CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 19 2022

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wise following the pledge of allegiance.
2. ROLL CALL: Six Aldermen present: Ankenbrand, Eyrich, Garrett, Lawson and Porth in person, Ferrell by remote.
3. AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion to approve made by Garrett seconded by Eyrich. Agenda approved 6-0.
4. MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Porth moved to approve seconded by Garrett. Minutes approved 6-0.
5. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Lawson moved to approve the payment of bills presented seconded by Eyrich. Roll call vote was taken and bills were approved for payment 6-0.
6. NO PRESENTATIONS
7. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
8. NO PUBLIC COMMENT
9. REPORT OF OFFICERS
10. Ankenbrand: Reported that Chief Tate and Investigator Cade attended ALICE Training on July 14 and 15. The training was for school security.

The burned-out squad car is waiting on parts to be repaired.

Per Interim Chief Tate, the department is “performing admirably” in spite of being short-handed.

1. Eyrich: Tree stumps are being removed at McFerren Park. Thanks to the Street and Alley department for grinding out the stumps. The Thompson project has been complete.

The MFT projects for sidewalks and seal coat each received one bid. SNC Construction bid was $102,143.12 and Daniel Ribbe Trucking Bid for Seal coating was $64,312.16. Eyrich’s motion was to approve authorizing $200,000 of MFT funds be designated for the two projects. Porth seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and Resolution 2023-2 was approved 6-0.

1. Ferrell: The July 9 electronics collection was successful. She is looking at another event possibly October 1.

Mr. Biggerstaff has been inspecting houses, and notices have been sent to addresses whose houses have issues. Discussion on this topic expressed concern that the program is going too far intruding on residents’ property rights. Ferrell and Mayor Wise explained that the notices ask that the residents respond to the notices so the city could work with them with a plan of action.

1. Garrett had nothing to report.
2. Lawson had nothing to report.
3. Porth made a motion to amend the budget for corrections. Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call vote passed the amended budget 6-0.
4. COMMUNICATIONS: “Back to School & Back to Work!” SYGMA will hold the event Saturday August 6 from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.
5. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
6. NO NEW BUSINESS
7. MAYOR COMMENTS: Appointment of Alderman for Ward III is on hold for now.

The Gaming Ordinance will have some changes. There will be no Machine tax in 2022 and one half tax in 2023. Action on the approval of the ordinance will be taken at next council meeting.

The mayor asked that the Facilities Planning Report presented by Fehr Graham be approved. The Engineering report and plan of action to be taken will cost the city $30,000. Eyrich made the motion to approve the agreement with FEHR Graham seconded by Ankenbrand. Roll call vote was taken and the agreement was approved 5-1 with Ankenbrand, Eyrich, Ferrell, Lawson and Porth voting aye and Garrett voting no.

1. NO EXECETIVE SESSION
2. ADJOURN: Motion made by Garrett seconded by Ferrell to adjourn. Council adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk