# CITY OF HOOPESTON

# Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday May 17, 2016

1. Call to order

Mayor Crusinberry called to order the regular meeting of the City of Hoopeston at 7:00 p.m. on May 17, 2016 at City Hall.

1. Roll call

Clerk Lane conducted a roll call. All eight Council Members were present: Ankenbrand, Florek, Carter, Houmes, Goodwine, Hamilton, McElhaney and Yaden. Attorney Mudd was also present.

1. Approval of Agenda

Alderman Houmes moved to approve the agenda seconded by Florek. Agenda was approved by voice vote 8-0.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Clerk Lane read the minutes from the last meeting. Alderman Houmes moved to approve seconded by Yaden. Minutes were approved 8-0.

1. Payment of Bills

Houmes moved to approve payment of bills as presented. Alderman Carter seconded the motion. Bills were approved for payment by roll call vote 8-0.

1. Report of Officers
2. Ankenbrand reported that the Fire Department thanks the community for the support of the Cash Bash and Firemen’s Ball.
3. Florek put a hold on passage of an ordinance 2017-3 changing building standards.
4. Goodwine postponed action on the Land Bank resolution.
5. Hamilton reported that the Animal Control has upgraded its vehicle to a 2008 minivan. Four auxiliary candidates were presented for approval. Hamilton made four separate motions to approve the officers. First, Patrick Nicholls which was seconded by Ankenbrand. The next three were Cody Thorn, Roman Gordan and Misty Turner which were each seconded by Houmes. In separate voice votes all four candidates were unanimously approved by council as Auxiliary Officers.
6. Yaden reported that employees are readying Floral Hill Cemetery for Memorial Day service that will be at 10:30 a.m. on Memorial Day.
7. Houmes Postponed acceptance of bids on the park truck. He announced that Lynn Wyss has been hired as pool manager with Mac Connolly as assistant manager. Memorial Day will be opening day for the pool with free swim and season passes will be 20% off that day.
8. Carter postponed accepting sidewalk bids. He also explained that this year the city is replacing one half of the street signs with state mandated signs. Alley cleanup is finished until Fall. Also a reminder not to blow grass into the streets and yard waste only is allowed at the City slab.
9. McElhaney with Michael Streff reported no changes in finalizing the Water Project. Also monitoring of storm water is being done.

**Public Comment**

Contractor Justin Acton addressed council regarding his interest in the Essex Building on Route 1. He has several business ventures and would be able to utilize most of the building. He would immediately clean up the outside of the property and will not seek any funding from the city. He also stated that if the City was involved with another developer he would not want to interfere.

Darren Duncan informed council that the Land Bank will hold its first meeting on June 15. Tilton, Georgetown, Catlin, Rossville and Vermilion County have signed on.

1. Petitions to Council

None

1. Communications to Council

None

1. Unfinished Business

None

1. Executive Session

Alderman Carter moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Hamilton seconded the motion. Council went into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. voice vote 8-0.

Hamilton moved to come out of Executive Session seconded by Yaden. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. voice vote 8-0.

1. New Business

None

1. Comments by Mayor

Mayor Crusinberry announced that Dawn Layden will be hired as the city’s Administrative Coordinator. She will begin in July and will replace Loni Gress who will be retiring.

1. Announcements and Other Comments

Poppy Day will be Saturday May 21.

1. Adjournment

Alderman Carter moved to adjourn seconded by Florek. Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m. voice vote 8-0.

Gail Lane

City Clerk