CIITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY AUGUST 2, 2022

7:00 PM CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Wise called the council meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. ROLL CALL: The seven council present were Ferrell by remote and Ankenbrand, Eyrich, Garrett, Lawson, Porth and Richards in person.
3. ALDERMAN WARD III APPOINTMENT: Lawson moved to approve the appointment of Jesse Gonzalez to Ward III Alderman with a second from Ferrell. Roll call vote was taken and the appointment of Jesse Gonzalez to Ward III Alderman was approved 7-0. Alderman Gonzalez was sworn in and seated at council table making eight aldermen present.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Eyrich moved to approve the agenda seconded by Garrett. Agenda was approved 8-0.
5. MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING: Porth moved to approve minutes of the previous council meeting seconded by Richards. Minutes were approved 8-0.
6. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Lawson moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Eyrich. Roll call vote was taken and bills were approved for payment 8-0.
7. NO PRESENTATIONS
8. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
9. NO PUBLIC COMMENT
10. REPORT OF OFFICERS
11. Ankenbrand announced the agreement on the police contract. He made the motion to approve the Police Contract with a second by Lawson. Roll call vote was taken and the police contract was approved 8-0.

Ankenbrand named four candidates for the Auxiliary Police and made a motion for council’s approval. The four are Mercy Linder, Mark Tyszko, Gage Cloud and Logan Garrett. Eyrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and council approved the motion 8-0.

Ankenbrand announced Officer Andrew Xiong is now a full time officer as he has completed his probationary time. Also a new squad car has arrived.

1. Eyrich stated that seeding along Thompson Ave. will begin Aug. 8th. Stumps have been removed from McFerren Park making it safer. Alderman Eyrich will be moving from the Street and Alley Dept to the Water Department.
2. Ferrell announced a second electronics collection will be held October 1 from 10-2.
3. Garrett had nothing to report.
4. Gonzalez will be heading the Street and Alley Department but had no report.
5. Lawson had nothing to report.
6. Porth asked council members if they were ready to approve the construction of the EMA building at McFerran Park to be erected by Silver Brothers under the previously

approved bid. Garrett moved to proceed with the building with a second from Richards. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0.

1. Richards reported that rental fees for events held at the park will be $100.00
2. NO COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL
3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Skate park supplies have been ordered waiting on delivery.
4. NO NEW BUSINESS
5. MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Wise would like to appoint Steve Miller as City Attorney. Ankenbrand moved to approve seconded by Ferrell. Roll call vote was taken and the appointment of Steve Miller was approved. He will be transitioning with Dave Wesner.

Wise asked for approval of the Gaming Ordinance. Garrett moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-6 with a second from Lawson. Roll call vote was taken and Gaming Ordinance 2023-6 was approved 8-0.

Mayor Wise asked for approval of an agreement with Cox Law Firm to assist the city in locating grants and funding for water and sewer projects. The city has an outstanding bill owing the firm $5800. The bill was incurred before the previous mayor passed away. Eyrich moved to approve the agreement and payment of the outstanding $5800. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved 8-0.

One bid was received for the 50/50 Sidewalk Program. Garrett moved to approve the bid from Silver Bros. for the 50/50 program in the amount of $8.44 for sidewalks and $8.51 for ramps. Lawson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the bid from Silver Bros. for the 50/50 Sidewalk program was approved 8-0.

There are two openings for the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Interviews have been held for Police Chief. Re-interviewing will be taking place and a chief chosen soon.

1. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION
2. ADJOURNMENT

Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Richards. Council adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk