

CITY OF HOOPESTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2021
7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEM FLOREK.
- II. ROLL CALL: The seven council members in person were Eyrich, Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, Porth, Richards and Wise. Florek was present remotely.
- III. MAYORAL ELECTION: Ballots were handed out, collected and counted by clerk Lane. Jeff Wise, who was the only candidate on the ballot, received seven votes while Lourdine Florek received one write-in vote. Jeff Wise is elected Interim Mayor by ballot vote 7-1.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Eyrich moved to approve agenda seconded by Garrett. Agenda was approved 8-0.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lawson moved to approve minutes of prior and special council meetings. Richards seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by roll call vote 8-0.
- VI. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Florek moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Garrett. Roll call vote and bills were approved for payment 8-0.
- VII. NO PRESENTATIONS
- VIII. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
- IX. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - A) Eyrich had nothing to report.
 - B) Ferrell gave an update on the status of several of the derelict properties.
 - C) Florek had nothing to report.
 - C) Garrett reported that something needs done about the Bzzzs Bar as it is beginning to bulge.
 - D) Lawson stated that Mayor Crusinberry will be missed.
 - E) Porth made a motion to accept the bid from Gallagher for the city's Workmans Comp and Liability Insurance. Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call vote 8-0 approved the motion for Gallagher Ins. Porth next made a motion to suspend construction on a new EMA Building. Problems with contractors and over-extending funds were reasons for the suspension. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote 7-1 with Eyrich, Ferrell, Florek, Lawson, Porth, Richards and Wise voting aye and Garrett voted no.
 - F) Richards had nothing to report.
 - G) Wise reported alley clean-up was completed. Employees are readying equipment for snow. Snow routes will be enforced with vehicles being towed for violations.
- X. COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: A floral arrangement and card were received from Illinois Municipal League in memory of Mayor Crusinberry.
- XI. No UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- XII. NO NEW BUSINESS

XIII. MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Wise announced a change to be made in the agenda that allows public comment before reports of Officers.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joel Bird read a proclamation from the Vermilion County Board honoring the late Mayor Crusinberry.

XV. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURN: Motion by Garrett second by Ferrell.

Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Gail Lane

City Clerk