REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

TUESDAY MARCH 15, 2022

7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR WISE.
2. ROLL CALL: Seven council members present: Ankenbrand, Eyrich, Ferrell, Florek, Lawson, Porth and Richards. Garrett was absent.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Include action on 704 E. Elm St. Motion by Florek seconded by Ankenbrand. Approved with change 7-0.
4. MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Motion to approve by Ankenbrand second by Richards. Approved 7-0.
5. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Porth to approve payment of bills second by Eyrich. Roll call vote taken and payment of bills approved 7-0.
6. PRESENTATIONS:

Michael Silver – Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball – projects and needs

Lee Cox – Consumer Retail Fireworks – Information on ordinance for sales

April Jones – Skate Park update – Skate Jam brought in $6631.59 - Total fund $23,902.30

Roger Dittrich - Plan to build new NAPA store

1. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
2. NO PUBLIC COMMENT
3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
4. RICHARDS-PARKS- nothing to report.
5. PORTH-FINANCE- nothing to report.
6. LAWSON-FIRE AND AMBULANCE- nothing to report.
7. GARRETT (absent)- CEMETERY- Eyrich made a motion to adopt the changes in cemetery rules and prices seconded by Ferrell. Roll call vote and changes were approved 7-0.
8. FLOREK- WATER AND SEWER- Chas Landers who has been working for the parks has been hired to fill a vacancy in the water and sewer department. A meeting will be held regarding the Washington St. Sewer replacement project. Florek will have a Zoom meeting with Donahue and Associates regarding the Capital Improvement Plan and projects.
9. FERRELL- CIVIC- Ferrell made a motion to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Central Illinois Land Bank Authority to “Fast Track” demolition proceedings of abandoned properties. Florek seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken and the agreement was approved by council 7-0. Ferrell reported that the committee will be working on a food truck ordinance. CILBA will open bids for taking down designated buildings on Wednesday.
10. EYRICH- STREET AND ALLEY- Alley Spring clean-up will begin the second or third week of April. Only yard waste, no construction material will be picked up.
11. ANKENBRAND- POLICE- Will be discussing police contracts.
12. NO COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL
13. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
14. NO NEW BUSINESS
15. MAYOR COMMENTS
16. Police Commission- will be naming new members at a special meeting Monday March 21 6:00 pm
17. Municipal Court Contract- needs a vote from council on whether or not to enter into a municipal contract also to be decided at special meeting.
18. Fireworks- Asked that volunteers take on raising funds and chairing a committee for fireworks.
19. Honeywell Redevelopment- No decision made by school district on land use of former Honeywell school property.
20. VCDAC- Dog attack- Confusion on who to contact- do not call Mayor. Will look at contract with county.
21. 704 E. Elm St.- burned building that was knocked down by fire department. The city has authority to clean up 10 days after asbestos inspection. Alderwoman Ferrell made a motion to waive bids with a second from Richards. Roll call vote taken and the motion to waive bids passed 7-0.

Police chief Jim Dewitt retired and Darren Tate is Interim Chief.

Citizen Advisory Committee – have names in by next regular council meeting.

Vehicle at Knuth’s- Richards will check on titles.

Mayor will get with Chief Bird and look for ways to streamline taking care of fire damaged buildings.

Copies of all meeting minutes and information must be turned into city clerk or Dawn.

Golf Carts- described as LSV low speed vehicle.

Network Security- Annual license will be bumped up at $629 for one year for double security.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion by Ferrell seconded by Eyrich for litigation and personnel 8:20pm. Motion by Ankenbrand second by Ferrell to come out of Executive Session at 8:54 pm.

Action taken- Ferrell made a motion seconded by Lawson to purchase 217, 221 and 223 E Main from Mike Mihalios for $11,000. Roll call vote was taken and the purchase was approved 7-0.

1. ADJOURN- Motion by Ankenbrand second by Richards – adjourned at 8:56 p.m.