

CITY OF HOOPESTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2023
7:00 PM CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER-by Mayor Wise following the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL-Seven council members present were Miller, Eyrich, Ferrell, Gonzalez, Lawson, Porth and Richards. Garrett was absent.
- III. Amendment of Agenda-Alderman Ferrell moved to place the Land Acquisition topic to Executive Session and Mayor Wise moved to hold Executive immediately following approval of agenda. Amended agenda was approved 7-0.
- IV. Executive Session-Alderman Ferrell moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Land acquisition and litigation, with a second by Lawson. Roll call vote was taken 7 to 0 to go into Executive Session at 7:02 pm. Alderman Richards move d to come out of Executive Session seconded by Ferrell. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:26 pm vote 7 to 0.
- V. MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING-Motion by Ferrell seconded by Richards to approve minutes. Ferrell Minutes were approved 7-0.
- VI. PAYMENT OF BILLS-Motion by Porth seconded by Ferrell to approve payment of bills. Roll call vote 7 to 0 approved payment of bills.
- VII. NO PRESENTATIONS
- VIII. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT- heard from Paul Kelnhofer regarding damage to his property on North Market Street during a planned burn.
- X. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a) Alderman Eyrich made a motion to accept the bid of \$3129.00 from Keith Bell for the 1996 water truck. Alderman Ferrell seconded the motion. Motion was approved by roll call 7 to 0. Eyrich presented information from Waterworth management Solutions and Services for council members to review. It may be a helpful in the projection tool for the upcoming water plant refurbishment.

A shipment of 500 water meters that had been ordered in May finally came in. An order for 400 meters was recently delivered. The meters will be needed for replacements. At the next council meeting he will ask to approve the \$116,000 that was not budgeted for the extra meters.

b) Alderman Ferrell made a motion to renew the Hoopeston Chamber membership fee for \$100 seconded by Lawson. Roll call vote 7-0 approved the motion.

She then made a motion enter into a Real Estate Contract to purchase the property at 225-229 E. Main St. For \$2000. Eyrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved 7-0.

c) Alderman Garrett was absent.

d) Alderman Gonzalez had nothing to report.

e) Alderman Lawson had nothing to report.

f) Alderman Miller had nothing to report.

g) Alderman Porth had a request from Stay Awhile Home Décor for \$20,000 from TIF Funds. The planned use is plumbing (sewer/water) and sidewalk/patio. This is for a new building. He made a motion to approve the request seconded by Lawson. Roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved 7-0.

Porth made a motion to approve a Resolution in Support of Tax Increment Financing that will be forwarded to Illinois Municipal League. Alderman Eyrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and Resolution 2023-7 was approved 7-0.

h) Alderman Richards had nothing to report.

XI. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

XII. NO NEW BUSINESS.

XIII. MAYOR COMMENTS

Bids for demolition of 225-229 E Main will be put out.

XIV. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Reported on the Bzss Bar property. \$25,000 lien will be placed on the property.

Asked about TIF and who handles paperwork.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ferrell moved to adjourn seconded by Richards. Council adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Gail Lane, City Clerk