# City of Hoopeston

# Regular Council Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2018

1. Call to order

Mayor Crusinberry called to order the regular council meeting of the City of Hoopeston at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at City Hall.

1. Roll call

Acting Clerk Layden conducted a roll call. The following seven council members were present: Ankenbrand, Florek, Goodwine, Hamilton, Houmes, McElhaney and Yaden. Alderman Anderson was absent. Attorney Mockbee was present.

1. Approval of Agenda

Alderman Hamilton moved to approve the agenda seconded by Houmes. Agenda was approved 7-0.

1. Minutes from Prior Meeting

Acting Clerk Layden read the minutes from the last meeting. Alderman Houmes moved to approve minutes seconded by Florek. The minutes were approved as corrected 7-0.

1. Presentations

None

1. Payment of Bills

Alderman Houmes moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Hamilton. Roll call vote was taken, and bills were approved for payment 7-0.

1. Reports of Officers
2. Alderman Anderson was absent
3. Alderman Ankenbrand reminded residents not to blow grass into the street to keep from plugging the drains. There was discussion on how to remind residents not to blow grass into the street. Fire Chief Bird reminded residents of hydrant flushing Monday, July 9th on East side of town.
4. Alderwoman Florek reported the transition of the pool to the Water/Sewer Department is going well. Superintendent Baker is doing a great job and Paul Tutwiler has been great about explaining everything.
5. Alderman Goodwine reported the electrical contract the City currently has will expire in April 2019. APPI, consultant to the City, advised the City to renew their contract at the current rates. APPI reported the rates would likely go up before renewal next year. The market in the East is higher than normal now at a rate of $0.10-0.12/Kwh. Goodwine made a motion to allow APPI to get bids and to allow Mayor Crusinberry the authority to approve a contract if rates did not exceed $0.45/Kwh and seconded by Hamilton. Roll call vote was taken and approved 7-0.
6. Alderman Hamilton had nothing to report.
7. Alderman Yaden had nothing to report.
8. Alderman Houmes reported the consolidation and merger of the Park Department with Street/Alley is going well along with the previously reported Pool and Water/Sewer Department consolidation. The alderman are collaborating well. The McFerren Park Swimming Pool will open to the public Saturday, July 7th at noon with a free day of swim after the triathlon in the morning. Season passes will be 50% off throughout the pool season. The pool will remain open through September weather permitting.
9. Alderman McElhaney recognized Marta Pierce and Alderman Yaden for their hard work on the Peddlers ordinance. He reported signs would be put around the City to remind Peddlers to get their license. Citizens were informed where they could get a no solicitors sign for their homes. It was reported Bloomberg Realty in Watseka for the property across from Blurton Funeral Home on E Washington is in talks with Blurton about possible purchase.
10. Petitions

None

1. Communications

Mayor will be attending a workshop in Dekalb, IL on July 25th to help identify community Brownfield Grant for cleanup. He is targeting Vermilion Iron. Legislatures thought it would be a good candidate for the grant because of its location next to public ball field.

1. Unfinished Business

None

1. New Business

Goodwine announced the Appropriation Ordinance will be available at the Water Department window in City Hall on Friday, July 6th for the public to view. There would be a Public Hearing at 6:45 PM on Tuesday, July 17th.

1. Mayor Comments

Mayor thanked First Farmers for breaking ground before July 1st. A Planning Commission Public Hearing is set for July 16th at 4 PM to discuss the closure of Lincoln St. from 1st Ave to CSX. Officials from Teasdale will be attendance to answer questions and explain their reasons for the request. The Mayor will be attending OSHA training during next City Council Meeting. Mayor announced a reminder to the public to watch out for pedestrians during the triathlon on the morning of Saturday, July 7th. He reminded the public to take time and think about the freedom we have in our country on the July 4th Holiday.

1. Public Comment

Residents asked questions about calling local police number for emergencies. Officials responded the number to call for all emergencies is 911. 911 is the mandated number to call for 911 and the only number the state recognizes for emergencies. The local police number is for non-emergency calls. Resident questioned if City found out anything about the extra fee on the water bill and how residents were charged at properties with more than one residence but only one bill. Officials responded there is a fee charged for each property and it is up to the owner whether they pass the fee onto their tenants.

1. Executive Session

None

Alderman Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Yaden. Council was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Dawn Layden, Acting City Clerk