REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

 TUESDAY APRIL 19, 2016

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crusinberry called council to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. ROLL CALL

Clerk Lane conducted roll call. Council members present were Ankenbrand, Florek, Goodwine, Hamilton, McElhaney and Yaden. Aldermen Carter and Houmes were absent. Attorney Mudd was absent.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Ankenbrand moved to approve the agenda seconded by Hamilton. Agenda was approved 6-0.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Clerk Lane began reading minutes of the previous meeting with Alderman Hamilton finishing. Alderman McElhaney moved to approve minutes as read seconded by Ankenbrand. Minutes were approved as read 6-0.

1. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderwoman Florek moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Yaden. Roll call vote taken and bills were approved for payment 6-0.

1. REPORT OF OFFICERS

Alderman Ankenbrand reported that the fire department will be testing fire hydrants on Monday evenings. Steve Baker has been notified so the water department will be aware.

Alderwoman Florek made the motion to award a Façade Grant of up to $5,000 to the Save the Lorraine Foundation for restoration work on the marquee of the Lorraine Theater. The grant will be paid with TIF Funds. McElhaney seconded the motion. Roll call was vote taken and the motion passed 6-0.

Alderman Goodwine reported that fiber optics cable has been installed for the school and library.

Goodwine also made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-14 authorizing the mayor to sign a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Paul Offutt, co-owner of Autumn Fields. Mr. Offutt will become the sole owner of Autumn Fields. Florek seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and Resolution 2016-14 was approved 6-0. Goodwine announced a budget meeting to be held at 5:30 on Wednesday April 27.

Alderman Hamilton had nothing to report.

Alderman Yaden reported clean up and mowing are being done at the cemetery. The parks department will be taking bids on a 1992 dump truck with specs available at City Hall.

Michael Streff reporting for McElhaney stated that Maintenance bonds are in and will be reviewed.

1. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
2. NO COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL
3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council members were asked to consider the Vermilion County Land Bank proposal. There would be no cost to Hoopeston to join but would allow the city a seat on the board. The proposal will be reviewed by the finance committee.

1. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION
2. NO NEW BUSINESS
3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Ferrell owns the former gas station property across from the Lorraine Theater. He explained to council what he has done, is doing and what his plans are for the property. He is trying to preserve enough of the structure to qualify for historical preservation. Because of a recent illness progress has slowed but he assured council he is back at work on the project.

1. ADJOURN

Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Yaden. Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by

Gail Lane, City Clerk