CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY AUGUST 18, 2020

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR CRUSINBERRY
2. ROLL CALL: Six council members were present: Ankenbrand, Florek, Goodwine, Lawson, McElhaney and Wise were present. Houmes and Yaden were absent. Attorney Wessner was also present.
3. AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Ankenbrand second by Lawson. Agenda was approved as written.
4. MINUTES OF AUGUST 4TH MEETING: Motion to approve by Florek, second by Lawson. Minutes were approved 6-0.
5. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion to pay bills as presented second from Florek. Bills approved for payment by roll call vote 6-0.
6. NO PRESENTATIONS
7. NO PETITIONS
8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
9. Ankenbrand informed council that the “Chicken Ordinance” is prepared for review and action will be taken at the next council meeting.
10. Florek reported that the Jet Truck had to go in for repairs that will be partly covered by warranty.

The splash pad will remain open through Labor Day.

1. Goodwine proposed not having bulk pick-up on the Labor Day weekend. Council members had no objections.
2. Wise had no report.
3. Lawson requested input on solutions to clean up the derelict buildings downtown to prevent future building collapses.

She will also follow up on an overgrown residential property on East Young.

1. McElhaney had no report.
2. NO COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL
3. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
4. NO NEW BUSINESS
5. MAYOR COMMENTS

The Downtown motel has been purchased.

Mike Davis with the Land Bank is aggressively pursuing grants to help with removal of dangerous residences.

An Emergency Order declaring the building at 219 S Market St to be a dangerous building due to a partial collapse and other structural issues has been issued.

A citation has been sent to Bzzzs bar owner and he has a court date.

The Thompson Avenue project is pushed back so Donahue and Associates can find an Engineering firm with which to partner on the project.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chad Thomas was thanked for mowing an overgrown vacant lot.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Motion by Lawson second by Ankenbrand and passed 6-0 to go into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Ankenbrand second by Florek and passed 6-0 to come out of Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ankenbrand, second by Lawson and approved 6-0 to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk