult to imagine....On May 20, 2021, the largest iceberg in the world broke off from Antarctica.. It's more than 70 times the size of Manhattan.*

## JUNE MEETINGS

- June, 8 Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Location TBD
- June 8, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- June 16, NBA, City Hall 7p.m.
- June 21, School Board, 7 p.m.
- June 21, Library Board, 7 p.m.
- June 28, Chamber Executive Board, noon, City Hall
- Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

## June Update on Nauvoo Community Center

The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) is pleased to report that they have reached its budgeted goal of \$1.7M for the building phase of the project. Amazingly, an additional \$525,000 was added to the \$1.2M financial report presented at the March 30 public meeting. A bid package has been prepared for the design-build option, chosen by the Committee as the most cost-effective method of construction. Bids need to be let by June to satisfy the \$617,000 Illinois library grant. Because of the recent demand for the building trades, construction might not begin until 2022.

Fundraising is ongoing. An additional \$500,000 is being solicited for outdoor amenities, such as parking, sidewalks, and landscaping. The projected total price of the project is \$2.2M. Any remaining funds will be used to help upgrade the gym.

## A Day of Giving

The Nauvoo Community Center's Fundraising Committee (NC5) has named Tuesday, June 15, as A Day of Giving. Their goal is to match a very generous \$100,000 gift from an anonymous donor for this event through pledges and donations of all kinds including grain. As NC5 has met its June goal of raising the \$1.7M to build the Center, any additional funds will go toward the costs of upgrading the interior/ exterior, landscaping, paving, and other costs associated with the project. Major donor amounts (\$5,000, \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000+) for inside recognition and bricks (\$250, \$500, \$2,000) for outside recognition opportunities will be included in the Day of Giving.

Information on how you can be a part of the challenge will be released via emails, Facebook, GoFundMe, Instagram, at [www.nauvoocc.org](http://www.nauvoocc.org), water bill reminders, etc. In June, be on the lookout for the Community Center QR code that will be popping up everywhere, so that with just a click of your Smartphone, you will have easy access for giving opportunities.

While June 15 is the target date, donations eligible for the match can be made starting June 1. The funds for our new Community Center are in place, and the piggies have raised the level of awareness through joyful creations and fattened bellies throughout our community. NC5 embraces the many successes associated with the fundraising for the project. Thanks to our generous supporters, the efforts have proved that pigs CAN fly! We are looking forward to meeting the June 15th matching grant challenge.

## Mayor McCarty's Parting Words After 16 Years as Mayor of Nauvoo

I have thoroughly enjoyed these past 16 years as Mayor and the four years before that as both Council and Planning Commission member. The city of Nauvoo has been a special place to call home, operate a business, and raise a family. Doing public service was my way of thanking the community. I had great role models: Tom Wilson, who preceded me, helped prepare me for this job; Hugh Pierce, showed me how to work with the whole community. Hopefully, I learned enough from these two to have made a difference.

I have been blessed with wonderful civic leaders who have joined with me at this table over the years and amazing committee members who worked over and above what would be expected to make Nauvoo a better place for all. I thank the city workers who during my time in office have made this job so easy. Their dedication and knowledge on how to maintain the city and provide the services that most of us take for granted without hardly ever hearing a thank you shows me they are "Nauvoo." I don't regret any of the time I spent here and look forward to working with Jason on the transition. But most of all, I'm happy I will have a little extra free time to spend with my family and make up any time I may have taken from them. Thank you, Nauvoo.

## 2021 SPPS God's Portion Day Auction has gone virtual!

Out of the respect for and safety of everyone involved, we have decided to conduct the 2021 SPPS GPD Auction as an online only event. Visit <https://www.proxibid.com/> and click on "Sign Up" in the upper right corner to register, if you are not already registered on Proxibid. Beginning on Wednesday, June 2, auction items will be available for viewing and bidding - Direct link is available at [www.stspeterpaul.org](http://www.stspeterpaul.org). On Sunday, June 6, Sullivan Auctioneers will conduct a virtual online auction (starting time TBD). During the virtual online auction, the auctioneer will take bids from online bidders in real time. The auctioneer will be able to see who is bidding and will interact with the bidders, encouraging the crowd to jump in and bid!

We will also have an in-person auction preview event at Sts. Peter and Paul, Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines must be followed. Please stop by and see the wonderful items we will have up for auction!

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## Nauvoo City Council Minutes May 11, 2021

Outgoing Mayor, John McCarty, began the meeting and led the Council through the old business before “passing the gavel” to incoming Mayor Jason Skog.

### The old City Council approved:

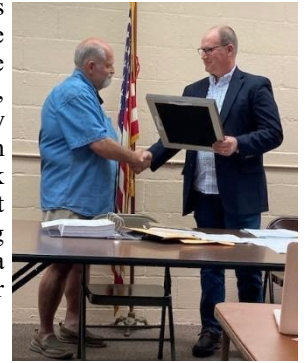
- Pay raises for City employees: full-time workers will average 3%, or \$0.65/hr.; part-time workers’ pay will increase by an average \$0.43/hr.
- The FY22 City Budget.
- Scheduling public hearings on May 24th (at 1:30 and 1:45pm) to consider the acquisition of a new backhoe and a new dump truck from the State of Illinois.
- Allowing Public Works Director Berry Cuthbert to use the City credit card to purchase gas for his personal truck for use on City business, as the City’s truck is broken.
- Acceptance of the resignation of Mark Church as Assistant Chief of Police and approval of the hiring of Kolton Johnson as a part-time officer.
- Advertising for a permanent replacement for the position of full-time police officer.
- Permission for the Hotel/Motel tax board to spend \$100 per month on social media advertising.
- A lease agreement to Dr. Thomas Grant to occupy Room 250-A of the old school building and run a consulting service for chiropractors.
- A TIF redevelopment agreement between the City and Sunset Hill LLC, located at the old Mayfly building, where owner will sell Hawaiian Shaved Ice and other products.

### Other business:

- The City Council deferred consideration of increasing the municipal tax on Electric & Gas utilities to next month when final information is available as to how much it will add to consumers’ utility bills.
- Mayor McCarty announced that the City is in the process of replacing the current attorney. One application has been received.
- Jeffrey Christiansen, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, reported that tenants at the old school building would start paying a “maintenance fee” when renewing their lease contracts. He explained that the maintenance fee was deferred in the past because the old school structure was to be razed and replaced by the Nauvoo Community Center. Since this is no longer the case (the Community Center will be a separate building), with the ongoing maintenance work that continues to come up, the Committee feels it is time to implement the fee, adding that even with the maintenance fee they feel the monthly rates are very reasonable.
- Mayor McCarty recognized Nauvoo resident and Troop 56 Scoutmaster (Scouts BSA) Scott DiPrima for his service to the City as part of his Scouting Wood Badge project. DiPrima constructed a box where persons can leave worn-out US flags for a proper and dignified disposal. This well-crafted receptacle is located at Nauvoo City Hall.
- The City Council removed two items from the agenda: The request from Facilities Management to vacate Hyde and Ripley Streets from White to Mulholland and Mani to Partridge Streets (pageant grounds) after Jason Bodily withdrew the request. The request for a City of Nauvoo Second Amendment Preservation Act was withdrawn under City Attorney’s advice re: lack of authority to pursue the matter.
- Mayor McCarty then gave a farewell address to the Council and the people of Nauvoo. The meeting then took a short recess. (See comments in separate article.)

**Minutes continued in next column**

During the recess the City Clerk, Carol McGhghy, swore in incoming Mayor Jason Skog. Mayor Skog then swore in the newly re-elected Carol McGhghy as City Clerk. McGhghy swore in the newly re-elected Aldermen Taci Anozie (2nd Ward) and Jim Boyles (3rd Ward), as well as newcomer Jeffrey Christiansen (1st Ward). Mayor Jason Skog then gaveled the meeting back into session. His first act was to present a certificate of appreciation to outgoing Alderman Chuck Gilbert and a certificate and plaque to former Mayor John McCarty.



### The new Council approved:

- The election results as received from the Hancock County Clerk.
  - Closure of Partridge Street between Mulholland and Young Streets for a broadcast of dedicatory services of the new Temple Hill historical sites on May 27, 28 & 29 from noon to 5 p.m.
- Submitted by Alan Moberly

### 2021-2022 Standing Committees

**Finance:** Jim Boyles, Chairman; Brenda Adkisson, Jeff Christensen  
**Streets:** Building and Grounds: Jim Boyles, Chairman and Tacy Anozie

**Water & Sewer:** Jeff Christensen, Chairman and Larry Nicholl

**Economic Development:** Larry Nicholl, Chuck Gilbert, Jordan Squire, Brock Stout, Jeff Christensen, John McCarty, Helen Campbell, Sam Denton

**Library Board:** Patty Haigh, President; Elaine Ferguson, Secretary; Rosie McKoon, Vice-President; Sandy Wiemann, Treasurer. Members at Large: Dianne Adkisson, Terri Siegfried, Julie Johnson, Brenda Adkisson, Jim Hopp

**Planning Commission:** Lee Fields and Mike Johnson, Co-chairmen; Richard Miller, Ron Grant, John McCarty.

**Zoning Administrator:** Pete Wilson

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Kathy Jacobs, Michelle Snyder, Doug Knowles, Gene Shurts, Archie Smith

**Community Center:** Dianne Adkisson and Elaine Ferguson, Co-Chairmen; Amber Bevier, John McCarty, Chuck Gilbert, Alan Moberly, Barb Schafer, Paul Sly, Jim Topic Gary Schoeni, Kathy Schoeni, Karen Ihrig, Larry Nicholl, Scott Sumner, Jordan Bodily, Jason Skog

**Safety Inspection:** Jim Boyles

**County Emergency Representative:** Gary Shanks and Dan Gallaher

**Chief of Police:** Mike Boley

**Superintendent of Public Works:** Barry Cuthbert

**Supervisor of Public Works:** Joe Tripp

**City Collector:** Carol McGhghy

**City Treasurer:** Ana LeVesque

**Building Inspector:** Tom Hopp

### How Our Government Is Meant to Work ....

The U.S. has a representative form of government, which means people elect those they wish to represent them. It is not a true “democracy” where everyone gets a chance to vote on everything. Nice idea, maybe, but way too unwieldy. To run efficiently, there is a “chain of command.” In our City Council form of government, anyone having a problem first seeks resolution or clarification from City Hall. Then, if the issue isn’t resolved, it should be brought to the attention of the Alderman in your ward (the City is divided into three Wards, with two Alderman in each Ward). It is the Alderman’s job to look deeper into the problem. The last resort is going directly to the Mayor. The process works; please don’t short circuit the process.



## Fund-Raising Opportunities for the Community Center Just Keep on Keeping on!



### Pigs in the Park

This year NBA's annual Memorial Day Picnic in the Park created an opportunity to show off the community's creativity and generosity with the Nauvoo Community Center Fundraising Committee's (NC5) pig contest. Pigs were displayed in the lobby of the State Bank of Nauvoo during the month of May. (July's issue will give the final amount raised and winners of the contest)

### NCHS Barn Painting



The 10" x 28" acrylic painting of the fabled NCHS barn by Carol Fowler Leenerts, NCHS Class of 1970, was sold to the highest bidder, at the silent auction held at the Memorial Day picnic. The bid

started at \$100 with \$10 increments. Those wishing to bid and unable to be present appointed an in-person representative - the old-fashioned way with no online bidding. (See July's edition of the newsletter for highest bidder and proud winner of the painting!)

### Yard Sale Correction

The Market Place's April 24 #90 yard netted \$3,000, rather than the \$2,500, as reported in the May edition of the newsletter. The Nauvoo Betterment Association along with Nauvoo Market Place is hosting this opportunity for NC5. Any items tagged with #90 will continue to be offered both inside and outside the Market Place. Both NBA and NC5 appreciates all donations. It's an effortless and worthwhile recycling of "treasures" method to contribute to the Community Center project.

### Fairy Garden Contest Returns

On Saturday, June 12 the NBA will sponsor a Nauvoo Fairy Garden Contest at Nauvoo City Hall from 11:00-noon. Elaine Ferguson will also host a special reading time for children ages 4 to 10, from 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Nauvoo City Park. (Children should bring a towel or rug to sit on, costumes are encouraged, but not required).



Gardens will be judged in two age groups: children 5-11 and adults 12-112. Each age group will have two categories: Tiny Gardens and Big Gardens (approx. 1 cubic foot). A \$25 cash prize will be given to the "Best of Show." If you want your garden to be judged YOU MUST HAVE IT IN PLACE AT CITY HALL by 10:00 a.m. June 12. An early drop off can be made on the 11th from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. (Forms will be available in City Hall). All gardens must be picked up by 12:30 p.m. after the show. For more information see, "Nauvoo Fairy Door Trail" on Facebook.



### Square Foot Gardening Class

Another great opportunity to learn something while supporting the Nauvoo Community Center project at the same time! A hands-on Square Foot Gardening offered Saturday, June 5, from 10-11:30 a.m., held rain or shine, at Linda Carroll's house at 2045 Knight Street in Nauvoo. Linda, a certified instructor of these gardens, has been involved in gardening for over 50 years. Over twelve years ago she switched to this method, finding she is able to grow twice the produce in half the space - AND, with less weeding and watering. The method will work indoors, outdoors on the porch, patio, or your whole backyard. Come prepared to get dirty! Cost is \$25, payable at the class.

### A Little Night Music

On June 26, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., the Nauvoo Orchestra will provide musicians to perform at three different venues where either a main course or a dessert will be available. The orchestra, under the direction of Laurie Peterson, is sponsoring the event, "A Little Night Music," which will featuring two duets and one quartet, each at a different venue. To date Annie's Custard will feature a main course and the Nauvoo Historical Society will provide a dessert at the Weld House. The event is being sponsored by an anonymous donor who will donate \$1,000 to the Community Center. Profits will be split between NC5 and Nauvoo Orchestra. Watch for details.

### Bluff Woods Lot Donated to Community Center Project

A .74 acre river view lot on Walnut Drive in Bluff Woods (location as pictured) was recently donated to NC5. Kim Logan of KL Real Estate was selected by the donor to handle the sale. All fees (county, attorney, and real estate) associated with the selling of the lot will also be donated. The fundraising committee is overwhelmed with the generosity of those who share the vision of how the new Community Center will impact Nauvoo's citizens and visitors.



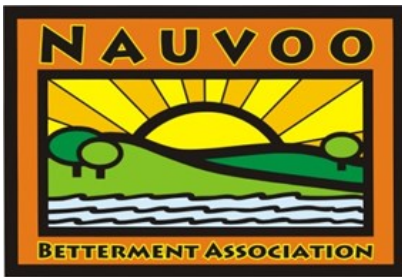
### The Legacy Starts Cruising



The 49-passenger, plus crew, boat was to take passengers between Nauvoo and Montrose, as well as other sites in 2020. The boat, Legacy, will offer 90-minute cruises, which will run twice daily, seven days a week, between Burlington and Keokuk at \$30 per person. Present plans include two cruises a day for the public in the afternoon and evening leaving from either Keokuk, Ft. Madison or Burlington. (According to Don Faulkner, a Nauvoo docking location is in the works.) The boat may also be rented for private groups.

The boat is owned by Randy Douglas (former Nauvoo residents, now, Utah); Don and Deb Faulkner (Nauvoo's former Chief of Police), and Dale and Cheryl Hunt (former insurance agent based in Nauvoo). For more information call 319.759.1311 or go to [www.rivertrip.net](http://www.rivertrip.net).

Taken from *Fort Madison Daily Democrat*, May 14, 2021



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Deadline for the July issues is June 26

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### Happenings at the Nauvoo Historical Society (NHS)

At the Nauvoo Historical Society's May meeting, guest historian Joseph Johnstun presented information on a new museum coming to Nauvoo and its related documentary film *The Tomb of Joseph*. Many of you have seen the excavations in front of the Mercantile on the corner of Mulholland and Bluff Streets or read articles in the *Journal-Pilot* about the possible location of the burial vault that had been built, but never used, for Joseph Smith's family. Brian Christiansen, new owner of the Mercantile, is planning to set up a "Tomb of Joseph Museum" on the site with access for public viewing of the arched, red brick structure.

From May 15th through June 30th, the Weld House will host a new, temporary display. Nauvoo School Days features artifacts and yearbooks from Nauvoo Schools Nauvoo Unit High School, Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Mary's Academy, and Nauvoo-Colusa High School. It includes the Championship Basketball, autographed by the players and a school register of students in Appanoose in the 1880s.

In July, the Weld House will rotate in a different temporary exhibit of items from its collection that are not part of the regular displays. If you have not visited the Weld House or Rheinberger museums recently, 2021 is the year to explore our local history.

Submitted by Rita Souther

### Nauvoo City Wide Yard Sales

There will be a city-wide yard sale on June 25 and 26 from 8 a.m.-?. If you would like to be on the map, please call Lisa Parker at 217-453-2520 and leave your name and phone number. Please let if me know if you plan to be open both days.

### Farmer Market Opportunity

Farmer's Market Manager needed!! The City of Nauvoo and the Economic Development Committees are seeking a volunteer to organize and manage a Farmer's Market. If you're interested, please contact Jeff Christensen at 309-333-0099.

### Lori Boyer Benefit Events Planned

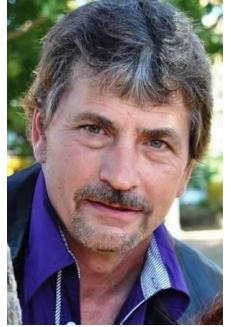
Lori Boyer has recently been diagnosed with Head & Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma. Financial donations can be made to the Lori Boyer Benefit fund at the State Bank of Nauvoo.

On June 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, there will be Team Lori Benefit Bake sales at the Nauvoo Dollar General and the Niota Fire Station. Donations can be directed to Maria Menke at (309) 221-4567 (Nauvoo) or Joni Watson at (217) 242-7251 (Niota).

On June 26, a Taco Supper will be held at Baxter's Vineyards. A free will donation Taco Supper will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The menu will include tacos, enchiladas, taco salad, nachos and chips & salsa. There will also be a gun raffle drawing, Team Lori t-shirts and bracelets, a silent auction and live music from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Contact Brenda at (217) 453-2528 for more info.

### Nauvoo Principal Dan Ayer

On Sunday, May 16, Dan Ayer, Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary and Jr. High School Principal for CSD 325, was killed in a one-person motorcycle crash near Durham, Illinois. Dan, 56, lived in LaHarpe and had been a principal at the school since 2009. He was much beloved by students and faculty. School opened on the following Monday with a group of counselors for those who needed help dealing with the tragedy. Funeral services were held at the school gymnasium with Pastor Maxine Dennison officiating. He will be missed.



### Friend of Nauvoo Passes Away



Nancy L. Gibson, a good friend and supporter of Nauvoo, passed away in Alexander City, AL on April 25, 2021. During the years that Nancy lived in Hamilton, IL, she took an active part in the Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce, in organizing events that celebrated the local community, and in reporting for area newspapers. Like countless others who have developed a connection with this city, Nancy's heart never left Nauvoo even when she and her husband, Bill, retired to Alabama.

### Lake Cooper Loop Group

Pool 19 of the Mississippi River is also dubbed Lake Cooper after the engineer who designed the Lock and Dam 19 (completed in 1913). The "Loop Group" headed by Chi Eastin, general manager of the Kingsley Inn, Fort Madison, has been gathering information about travelers to the area and found they love the trains, river, history, nature, and hospitality. According to Eastin, motorists, boaters, bicyclists, et al, come to the area to escape congested areas and the safety the area offers. Nauvoo has a lot to offer those who are drawn to these amenities. Our immediate geographical area is reinventing itself after the long 2020 hiatus. The Lake Cooper Loop Group's first event will be the River and Rail Weekend October 1-2. It will include river-related events: kayaking, canoeing pontoon boating, a dinner at the Fort Madison Elks Club on Friday and a dinner/music at the Keokuk Yacht Club on Saturday. Taken from article in *H.C. Journal-Pilot*, May 12, 2021



### A Job Well Done

The Hancock County Economic Development Executive Director, Belynda Allen, received her masters degree in Community and Economic Development on May 14. Congratulations Belynda!

### Can I Recycle This?

People think that a lot more is being recycled than actually is. More than 90% of plastics generated in the U.S. each year winds up in landfills or incinerators, according to the EPA; about 9% is recycled. The presence of the triangle stamp encasing a number on a plastic container doesn't guarantee it will be reused, even it makes it into a recycling bin. Plastics are sorted based on resin type with resin codes 1s (water bottles and clear plastic cups) and 2s (clear, meaning undyed milk jugs and detergent bottles) and some of the 5s (yogurt containers, prescription bottles and bottle caps) make it into a recycled item. They are processed domestically and, along with aluminum, they're the most valuable recycling commodity. However, recycled aluminum has a 100% yield. Cardboard can be recycled seven or eight times. So much to know!

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