CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

Pledge of Allegiance:

1. Clerk Lane called the council meeting to order in the Mayor’s absence.
2. Roll Call: Aldermen Eyrich, Ferrell, Florek, Garrett, Lawson, Porth and Richards were present in person and alderman Wise was present remotely.

Clerk Lane asked for nomination of Mayor Pro Tem. Garrett made a motion to nominate Florek seconded by Ferrell. Council approved Florek Mayor Pro Tem 7-0 with Florek abstaining.

1. A change to the agenda by Wise corrected the bid awards would be for the Annual General Maintenance project not Thompson Ave. Porth moved to approve the agenda with the change seconded by Eyrich. Amended agenda was approved 8-0.
2. Minutes of prior meeting: Lawson moved to approve seconded by Richards. Minutes were approved 8-0.
3. Payment of Bills: Garrett moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Richards. Bills were approved 8-0.
4. No Presentations
5. No Petitions to Council
6. Report of Officers:

a) Eyrich had nothing to report.

b) Ferrell presented an amendment to Nuisance Ordinance 8.12. One additional change was made in Section 8.12.030 B. Abandoned vehicles was changed to “abandoned and/or unlicensed vehicles". Ferrell moved to adopt the ordinance changes seconded by Lawson. Roll call vote 8 to 0 approved Ordinance 2022-3 with the changes made.

c) Florek announced the bids for the Washington Street alley Sanitary Sewer Replacement. She moved to approve the winning bid in the amount of $306,314.72 from SNC Construction of Gibson City. Eyrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote 8-0 approved the bid award to SNC Construction.

Florek announced that the pool has been closed due to vandalism.

d) Garrett expressed thanks to the Police, EMA, the Auxiliary and Street and Alley and Park employees for their work during the Sweet Corn Festival.

e) Lawson stated she will be checking into lighting at a dark area in the park.

f) Porth announced that the hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:45 on Sept. 21. The ordinance will be voted on at the council meeting.

g) Richards deferred to April Jones who presented information on the organization of the Community Skate Park Committee. The committee has plans for fundraising and applying for grants.

h) Wise announced the bids for the general maintenance project. He made the motion to accept the low bid from Ribbe Trucking, Inc in the amount of $34,608.18 for seal coat and the bid of $106,788.57 by Silver Brothers for concrete work. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote 7 ayes and one abstain from Garrett. Bids were approved.

1. No Communications
2. No unfinished Business
3. No New Business
4. Action on 105 E Main St.: Garrett made a motion to approve a purchase contract for the property located at 105 E. Main St. which is an empty lot. The property would be purchased from the Tax Trustees for $800. Eyrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken and the contract was approved 8-0.
5. Public Comment:

Jerry Hopkins still looking for answers from the mayor regarding complaints on overgrown property.

Sue Comstock asked about updates on downtown buildings.

1. No Executive Session
2. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Garrett seconded by Richards. Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk