

CITY OF HOOPESTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY MARCH 21, 2023  
7:00 PM CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER-by Mayor wise following the Pledge of allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL-Council members present were Eyrich, Ferrell, Garrett, Gonzalez, Lawson, Miller and Porth. Richards was not present.
- III. Approval of Agenda-motion by Porth, second by Ferrell. Agenda approved 7-0.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Motion by Eyrich, second by Miller. Minutes approved 7-0.
- V. PAYMENT OF BILLS-Motion by Ferrell with a second by Lawson to approve payment of bills. Roll call vote 7 to 0 approved payment of bills.
- VI. NO PRESENTATIONS
- VII. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT-Lloyd Cox would like something done about the trash blowing from Caseys.
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION-Motion by Ferrell seconded by Miller to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. Roll call vote taken and council voted to go into Executive Session at 7:11 pm.  
Ferrell moved to come out of Executive Session seconded by Miller. Roll call vote 7 to 0 to come out of executive session at 7:27 pm.
- X. REPORT OF OFFICERS
  - a) Eyrich made a motion to approve a periodic payment to Donahue for the Water Treatment plant Upgrade Task Order 6. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken and the motion was approved 7-0.
  - b) Ferrell reported a home rehab program available for roof replacement. Homeowners must meet requirements based on income. The program is offered through Central Illinois Land Bank Authority. Electronics recycling May 18.
  - c) Garrett had nothing to report.
  - d) Gonzalez had nothing to report.
  - e) Lawson reported that the police department has been proactive.
  - f) Miller had nothing to report.
  - g) Porth made a motion to approve the amended agreement with Good Energy for electric rates supplied to residents. Eyrich seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote 7-0. The Aggregation contract will be amended to \$.001 per kilowatt-hour. There will be no action to increase the city's fee to residents. A special meeting will be held at 6:00 March 28 at City Hall to finalize the budget.
  - h) Richards-Per mayor Wise Richards has expressed his decision to resign.
- XI. NO COMMUNICATIONS
- XII. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- XIII. NO NEW BUSINESS

#### XIV. COMMENTS BY MAYOR

1. Engagement Agreement-Seeking to engage Heyl-Royster to represent the city relating to the development agreement with Justin Acton. Ferrell moved to approve the mayor to sign the agreement seconded by Lawson. Roll call vote 7 to 0 approved the motion.
2. A request to form a Sports Complex Exploratory committee- A motion was made by Lawson seconded by Garrett to allow creation of an Exploratory Committee for a Sports Complex. Roll call vote 7-0 to allow the creation of the committee.
3. Downtown Project-Details for specs are needed and what the use of the property will be once the buildings are taken down.
4. Fireworks-Garrett moved to donate \$5000 towards fireworks seconded by Eyrich. Roll call vote 7 to 0 approved \$5,000 for fireworks.
5. Hoopeston Food Locker- Jesse Zarate will quit claim the property to the city. Ferrell made a motion to accept the property for \$0 seconded by Miller. Roll call vote 7 to 0 approved the motion.
6. Citizen Advisory Committee will be downsized. Motion to reduce the number of members to 12 was made by Ferrell seconded by Lawson. Roll call vote approved the motion 7 to 0.
7. Chronicle property- Land acquisition of the Chronicle in the amount of \$500 has been discussed. Ferrell moved to approved purchase of the property for \$500 seconded by Miller. Roll call vote taken. Miller, Eyrich, Ferrell, Gonzalez, Lawson and Porth voted aye, Garrett voted no. The motion passed 6 to 1.
8. Richards will need to submit a letter of resignation to the city. The Ward I Alderman vacancy will be filled after the upcoming election. Mayor Wise reallocated park duties to various aldermen.

#### XV. COMMENTS BY ATTORNEY

Coss defendants have been served.

511 W Main. A notice will be affixed to the structure.

Working on documents for the water project.

XVI. ADJOURN-Motion made by Ferrell seconded by Eyrich. Council adjourned at 8:17 pm.

*Gail Lane*