CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Crusinberry
2. Swearing in elected City Officials led by Clerk Lane. Aldermen being sworn in were Ferrell, Florek, Garrett, Porth and Richards. Mayor Crusinberry, Clerk Lane and Treasurer Bookwalter were sworn in earlier. New Council men and women were seated.

Mayor Crusinberry presented service awards to outgoing Aldermen Ankenbrand and Goodwine. McElhaney was not present to accept his award.

1. Roll Call conducted: Present were Alderwomen Ferrell and Florek and Aldermen Garrett, Porth, Richards and Wise. Lawson was absent.
2. Mayor Crusinberry nominated Stephen Eyrich for the Ward I vacancy. Alderwoman Ferrell moved to approve the nomination second by Richards. Roll call vote was taken. Ferrell, Garrett, Porth, Richards and Wise voted aye. Florek abstained and Lawson was absent. Alderman Eyrich was approved by council to fill Ward I vacancy.
3. Florek moved to approve the agenda seconded by Garrett. Agenda was approved 7-0.
4. Eyrich moved to approve the minutes seconded by Florek. Minutes were approved 7-0.
5. Payment of Bills: Garrett made the motion to approve the payment of bills seconded by Ferrell. Roll call vote and bills were approved for payment 7-0.
6. Presentations: none
7. Communications: none
8. REPORT OF OFFICERS:

a). Alderman Eyrich had nothing to report.

b). Alderwoman Ferrell had nothing to report.

c}. Alderwoman Florek reported that Kristi Hudson has been hired for Pool Manager and interviews are ongoing for other employees.

d). Alderman Garrett had nothing to report.

e). Alderman Porth presented the Wage Ordinance for the new fiscal year. He made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-1 with a second from Garrett. Roll call vote and all seven Aldermen present vote aye. Lawson was absent and the Ordinance was passed 7-0.

f). Alderman Richards had nothing to report.

g). Alderman Wise reported that alley clean-up is finished and tree removal will continue. A new dump truck will be purchased from accrual funds.

1. No Communications
2. No Unfinished Business
3. New Business: A request for funds to replace the roof on the Lorraine theater has been made. The roof could be paid for from TIF funds.
4. Mayor Comments: The Graduates Parade will be held Saturday at 10:30.

Central Illinois Land Bank representatives, Bill Nichols and the Mayor toured Hoopeston to look at properties that are abandoned and dilapidated. Land Bank has possession of some of the properties.

1. Public Comment: Jerry Hopkins lodged a complaint that a property next to him has become a

jungle mess.

1. No Executive Session

Adjourn: Wise made a motion to adjourn with a second from Garrett. Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Gail Lane, City clerk.