CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2020

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1. ROLL CALL

The seven council members present were: Ankenbrand, Florek, Goodwine, Houmes, Lawson, McElhaney and Wise. Yaden was absent. Attorney Wessner was present.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

1. MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Alderman Houmes moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting seconded by Lawson. Minutes were approved as written 7-0.

1. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Houmes moved to approve payments of bills seconded by Lawson. Roll call vote and bills were approved for payment 7-0.

1. NO PRESENTATIONS
2. REPORT OF OFFICERS
3. Ankenbrand announced that the Police contract agreement was approved by the Police Commission and ready for council approval. After highlighting a few of the details He moved to adopt the Police contract agreement with a second by Goodwine. Roll call vote was taken, and the agreement was approved 6-0 with Ankenbrand, Florek, Goodwine, Lawson, McElhaney and Wise voting aye, Houmes abstaining and Yaden was absent.
4. Florek reported that a proposal to purchase the jet truck has been received. There had been no prior bids on the truck. Florek moved to waive the bid process for the truck. Houmes seconded the motion and the bids were waved by roll call vote 7-0. She then made the motion to approve the proposal of $6000 for the jet truck from Drennan Septic Service. Houmes seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the sale was approved 7-0.
5. Goodwine had nothing to report.
6. Wise announced that Eric Lambert has been hired full time at the Street and Alley Dept.
7. Houmes reported on the progress of the security updates. The city has purchased the printer that will make the security badges that will be used.

In Yaden’s absent, Houmes reported that due to Alderman Yaden putting in hours at the cemetery in the absence of a supervisor about $40,000 has been saved by the department. Discussion on what could and should be done with the “windfall” savings was heard. It was discussed whether or not it should be put into accruals but no action was taken. Many different ideas and needs were mentioned.

1. Lawson reported that the HGTV video had been sent out.
2. McElhaney had nothing to report.
3. NO PETITIONS
4. COMMUNICATIONS

Police Chief Dewitt sent communications that Officer Cahoe will be resigning to take a job with county.

1. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2. NO NEW BUSINESS
3. MAYOR COMMENTS

WCIA will be holding an “Out Town Hoopeston” event this summer. This will be a community event and ideas are welcome.

A draft of an ordinance for the upcoming Sesquicentennial was sent out for review and input.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fire Chief Bird announced a training to be held on Sunday.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Houmes moved to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition seconded by Lawson. Council went into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Houmes moved to come out of Executive Session seconded by Ankenbrand. Council came out of Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Houmes. Council adjourned at 8:19 p.m.