CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20, 2022

7:00 PM CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Wise called the council meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. II. ROLL CALL-Clerk Lane conducted roll call. Seven council members present were Eyrich, Ferrell, Gonzalez, Garrett, Lawson, Porth and Richards.
3. CONFIRMATION AND SEATING OF WARD II ALDERMAN-Alderwoman Ferrell made a motion to accept the mayor’s nomination of Rachell Miller to fill the vacancy of Ward II Alderman. Alderwoman Lawson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. All seven council members voted aye, confirming Rachelle Miller as Ward II Alderwoman. Council now has eight aldermen.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Motion from Ferrell to approve the agenda second by Richards. Voice vote and the agenda was unanimously approved by all eight council members.
5. MINUTES OF PRIOR COUNCIL MEETING-Lawson moved to approve the minutes of December 6, seconded by Eyrich. Minutes approved unanimously by voice vote.
6. PAYMENT OF BILLS-Ferrell moved to approved payment of bills seconded by Richards. Bills were unanimously approved for payment by roll call vote.
7. PRESENTATIONS-Robert Dittrich of NAPA addressed council with a request of the construction of a road in front of the newly constructed NAPA building on Route 1.
8. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
9. NO PUBLIC COMMENT
10. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a. Alderwoman Miller thanked council for the opportunity to serve the city.

b. Alderman Eyrich presented a Task Order Amendment with Donohue for Water System Improvements. He made the motion to approve the increase of $14,500 for additional services. Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call vote eight to zero voted aye approving the motion.

c. Ferrell had nothing to report.

d. Garrett had nothing to report

e. Gonzalez announced snow routes will be in effect for the anticipated storm that will be coming through.

f. Lawson reported that a new business, Boxcar Books and Vinyl, has opened.

g. Porth had nothing to report.

h. Richards had nothing to report.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL- DACC will be offering classes for GED and CNA and English as a second language.

XII. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. NO NEW BUSINESS

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Wise nominated Eric Zorns and Chris Newman as candidates for the Planning Commission. Ferrell made a motion to approve Eric Zorns with a second from Garrett. Roll call vote was taken and Eric Zorns was approved eight to zero. Ferrell made a motion to approve Chris Newman with a second from Lawson. Roll call vote taken and Chris Newman was approved eight to zero.

A motion to come out of the state of emergency that was pertaining to COVID was requested by the mayor. Ferrell moved to come out of the State of Emergency due to COVID. Eyrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The Municipal Power Aggregation Agreement is due for renewal. Homefield Energy has presented a new service agreement for the city. Ferrell made a motion to accept the agreement with Homefield Energy seconded by Gonzalez. Roll call vote was taken. All eight council members voted aye to accept the Electric Service Agreement with Homefield Energy for municipal electric power.

In response to the NAPA request for a road, the mayor said it would need negotiated.

Vermilion County Crime Stoppers need s two volunteers from Hoopeston.

Move basketball hoops off roads so snow plows can go by if need be.

Two other business have opened in Hoopeston; The Raining Moon Salon, and Hoopeston Indoor Storage.

Reminder that tickets will be sent out for garbage cans left sitting on the curbs before one day before, and after one day after pick up day.

Reminder for residents to call in the police station at the time an incident is seen. Do not wait for several hours after.

Warming Center (City Hall) will be open during inclement weather.

XV. ATTORNEY COMMENTS-Municipal court was held December 14. Tax Levy is due by the end of the month and some suggestions for improvement had been discussed with Dawn.

Bzz’s bar is waiting on insurance and the city will file as additional payee.

The county has one million Dollars of ARPA funds. The city’s hotel project is a candidate for some funding.

XVI. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVII. ADJOURN- Motion made by Ferrell, Seconded by Richards. Council adjourned at 8:07 p.m. 8-0.

Gail Lane, City Clerk