CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2021

1. Mayor Crusinberry called the regular council meeting of the City of Hoopeston at 7:00 p.m. By remote.
2. Roll Call: Clerk Lane called roll. The five council members present were Ankenbrand, Florek, Goodwine, Lawson and Wise. Alderman McElhaney was absent.
3. Approval of Agenda: Florek moved to approve the Agenda with a second from Ankenbrand. Agenda was approved 5-0.
4. Minutes of Prior Meeting: Ankenbrand moved to approve minutes of prior meeting with a second by Wise. Minutes were approved 5-0.
5. Payment of Bills: Goodwine moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Lawson. Roll call vote 5-0 approved payment of bills.
6. No Presentations
7. No Petitions
8. Report of Officers:

A) Ankenbrand suggested a study meeting of the whole to go over the Property Maintenance Ordinance to get suggestions on what to include and what to delete from the ordinance that was suggested by the Land Bank. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12 in the council chambers.

B) Florek had nothing for this meeting but will have documents to act on at next regular meeting. She also learned of a sink hole near Maple school.

C) Goodwine made a motion to open a bank account to be used by the Historic Preservation Commission to be used for their fundraising income and expenses. Ankenbrand seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0 approved the motion.

D) Wise reported that the signs for Lincoln Street have arrived and will be installed right away. Complaints about the alleys not being plowed during the last snowfall. Wise said the alleys were too soft and would be torn up if the plows went down them.

E) Lawson heard compliments on the snow removal.

1. No Communications to council.
2. No Unfinished Business.
3. No New Business.
4. Comments by Mayor:

State of the City:

Casey’s is building.

The New Subway is open.

Asbestos clean-up and some work have been done at the Essex building.

Monical’s Pizza will be expanding the parking lot and address the flooding of neighbors’ property.

Silgan Containers and Teasdale Foods are looking at expansions.

Owners of Countryside Mall and Bzz’s bar buildings are due in court.

Still no response from heirs of Hoopeston Plumbing and Heating building. Mayor will pursue Illinois statutes to deal with the situation.

Vermilion County Housing Authority is looking to upgrade Parkview Court and Centennial Manor. It has applied for a demo permit for Parkview Court. New Housing will be built.

Grants have been received for demolition and rehab of derelict buildings. Several properties are on a list to be addressed.

The Thompson Avenue project can go forward but construction would not be until 2022.

If the grant of 1.1 million dollars is awarded infrastructure for Heritage Park can move forward.

Work is progressing on the Downtown Motel. The enclosed outdoor walkway that the owner wishes to install will have obstacles with zoning and fire codes.

A $400,000 grant is being applied for to upgrade equipment at the Sewage Treatment plant.

Some new businesses may be moving in.

The city is looking for trappers to help alleviate the beaver problem at the drainage ditch.

The Mayor needs to receive a signed notarized notice of resignation from council members who have resigned.

1. Public Comment:

Josh Clifton wants to know about the state statute.

1. No Executive session.
2. Adjourn: Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Florek. Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Gail Lane

City Clerk