

CITY OF HOOPESTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JULY 5, 2023  
7:00 PM, CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wise called the meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL: Six council members were present: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Highfill, Lawson and Porth. Garrett was absent.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Lawson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by M. Ferrell. The agenda was approved six to zero.
- IV. MINUTES FROM PRIOR COUNCIL MEETING: Porth made the motion to approve minutes of the June 20 meeting and seconded by Eyrich. Minutes were approved six to zero.
- V. PAYMENT OF BILLS: M. Ferrell moved to approve payment of the bills. Lawson seconded the motion. The bills were approved for payment with a roll call vote of six to zero.
- VI. NO PRESENTATIONS
- VII. NO PETITIONS
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - April Jones shared the results of a canvass she had taken of residents' stand on the issue of EMA sirens and reasons for keeping them.
  - Jeff Keith shared information on EMA statutes.
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: K. Ferrell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. Lawson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was six yes and zero no. Council went into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. Lawson made a motion to come out of Executive Session and seconded by K. Ferrell. Roll call vote was taken six yes and zero no. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. No action was taken.
- X. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:
  - a. Eyrich had nothing to report.
  - b. K. Ferrell announced an invitation to a Community Picnic from 11 am to 2 pm at the new Iroquois Federal building.
  - c. M. Ferrell had nothing to report.
  - d. Garrett was absent.
  - e. Highfill made a motion to accept the bid from Silver Brothers for replacing the East half of the JC Shelter. The bid was the only one received and the amount is \$10,399.00. Eyrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed six ayes and zero nos.
  - f. Lawson spoke regarding the EMA sirens. The siren that is not working at this time will be repaired. The school has been in contact with the city regarding a Resource Officer. If one is hired the salary and insurance would be paid by the school during the school year, and during summer break the officer would be available to fill in at the city.
  - g. Porth announced that Sgt. Dobkins bowled a 300 at the tournament he recently attended in Nevada.
- XI. NO COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL
- XII. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- XIII. NO NEW BUSINESS
- XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS: An ordinance is needed for the sale of the property at 1009 W. Main. K. Ferrell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-6 for the sale of the property at 1009 W. Main to Kevin and Deborah Tyler for \$1000. Highfill seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Six

ayes and no nays approved the adoption of Ordinance 2024-6. The  
downtown demolition project will not be done before the Sweet Corn Festival. The EMA  
volunteers receive training on when to activate the emergency sirens. Fire works will  
be rescheduled.

XV. ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Attorney Miller has found that there would be no “grandfather”  
exemption allowed on the storage container ordinance as it is a nuisance violation.

He has been attending municipal court as well as working on the possible purchase of the  
Bzz’s Bar empty lot.

XVI. ADJOURN: K. Ferrell moved to adjourn seconded by Highfill. Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk