# City of Hoopeston

# Regular Council Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

1. Call to order

Mayor Crusinberry called to order the regular council meeting of the City of Hoopeston at 7:00 P.M. on March 21, 2017 at City Hall.

1. Roll call

Clerk Lane conducted a roll call. The following five council members were present: Ankenbrand, Florek, Hamilton, McElhaney and Yaden. Aldermen Anderson,   
Goodwine and Houmes were absent.

1. Approval of Agenda

Alderman Ankenbrand moved to approve the agenda seconded by Florek. Agenda was approved 5-0.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Clerk Lane read the minutes from the last meeting. Alderman Ankenbrand moved to approve minutes seconded by Yaden. The minutes were approved as read 5-0.

1. Payment of Bills

Alderwoman Florek moved to approve payment of bills seconded by McElhaney. Roll call vote was taken and bills were approved for payment 5-0.

1. Reports of Officers
2. Alderman Ankenbrand announced that there will be pump training for rookie firemen on Sunday.
3. Alderwoman Florek had nothing to report.
4. Alderman Hamilton reported that Alderman Goodwine would have the budget forms in aldermen’s boxes on 3/22 and would need them turned back in to him on 3/30. The budget meeting will be the first week in April.
5. Alderman Yaden announced that bids are being accepted for perpetual care. Yaden also proposed changes to pricing on lots and fees at the cemetery. It has been several years since fees have been increased. He made the motion to accept the fee changes with a second from Florek. Alderman Hamilton remarked that at the last meeting council was against a one per cent sales tax but now are raising fees greater than the one per cent. Roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved 4-1 with aldermen Ankenbrand, Florek, McElhaney and Yaden voting yes and Alderman Hamilton voting no.
6. Alderman McElhaney reported that there has been clean up going on behind the shop at the water department and servicing of equipment.
7. Petitions to Council

None

1. Communications to Council

Ameren has sent out notices that it will be doing meter upgrades.

1. Unfinished Business

None

1. New Business

None

1. Mayor Comments

Mayor Crusinberry reported that he is planning to have the flood retention area behind Casey’s cleaned out and will be going out for bids in the near future.

1. Public Comment

Darren Duncan announced he has been appointed Vermilion County Treasurer so no longer will be our county board representative.

The mayor reported that the 911 dispatch is now up and running at Hoopeston.

Comments were heard on the positive aspects of living in Hoopeston and Northern Vermilion County.

Election is April 4 but council will be held at the usual time.

1. Executive Session

Alderman Yaden moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel with a second from Ankenbrand. Council went into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. 5-0. Hamilton moved to come out of Executive Session seconded by Florek. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. 5-0.

Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Yaden. Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Gail Lane

City Clerk