CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 4, 2022

7:00 PM CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Wise following the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. ROLL CALL: Seven council members present: Ankenbrand, Eyrich, Ferrell, Garrett, Gonzalez, Lawson and Porth. Richards was absent.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Ferrell second by Eyrich. Approved 7-0.
4. MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Motion to approve from Ferrell, second from Eyrich. Minutes approved 7-0.
5. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Ferrell second by Eyrich to approve payment of bills. Roll call vote seven to zero approved payment of bills.
6. NO PRESENTATIONS
7. NO PETITIONS
8. PUBLIC COMMENT: Doug Toole announced that Vermilion County will be holding a tire collection that would be available to the city and an electronics collection. He also asked for the city’s support to Keep Vermilion County Beautiful.

Tim Watson requested a tree removal. Mayor Wise stated that the tree in question will come down in the next couple of weeks.

1. REPORT OF OFFICERS:

ANKENBRAND had nothing to report.

EYRICH made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-3 that authorizes the mayor to sign the loan application for the Public Water Supply Loan Program for construction of public water supply facilities. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote seven to zero approved Resolution 2023-3. Water Supervisor Steve Baker will be undergoing Stem Cell treatment for health issues in November.

FERRELL announced a tire collection on October 22 from 9am to noon in the park annex. All tires will be accepted but please call ahead with tractor tires.

GARRETT reported that Holly Eyrich has volunteered to redo the baby section in the cemetery. New markers will be made and the area cleaned up. Garrett asked if City Hall was back on normal business hours. The regular water window hours are 8am to 3pm Monday through Thursday. The Water department window is closed Friday afternoon. City Hall is open 7am to 4pm.

GONZALEZ announced alley clean-up to begin October 17th. The mayor reminded vegetation only will be picked up.

LAWSON reported that the Façade Committee had met and approved an application for a grant for the Lorraine Foundation. She made a motion to approve the grant seconded by Ferrell. Roll call vote seven to zero approved the motion.

PORTH announced a TIF meeting to be Thurs Oct. 6th at 3:00 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Wise reported that the skate park pad is being laid out. Time frame is mid-October.

1. COMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: Thank you from the family of former Mayor Bob Ault.
2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Clean-up of the old Coffee Cup building has begun.
3. NO NEW BUSINESS
4. MAYOR COMMENTS:

Housing Authority Coop Agreement-Questions surrounding the Vermilion County Housing Authority Agreement were asked. The county asks for the city support in the county’s demolition of Parkview Court. The resolution has been revised by the county several times. The first action was whether or not the city would support the county in demolition of Parkview Court. Alderwoman Ferrell moved to approve the request for support seconded by Garrett. Discussion was heard and more questions arose. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Ankenbrand, Eyrich, Ferrell, Garrett and Gonzalez voted no while Porth and Lawson voted Yes to approve support. Alderman Richards was absent. The motion did not pass with the vote being two yes and five no. Action on the agreement with the Housing Authority was tabled.

Land Bank Home Repair Grant- Alderwoman Ferrell moved to approve $50,000 for the Land Bank Home Repair Grant. Lawson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Ferrell, Gonzalez, Lawson, Porth, Ankenbrand and Eyrich voted yes. Garrett voted no and Richards was absent. The grant was approved by council six to one.

Ordinance to Vacate public easement over railroad on Lincoln St.- A public hearing will be held November 1 at 6:45 p.m. regarding the vacating of the easement over railroad on Lincoln Street.

Attorney Comments: ATF has released Bzzz’s Bar to begin processing demo claims. Also, Attorney Miller will start the process for demo on 511 West Main that was burned.

1. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION
2. ADJOURN- Ferrell moved to adjourn seconded by Eyrich. Council adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Gail Lane, City Clerk