CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY AUGUST 3, 2021

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

1. PLEDGE OF ALLGIANCE
2. CALL TO ORDER BY Clerk Lane
3. ROLL CALL: All eight council members present: Eyrich, Ferrell, Florek, Garrett, Lawson, Porth, Richards and Wise and Mayor Crusinberry was absent.

Alderman Wise made a motion to elect Alderman Florek as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Alderman Garrett. Roll call vote 7 ayes and 1 abstain by Florek, elected Florek Mayor Pro Tem.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL: Lawson moved to approve agenda seconded by Eyrich. Agenda was approved by voice vote 8 to 0.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Porth moved to approve the minutes with a clarification of the increase in garbage rates. The rate increase is the city’s cost. Lawson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as corrected 8-0.
3. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Garrett moved to approve payment of bills except the bill for Cahoe Construction so he could check into something. Wise seconded the motion. Roll call vote 8-0 approved payment of bills.
4. NO PRESENTATIONS
5. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
6. REPORT OF OFFICERS:

A) Eyrich had nothing to report.

B) Ferrell had nothing to report.

C) Florek reported that the boil order was still in effect. The pool stairs have come in. The new pool hours schedule was announced and the splash pad will remain open as weather allows.

D) Garrett postponed action on the Omnibus ARPA funds request.

E) Lawson had nothing to report.

F) Porth had nothing to report.

G) Richards reported that volunteers are needed to help clean moss from the Park Lagoon. A new fountain will be installed in the lagoon. New signs have been ordered for the park entrances.

H) Wise announced the new hire Matt Carl to the Street an Alley Dept. Because of paperwork mix-up the bid letting for the general maintenance program has been delayed. The state was requesting information that had been included in previously submitted documents. Wise addressed the State of Emergency Declaration and suggested that it should be revised referring to the handling of funds. Two kinds of funds are a part of the COVID funding. EMA Director Brad Hardcastle explained that there are funds from “510” funding which reimburses the city for Covid related expenses such as masks, cleaning supplies and sanitizers. Funds from ARPA are for covid relief and economic stimulus of which over $340,472.27 has been earmarked for Hoopeston. There are program guidelines that must be followed. Wise made a motion to revise the State of Emergency Declaration to specify that expenditures should follow the purchasing structure set for in City Ordinances. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call taken, Wise, Eyrich, Ferrell, Florek, Lawson, Porth and Richards were the seven ayes and Garrett voted no. Resolution 2022-2 was approved.

1. NO COMMUNICATIONS
2. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
3. NO NEW BUSINESS
4. NO MAYOR COMMENTS
5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Heard from

Jerry Hopkins: weeds and parking across sidewalks

Karen Gibson: water at ice machine in Hoopeston Plaza

April Jones: skate park

Gary Cade: broken water main

Tim Watson: water meters

Emory Zimmerman: rough railroad crossings

1. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN

Garrett moved to adjourn seconded by Ferrell. Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk