REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

AUGUST 7, 2018

7:00 P.M., City Hall

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Crusinberry called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Roll Call**

All eight council members were present at roll call. Attorney Mockbee was also present.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Houmes moved to approve the agenda seconded by Florek. Agenda was approved 8-0.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of previous meeting were read by Clerk Lane. With corrections made Houmes moved to approve minutes seconded by Ankenbrand. Minutes were approved 8-0.

1. **Presentations**

None

1. **Payment of Bills**

Houmes moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Yaden. Bills were approved for payment by roll call vote 8-0.

1. **Reports of Officers**
2. Ankenbrand reported on the Fire committee meeting. The committee is looking into trading in Engine 5 as it has needed multiple repairs the last 5 years. Also, the department will be replacing gear and clothing starting in 2020.
3. Florek reported on the water committee. The department is continuing to replace and repair hydrants. Gunner and Paul are being trained in the rearranged departments.
4. Goodwine had nothing to report from the finance committee.
5. Hamilton reported that there are two openings in the police auxiliary. Two new candidates for the auxiliary will be on next agenda for approval. Also, Scott Strawser has resigned as EMA director and Brad Hardcastle will be replacing him as interim director. Police officer Jeremy Welch has been promoted to Sergeant.
6. Yaden announced that bids are being taken for a mower for the cemetery department. Bid openings will be August 31 at 3:00 p.m.
7. Houmes had nothing to report on the park committee.
8. Anderson had nothing to report from the street and alley department.
9. McElhaney reported on the Civic Committee meeting. Bids for demolition of two buildings were recommended for approval. Both recommended bids were from Ross/Leemon Construction. McElhaney made the motion to accept the bids of $16,000 for tearing down 205 E. Main, and $18,000 for tearing down 220 E. Main. Houmes seconded the motion. Alderman Goodwine voiced concerns he had regarding lack of specs for the bids. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6-2 with Florek and Goodwine voting no.

Mayor Crusinberry gave further reports from the Committee meeting regarding development of the South East corner of route one and nine with a possible truck stop. Also, he will be looking into Brownfield grants to remedy problems with the Vermilion Iron building.

Action on closure of Lincoln Street was tabled to get further information from Teasdale Foods.

1. **Petitions to Council**

None

1. **Communications**

The mayor had received a closing letter from ILEPA for the water treatment project.

Shimkus Traveling Help Desk will be in Hoopeston the last Tuesday of September from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

1. **Unfinished Business**

None

1. **New Business**

None

1. **Public Comment**

Truman Page addressed council with a request to have a tribute sign honoring Curtis Page’s Umpire Hall of Fame induction. He will contact IDOT to find out the requirements.

Resident asked if council was considering putting a 1% tax on the ballot but was assured by the Mayor that it is not.

Resident asked if the demolitions would be done by Festival time, but no time table could be given at this point.

Also, a question referring to the deterioration of buildings was asked if things have changed to keep the situation from happening again. The city will pursue owners to claim some of the funds whenever it can. Mike and Alex have been talking to neighbors of some of the deteriorated residential properties to see if any are interested in trying to purchase them. Signs are being posted “Uninhabitable” on several properties.

Yaden made a motion to adjourn seconded by Houmes. Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Gail Lane

City Clerk