Virtual Council Meeting

CITY OF HOOPESTON

Tuesday May 19, 2020

7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Goodwine called meeting to order

1. **ROLL CALL**

Council members present: Ankenbrand, Florek, Goodwine, Houmes, Lawson, Wise and Yaden. Alderman McElhaney was absent. Also present were Mayor Crusinberry and Attorney Wessner.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Florek to approve seconded by Houmes. Agenda approved 7-0.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

Motion by Houmes to approve seconded by Lawson. Minutes were approved 7-0.

1. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Houmes seconded by Florek to approve payment of bills. Roll call vote 7-0 approved payment of bills as presented.

1. **NO PRESENTATIONS**
2. **NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL**
3. **REPORT OF OFFICERS**
4. **Police and Ambulance:** Nothing to report by Ankenbrand
5. **Water and Sewer**: Nothing to report by Florek
6. **Finance:** Goodwine reported that receipts are down because of shut down of businesses during Covid 19 restrictions. There will be a budget meeting after mid-June as the budget will need to be adopted.

The committee is looking into adjusting hours of the Saturday Bulk garbage collections.

1. **Street and Alley:** Wise moved to adopt MFT Resolution 2021-1 for the seal coating of 71 blocks of streets. Motion seconded by Florek. Roll call vote 7-0 approved Resolution 2021-1 allocating $200,000 to the program.

Wise moved to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Danville for the purchase of asphalt emulsion at $2.75 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Houmes and passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Alley clean up is completed and department is still working on trees.

1. **Cemetery:** After reading a prepared statement Yaden moved to disband the current Covid -19 plan and replace it. Arguments against and for the motion were heard. Recommendation to write a new resolution before doing away with the current resolution was suggested. Yaden tabled his original motion to replace it with a straw pole to see how many members would be in favor of re-writing the resolution. The pole was 5-2 in favor of replacing the resolution.
2. **Parks:** Houmes had nothing to report.
3. **Communications to Council**: Thank you received from family of Kristi DeWitt.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
5. **New Business**: None
6. **Mayor Comments:** No guidelines have been received from the state regarding rummage sales. Grants for shovel ready projects like Heritage Park hotel site are available. The city will need to apply by June 15 to become eligible. Houmes moved to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with Champaign County to write a grant application for the Rebuild Illinois program, spending not more that $7500. Lawson seconded the motion. Roll

call vote taken and the motion was approved 7-0.

1. **Public Comment**

Peony bushes have been cut down at cemetery; Chad will find out why.

Citations on weeds and mowing were asked about.

A question regarding possible Covid 19 case at Monicals was asked. EMS had no specifics on who or what the shut down was, just due to illness.

The wearing of face coverings is up to the individual business to require or not.

Final comment by the mayor “the mayor is the only one in charge of day to day operations, not the council.”

1. **Executive Session:** None
2. **Adjourn**

Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Yaden. Council adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Gail Lane,

City Clerk