CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY MARCH 16, 2021

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR CRUSINBERRY.
2. ROLL CALL CONDUCTED BY CLERK LANE: Ankenbrand, Goodwine, Garrett, Lawson, McElhaney, Wise and Eyrich were present in person and Florek was present on Zoom.
3. AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Garrett and second by Wise. Agenda approved 8-0.
4. MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Motion to approve by Ankenbrand second by Eyrich. Minutes approved 8-0.
5. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Lawson to approve payment of bills seconded by Garrett. Roll call vote. Ankenbrand, Goodwine, Garrett, Lawson, McElhaney, Wise and Eyrich voted aye in person while Florek voted aye by remote. Payment of Bills was approved 8-0.
6. PRESENTATIONS: Mike Davis addressed council by Zoom. The presentation focused on the Land Bank and the need for adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code. Mike stated that the goal of the Land Bank is to work with the city to cleanup and renovate deteriorated properties in the city. The IPMC would enable a Code Enforcement Officer to have specific guidelines in addressing actions that may be taken against property owners in order to get the properties in compliance by cleanup or renovation. Council members had many questions and postponed taking action on adopting the IPMC for review.
7. PETITIONS TO COUNCIL: None
8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

a) Ankenbrand reported that the city is accepting applications for police and dispatchers.

b) Eyrich had nothing to report.

c) Florek announced that the swimming pool would not be open this year due to difficulty in getting personnel and repairs that are needed on the pool. The splash pad will be open. The committee will need to look at the future of the pool and maybe expanding the splash pad.

d) Garrett had nothing to report.

e) Goodwine handed out the budget forms asked that they be returned to him by March 30. The first budget meeting will be April 7 and if needed the second meeting will be April 14.

f) Wise had nothing to report.

g) Lawson announced that the firemen’s tickets have sold out. She also commented on a family that she found cleaning trash out of a field.

f) McElhaney had nothing to report.

1. COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None
2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None
3. NEW BUSINESS: None
4. MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Crusinberry asked that a motion be made to approve the Resolution to enter into the Cooperation Agreement with the Vermilion Housing Authority. This is a revised agreement. Ankenbrand moved to approve the motion seconded by Garrett. Roll call vote taken and Ankenbrand, Goodwine, Garrett, Lawson, McElhaney, Wise and Eyrich voting in person all voted aye. Florek voted aye remotely. Resolution 2021-7 was approved 8-0.

Mayor Crusinberry requested that council approve the appointment of Steve Bane Ordinance Officer. Eyrich moved to approve seconded by Florek. Voting aye in person were Ankenbrand, Goodwine, Garrett, Lawson, McElhaney, Wise and Eyrich. Florek voted aye by remote. Steve Bane was approved to be ordinance officer 8-0.

The Digital Cemetery Dashboard is nearly completed. It will be accessible through the City of Hoopeston Website under Cemetery.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Nichols urged council to “embrace” the IPMC stating that work has been done by city officials and Land Bank and we would like to “reap the benefits”.

1. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION
2. ADJOURN: Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Wise. Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Gail Lane

City Clerk