# City of Hoopeston

# Regular Council Meeting

April 21, 2020

1. Call to order

Mayor Pro-tem Goodwine called to order the regular meeting of the City of Hoopeston at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 21, 202 that was conducted online via TEAM due to the Corona Virus recommendations.

1. Roll call

Clerk Lane conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Aldermen Ankenbrand, Florek, Goodwine, Houmes, Lawson and Wise. McElhaney and Yaden were absent. Attorney Wessner was present.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Ankenbrand. Motion seconded by Lawson. Agenda approved 6-0.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Houmes to approve minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 3/27/2020 as well as the Regular Council meeting on 3/17/2020.

Motion seconded by Lawson. Minutes were approved 6-0.

1. Payment of Bills

Motion made by Houmes and seconded by Lawson to pay bills as presented. Roll call vote 6-0 approved payment of bills.

1. No Presentations
2. Committee Reports
   1. Bid approval-Ankenbrand made the motion to accept the bids of $800 each for the Crown Victoria and Trailblazer from Leo Crispin. Houmes seconded the motion and the motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.
   2. WTP (Water Treatment Plant) SCADA improvements are needed. Florek reported that the costs estimated to be $76,000 to replace the equipment.

IEPA funding may be available for sewer replacement along Market St. to Seminary St. beginning by Russ Leigh’s building. Some shut offs and valves also need replaced around town.

Pool closed-The swimming pool in McFerran Park will not open this year. The splash pad may be open at a later date.

Garden meters discontinued- Garden meters are to be returned to City Hall. A form online is available for a refund of deposits. The meters can be brought to City Hall on Saturday May 2 which is garbage day.

* 1. Budget Summary- Goodwine went through the proposed budget. Because of the Covid 19 situation the budget may need to be amended at a later date. Goodwine made the motion to approve the proposed budget seconded by Florek. Roll call vote 6-0 approved the budget.
  2. Alley clean-up begins May 4. Wise stressed that the clean up is for yard waste only. Wise mentioned that MFT dollars may be used for city trees. Some of the trees need a professional service to take down. MFT funds cannot be used for cemetery projects.
  3. Perpetual Care- Houmes made the motion to approve the bid from Treasured Roots for the perpetual care in the amount of $9000. Seconded by Wise. Roll call vote and motion passed 6-0.

Birkeys Mower-Houmes moved to approve the purchase of the lawn mower from Birkeys in the amount of $11995. Motion seconded by Wise. Roll call vote and the motion passed 6-0. The high bid for the cemetery dump truck was from Bill Redden for $751.50. Houmes made the motion to accept the bid seconded by Lawson. Roll call vote passed 6-0.

* 1. Lawson announced three new firemen have been added: Kyle Vaughn, Nick Grant and Brodee Herman.

1. No Petitions
2. No Communications
3. Unfinished Business

The status of the house that burned on First Avenue was asked. Bill Goodwine will follow up.

The Suter Building is beginning to look worse and the alley may not be safe.

1. New Business

Compliance officer-council asked for list of the work Joel has done and to keep council informed. Also asked was is he an essential worker?

1. Mayor Comments

Thank you to Jeff Wise for setting up the electronic meeting.

1. Public Comment

The dumpster will be set up at City Hall May 2. There have been some citizens doing clean up around town.

Adjourn

Florek moved to adjourn seconded by Wise. Council adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk