CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 5, 2021

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Call to Order by Clerk Lane.
2. Roll Call: All eight council members were present. Mayor Crusinberry was absent.

Eyrich moved to nominate Florek as Mayor Pro Tem for the duration of Mayor Crusinberry’s illness. Wise seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Seven council members voted aye: Eyrich, Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, Porth, Richards and Wise. Florek abstained.

1. Agenda: Garrett made a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion of the Bzzz Bar building to his report. Wise seconded the motion. Amended agenda was approved 8-0.
2. Minutes of Prior Meeting: Porth made a motion to approve minutes of the last meeting seconded by Garrett. Minutes approved 8-0.
3. Payment of Bills: Lawson moved to approve payment if bills seconded by Richards. Roll call vote approved payment of bills 8-0.
4. Presentations: Vermilion Advantage CEO Timothy Dudley and Nicole Van Hyfte, community development coordinator presented information on services offered by the organization.

Doug Toole of Vermilion County Health Department and Keep Vermilion County Beautiful announced upcoming events including Flu Clinic, Tire Collection and Electronics collection.

1. No Petitions to Council
2. Report of Officers:

a) Wise reported on progress of the tree removal program. He also reported that Ribbe has completed the oil and chip maintenance.

b) Eyrich had nothing to report.

c) Ferrell reported that she has learned that the Land Bank is working on a Vacant Building ordinance and will exchange information with it to come up with an ordinance for the city.
Ferrell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-5 that removes the city’s registration fee for cats and dogs. Lawson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 8 to 0 approved Ordinance 2021-5.

d) Florek reported that they are looking at changing the type chlorine from tablets to liquid for the pool next year. The city will be required to have a container and state approval to make the change. The sanitary sewer has been completed for the Dollar General Store.

e) Garrett announced Trick or Treat hours 5 to 7:30 on October 31. The Police Commission met and hired Thomas Kirby as fulltime officer. Officer Marvin Dobkins has been promoted to Sargeant since Welch’s retirement. Hearing no objection from council, Garrett offered to contact Attorney Wesner about proceeding with moving action on Bzzz Bar from city court to the state to seek a demolition order.

f) Lawson had nothing to report.

g) Porth had nothing to report.

h) Richards had nothing to report.

1. Communications to Council: Thank You from family of Brenda Gaither.
2. No Unfinished Business
3. No New Business
4. Mayor Comments: Mike Davis of the Land Bank reported on demolitions that have been completed and properties that he hopes to “Fast Track” for demolition. Lots that have been cleared are now for sale by the land bank. Until now, no money has been available for commercial properties but there is now a new State Economic Grant Program that applications are due in January.

The debris from the collapsed Hoopeston Plumbing and Heating Building is now being removed.

1. No Public Comment
2. No Executive Session
3. Adjourn: Garrett moved to adjourn seconded by Ferrell. Council adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk