# CITY OF HOOPESTON

# Regular Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2016

1. Call to order

Mayor Crusinberry called to order the regular meeting of the City of Hoopeston at 7:00 p.m. on September 6, 2016 at City Hall.

1. Roll call

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

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 Ankenbrand moved to approve seconded by Yaden. The minutes were approved as read 8-0.

1. Public Comments

Beth Johnes with Quality Assured Industries also known as QAIC addressed the council regarding a bill for which the company has not received payment. QAIC was the contractor hired by Leander Construction to paint the city’s water tower. Leander’s payment to QAIC has been held up due to an unresolved audit of QAIC by the Department of Labor.

Representative Tom Bennett address the council giving an overview of where the state’s budget stands. He stated that schools, roads and bridges have been budgeted for the year but everything else is ½ year. Also elections are coming up in November.

1. Payment of Bills

Alderman Ankenbrand moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Yaden. Roll call vote was taken and bills were approved 8-0.

1. Reports of Officers
2. Alderman Ankenbrand thanked the city workers and water department for repairing the leak in front of his property on Fourth Street.
3. Alderwoman Florek had nothing to report.
4. Alderman Goodwine had nothing to report.
5. Alderman Yaden announced that bids are being taken for a new lawn mower for the cemetery and specs are available at City Hall.
6. Alderman Houmes deferred to Auxiliary Officer Brad Hardcastle who stated that there was a good turnout and no problems during the Sweet Corn Festival.
7. Alderman Carter announced the city pad will be closed this weekend. He also stated that the community did a good job for the Sweet Corn Festival.
8. Alderman McElhaney reported that work is continuing on replacing fire hydrants.

C-2 Engineers have finalized data collection and will be working on a report for the city.

1. Alderman Hamilton announced that the 911 switchover to Vermilion County will be September 12.
2. No Petitions to Council
3. No Communications to Council
4. No Unfinished Business
5. Executive Session

Alderman Carter moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Land Acquisition. Houmes seconded the motion. Council voted to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Carter moved to come out of Executive Session with a second by Yaden. Council voted to come out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

1. No New Business
2. Mayor Comments

Mayor Crusinberry contacted the EPA regarding clean out of the retention pond. According to EPA the Tire Fire is “still an open investigation.” The Mayor also noted that much of the FMC property is on the upcoming tax sale.

Mayor’s comments on the festival were positive stating that it is a “whole community effort.”

1. Public Comment

Darren Duncan reported that ownership of the Wildon Building will be passed by the Vermilion County Land Bank to the Save the Lorraine Foundation. He also commended the JC’s and community on the Sweet Corn Festival.

1. Adjournment

Alderman Houmes moved to adjourn seconded by Florek. Mayor Crusinberry adjourned council at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Gail Lane, City Clerk