# CITY OF HOOPESTON

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

# November 15, 2016

1. Call to order

Clerk Lane called to order following the Pledge of Allegiance the regular council meeting of the City of Hoopeston at 7:00 p.m. on November 16, 2016 at City Hall.

1. Roll call

Clerk Lane conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Alderpersons Ankenbrand, Florek, Houmes, Goodwine, Hamilton, McElhaney and Yaden. Mayor Crusinberry and Attorney Mudd were absent.

1. Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Hamilton moved to approve Alderman Goodwine as Mayor Pro Tem. Ankenbrand seconded the motion. Council voted to approve Goodwine as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Crusinberry 7-0.

1. Approval of Agenda

Alderman Hamilton moved to alter the agenda for the appointment of Ryan Anderson next seconded by Ankenbrand. Motion was approved 7-0.

Hamilton moved to approve appointment of Ryan Anderson as Alderman Ward II with a second from Ankenbrand. Council approved the appointment of Ryan Anderson 7-0.

Clerk Lane administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Anderson.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Clerk Lane read minutes of previous meeting. Alderman Houmes moved to approve seconded by Ankenbrand. Minutes were approved as read.

1. Payment of Bills

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

1. Open issues
2. Alderman Ankenbrand reminded residents that there is no burning allowed on the streets, sidewalks or alleys.
3. Alderwoman Florek had nothing to report.
4. Alderman Hamilton reported that 911 is still the number to call for emergencies. Per the agreement, Vermilion County will dispatch the emergency calls. Hoopeston may be able to opt out of the agreement but will need the “State’s Blessing”. Hamilton will continue to give updates on the situation.
5. Alderman Yaden reported that he had spoken to Shopko and the leasing agent of the building regarding the closing of Shopko. He has also contacted a number of department store types of retailers regarding the possibility of locating in Hoopeston.
6. Alderman Houmes reported that the Parks Department is moving forward with the purchase of new playground equipment.
7. Alderman McElhaney deferred action on EPA Permits until later as the Mayor had the information.
8. Alderman Anderson had no report.
9. Mayor Pro Tem Goodwine entertained a motion from Alderman Houmes Authorizing the Mayor to purchase the Essex Property. Florek seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and council approved the Purchase of the property by roll call vote 8-0.
10. Petitions to Council

None

1. Communications to Council

None

1. Unfinished Business

None

1. Executive Session

Alderman Yaden moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Land Acquisition. Houmes seconded the motion. Council voted to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. 8-0.

Alderwoman Florek moved to come out of Executive Session with a second from Houmes. Council voted 8-0 to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

1. New Business

None

Public Comment

Robin Lawson, Ron Cade and a number of other citizens spoke on the Emergency 911 situation. Citizens believe longer response times and other issues have been taking place since Vermilion County has begun dispatching all 911 calls as well as calls deemed emergency on the administrative line of the police department. A meeting will be set inviting Sheriff Hartshorn to answer questions and determine what the city can do to address the issues.

Adjournment

Alderman Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Houmes. Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m. 8-0.

Gail Lane

City Clerk

1. New business
2. [New business/summary of discussion]
3. [New business/summary of discussion]
4. [New business/summary of discussion]
5. Adjournment

Clerk Lane adjourned the meeting at [time].

Minutes submitted by: [Name]

Minutes approved by: [Name]