# City of Hoopeston

# Regular Council Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2018

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Crusinberry called to order the regular council meeting of the City of Hoopeston at 7:00 p.m. on June 19, 2018 at City Hall.

1. Roll call

Clerk Lane conducted a roll call. The following alder persons were present: Anderson, Florek, Hamilton, Houmes, McElhaney and Yaden. Aldermen Ankenbrand and Goodwine were absent. Attorney Mockbee was present.

1. Approval of Agenda

Alderman Houmes moved to approve the agenda seconded by Anderson. Agenda was approved 6-0.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Clerk Lane read the minutes from the last meeting. Alderman Houmes moved to approve the minutes seconded by McElhaney. Minutes were approved by roll call vote 6-0.

1. Presentations

None

1. Payment of Bills

Alderman Houmes moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Florek. Bills were approved for payment by roll call vote 6-0.

1. Reports of Officers
2. Ankenbrand was absent so Fire Chief Joel Bird announced that hydrant testing will be done on July 9, 16 and possibly 23rd. He also announced that the fire department is the recipient of a $24,000 grant that will be used for at least five new air packs.
3. Florek reported that three hydrants have been replaced. Water Superintendent Baker reported that cleaning out the sludge at the lagoons will begin and there may be some odor when the work begins.
4. Hamilton reported that Michael Vice has been hired as part time police officer.
5. Yaden had nothing to report.
6. Houmes reported that work on park pool has just begun. Because of the late opening date, the pool may remain open into September if enough lifeguards are available. No opening date has been announced yet.
7. Anderson made the motion to approve the bid from Ribbe Trucking in the amount of $49,196.35 for seal coat and aggregate. Houmes seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken and the bid was approved 6-0.
8. McElhaney made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-5 regulating Peddlers and Itinerant Merchants. Hamilton seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the Ordinance was adopted 6-0.
9. Petitions to Council

None

1. Communications

None

1. Unfinished Business

None

1. New Business

None

1. Comments by Mayor

Mayor Crusinberry explained to residents that Hoopeston is part Homefield buying group for electric. Solicitors in town are not part of Homefield. He warned residents not to show their electric bills to solicitors and to ask for rate per KW hour when comparing costs.

The city is restructuring some personnel by consolidating resources and eliminating the Park Superintendent position. He read the memo that explains the Park and Pool changes that will take place June 18, 2018.

1. Public Comment

Jennifer Garett addressed council with information on Paws and Claws, a nonprofit animal rescue and sanctuary she operates outside of Hoopeston.

Don Jackson questioned the status of the project at Route 1 and 9. Mayor Crusinberry explained that although the request from the Hoopeston Retirement Village for $3 million for infrastructure work was made, the council has made no decision on it. However groundbreaking for First Farmers’ Bank is likely to by July.

Marty Parsons read a letter to council with his remarks and thoughts regarding the $3 million request with three main points: What would the repayment plan be, who are the developers of the projects and are there signed agreements that guarantee completion of the projects not just “letters of intent”.

Stan Steiner remarked “Let investors hold the bag” and give the first mortgage to the city if any agreements are made.

1. Executive Session

None

**Adjournment**

Houmes moved to adjourn seconded by Florek. Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Gail Lane

City Clerk