CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

1. Call to order

Mayor Crusinberry called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. August 20, 2019.

1. Roll Call

Clerk Lane conducted roll call. Seven council members were present: Ankenbrand, Florek, Goodwine, Houmes, Lawson, McElhaney and Wise. Yaden was absent. Attorney Mockbee was present.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Clerk Lane read minutes of the previous meeting. One correction was noted by Goodwine. The $27,200 would be for Diaz Construction siding the two walls at 203 and 207 E Main.

Houmes moved to approve corrected minutes seconded by Lawson. Minutes were approved as corrected 7-0.

1. Presentations

None

1. Payment of Bills

Houmes moved to approve payment of bills. Florek seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken, and bills were approved for payment 7-0.

1. Report of Officers

Ankenbrand made the motion to hire two more Auxiliary officers. Me moved to approve Marcus Harris and Ben Brummett. Houmes seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken and the two were approved 7-0. He also reported that the rear end went out of the old squad car and a 2020 Tahoe has been ordered.

Florek reported that a leak at the edge of the swimming pool needs to be re-sealed. The department is busy painting hydrants. She also reported that Gunner has acquired his CDL.

Goodwine had nothing to report.

Wise reported that the employees were still taking down trees and painting curbs and lines.

Houmes reported that two bids for the dump bed and snowplow package for the cemetery truck were received. He made the motion to approve the lower bid which was $16,379.76 from Clauss Specialties Inc. Lawson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the bid from Clauss was approved 7-0. Houmes reported that the park employees were getting ready for the Sweet Corn Festival. He also stated that the ride company will pay the city $500 to allow the rides to be parked early until they can be set up for the festival.

Lawson had nothing to report.

McElhaney had nothing to report.

1. Petitions to council

None

1. Communications

None

1. Unfinished Business

Regarding recreational cannabis, Ankenbrand had looked at ordinances adopted by Wabash County. There are many unknowns regarding the legal issues, but the city needs to be proactive.

1. New Business

None

1. Mayor Comments

The burned-out Cannon property on North Market has been taken down.

There is an asbestos situation with the Essex building and Justin Acton has hired a firm for removal of it.

Some properties in Prairie Meadows II were omitted from TIF but the county will reverse them and put them back into TIF district.

A group has taken ownership of Vermilion Iron property for clean-up. The mayor will be looking into federal funding for the clean-up.

He had a meeting with Subway owners regarding paying invoices as work is done.

Bzzzs place fire is still under investigation by the fire marshal.

The mayor announced he would like to appoint Kellie Ferrell to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board. Florek made the motion with a second by Ankenbrand. Roll call vote 7-0 approved the appointment of Kellie Ferrell.

1. Public Comment

September 4th Dale Stoker with USDA will be presenting information on loans that can help seniors.

1. Executive Session

Ankenbrand moved to go into Executive session to discuss personnel seconded by Lawson. Council went into Executive session at 7:36 p.m.

Ankenbrand moved to come out of Executive Session seconded by Lawson. Council came out of Executive session at 8:04 p.m.

Houmes moved to adjourn seconded by Lawson. Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Gail Lane

City Clerk