# City of Hoopeston

# Planning Commission and Zoning Board

# Public Hearing Minutes

July 16, 2018

1. Call to order

Committee Chair, Jim Richards, called to order the Planning Commission and Zoning Board Public Hearing of the City of Hoopeston at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, July 16, 2018 at City Hall.

1. Roll call

Secretary Layden conducted a roll call. The following six committee members were present: Jim Richards, Shawn Swartzentruber, Charlene Ervin, Bill Boose, Cody Moore, and Jeff Wise. Mayor Bill Crusinberry was also in attendance.

1. Purpose

For the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council to vacate Lincoln St from 1st Ave. to CSX railroad tracks after hearing Teasdale Foods presentation and public comment.

1. Presentation

Teasdale Foods presented reasons for the request to vacate Lincoln St. and talked about Teasdale’s history and what they do now. Reasons include an increase in warehouse space, accident prevention, decrease truck traffic, and business development and expansion. There is a need for more warehouse space due to increases in production and plant growth. The closure would allow for more warehouse space along with the addition of more truck docks. The extra docks could provide a solution for the truck traffic. Lincoln Street sits between Teasdale’s warehouse building 141 and 145. Forklifts cross Lincoln Street to go from one warehouse to another which causes safety concerns for oncoming traffic, pedestrians, and forklift drivers. Closing Lincoln Street would allow the forklifts to travel between warehouse inside without crossing a road. More money has gone into the plant for capital improvement. Teasdale is here for the long term.

1. Questions: From Planning Commission

Teasdale Foods responded to questions from the Planning Commission. Teasdale has not conducted a traffic study of Lincoln St. GPS is the primary cause for illegal truck traffic. If the City Council does not approve the request, Teasdale Foods would continue to operate as they are now and look for more warehouse space to lease or build somewhere else. The percentage of employees from the Hoopeston area who work for Teasedale is close to 100%

1. Public Comment

Heard from several residents and local business owner about their concerns if street closure goes through. Concerns for safety and impact on businesses, children, and families due to truck traffic coming down 100/200 block of East Lincoln St. Discussed ways to stop truck traffic on 100/200 block of East Lincoln St. and how to reroute traffic through alleyways etc. Talked about the importance of and need for growth in the City of Hoopeston.

1. Commission Recommendation to City Council

The Commission recommends the City Council to approve the closure of Lincoln St from 1st Ave to CSX railroad subject to the signage of a redevelopment agreement. A roll call vote was taken, and the recommendation was approved 5-0 where the Committee Chair did not vote.

Adjourned 5:02 PM.

Dawn Layden, Secretary