CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY AUGUST 17

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Mayor Crusinberry called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call Conducted: the seven council members present were Eyrich, Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, Porth, Richards and Wise. Florek was absent.
3. Agenda Approval: Wise moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Garrett. Agenda was approved 7-0.
4. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting: Motion to approve by Garrett seconded by Wise. Minutes were approved 7-0.
5. Payment of Bills: Eyrich made a motion to approve payment of bills, seconded by Lawson. Roll call vote approved payment of bills 7-0.
6. No Presentations
7. No Petitions to Council
8. Report of officers:

a) Eyrich reported that artificial flowers must be removed by September 1. Also, the cemetery department is advertising for a full-time employee.

b) Ferrell had no report.

c) Florek absent.

d) Garrett reported that the Finance committee and Police committee had met to discuss ARPA Funding. An addition was that full time employees that were working during COVID pandemic will receive hazard pay. Garrett made a motion to approve Block I ARPA with a second by Wise. Roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved 7-0. The construction of the EMA building was halted due to COVID and other issues. The partially completed shell has deteriorated from wind and weather. It will be taken down before the Sweet Corn Festival. Garrett will be putting out for bids for completion of the building and has asked for help with putting together the specs.

e) Lawson had nothing to report.

f) Porth had nothing to report.

g) Richards: April Jones addressed council about the positive benefits of having a skate park. A large group of supporters was in attendance. Brian Silver expressed that he would work with the city on designing a skate park. Alderman Wise encouraged the group to organize and begin fundraising. The mayor designated Alderman Richards to be the point person for the city.

h) Wise reported that curbs are not painted because the curb paint did not come in. The 50/50 sidewalk program will be available on first come basis. A down payment will be required. Funds have been made available for tree removal. Park and cemetery supervisors are asked to designate trees for take down. Also help from all departments will be needed for tree removal.

1. COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor reported on DCO grant application that was made about a year and a half ago for infrastructure for the property between the Marathon and Chrysler building. He received an email stating that the application was under review and the amount of the grant if approved would be 1.1 million dollars and would be used for road, water main and sanitary sewer.

1. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2. NO NEW BUSINESS
3. Mayor Crusinberry proposed the appointment of Jeremy Welch to the police commission. Lawson moved to approve the appointment seconded by Ferrell. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Positive Comments were heard from Brian Silver regarding the professionalism of the police department.

Mike Dean asked about the outdoor water meters.

Jerry Hopkins reported an ordinance violation.

Tim Watson commented on the baseball and softball parks being locked.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Garrett moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Land Acquisition. Lawson seconded the motion. Council went into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Garrett moved to come out of Executive Session seconded by Lawson. Council came out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Wise and seconded by Porth. Council adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk