

CITY OF HOOPESTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2022

7:00 PM CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wise called council to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL: Seven council members were present: Ankenbrand, Eyrich, Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, Porth and Richards.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Ankenbrand seconded by Garrett to approve agenda. Agenda was approved 7-0.
- IV. MINUTES OF PRIOR COUNCIL MEETING: It was noted by Mayor Wise that the vote on the Gaming Ordinance taken at the last meeting did not pass because of statutory rules. Richards moved to approve minutes with the correction with a second from Porth. Minutes were approved with this correction 7-0.
- V. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Porth moved to approve payment of bills with a second by Eyrich. Roll call vote taken and bills were approved 7-0.
- VI. NO PRESENTATIONS
- VII. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
- VIII. NO PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. REPORT OF OFFICERS
 - A) Ankenbrand had nothing to report.
 - B) Eyrich reported the Thompson Ave. project is on schedule. The Street and Alley department will begin tar and chip of several streets next week.
 - C) Ferrell postponed action on the Food Truck ordinance. She also announced the Electronics Collection to be held July 9 from 9am to Noon at the park annex. There are fees for some of the TV's but no charge for other electronics.
 - D) Garrett reported that two new John Deere mowers have been purchased. He also announced Holly Eyrich has volunteered to take charge of the baby area of the cemetery which is need of loving care.
 - E) Lawson had nothing to report.
 - F) Porth state that an amended budget will be presented at the next meeting. Information for the audit report has been turned over to Russell Leigh and Associates. The governor has suspended the 1% grocery tax July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 which will cost the city an estimated \$93,000 causing further strain on the budget.
 - G) Richards had nothing to report.
- X. NO COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL
- XI. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- XII. NO NEW BUSINESS:

XIII. MAYOR COMMENTS:

Update on garden water meters: Compatible meters have been located. Pre-order and pre-pay by June 30 at a cost of \$36 each. After that date the cost will be higher because of shipping costs. Only sewer fee deductions for outdoor water use are covered under this program.

The EPA Facility Planning Report for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements is due December 31, 2023. An agreement with Fehr Graham Engineering has been placed on hold while the mayor looks into other options. The preliminary plan estimated project cost is \$24,266,000.

Gaming ordinance 2023-6 that was voted on at the last meeting is not valid as it did not have enough votes to pass.

Due to drought conditions beware of fire hazards.

Poison Hemlock has been identified in Hoopeston. If found, do not mow or burn it.

Information on disposal can be found on the internet.

XII. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Ferrell. Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Lane".