

CITY OF HOOPESTON
APPROPRIATION HEARING
June 20, 2023, 6:45 PM CITY HALL

Alderman Porth opened the hearing for the Appropriations Ordinance at 6:45 pm.

No questions or comments were made. Alderman Porth closed the hearing at 7:00 pm.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 20, 2023

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- I. Clerk Lane called the council to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll Call was taken by Clerk Lane. The seven council members present were Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Highfill, Lawson and Porth. Mayor Wise was absent.

In the mayor's absence, Alderman Garrett moved to approve Alderwoman Lawson as Mayor Pro Temp. The motion was seconded by Eyrich. Roll call vote was taken, and Alderwoman Lawson was approved 7-0 for Mayor Pro Temp.

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, motion to approve was made by Eyrich and seconded by K. Ferrell. The agenda was approved 7-0.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING, motion to approve made by M. Ferrell and seconded by Eyrich. The minutes were approved 7-0.
- V. PAYMENT OF BILLS, the motion to approve payment of bills was made by Porth and seconded by Garrett. Roll call vote was taken, and bills were approved for payment 7-0.
- VI. NO PRESENTATIONS
- VII. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT;

Matt Lacy made a request for the council to prioritize demo of 703 W. Washington. The fire at the property was on December 16, 2022. A letter has been sent to the mayor.

- IX. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - a. Eyrich-Nothing to report other than patching broken lines continues.
 - b. K. Ferrell- The Grant Helper contract has been corrected to include the fees of \$ 75 per hour. She made the motion to approve the contract seconded by Eyrich. Roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.
 - c. M. Ferrell- The Chief of Police and Fire Department Chief addressed the council. A burn ban has been issued for the city. The ban will continue TFN. Be careful is setting of fireworks. The city fireworks display may need to be postponed if no rain is received by Saturday.
 - d. Garrett had nothing to report.
 - e. Highfill-April Jones addressed the council to promote events for the Skate Park and to request a fence be installed and an expansion of the skate park.
 - f. Lawson- One bid was received for the EMA truck. The council discussed the bid and decided that the scrap value of the truck would be worth more than the bid received. Lawson moved to

reject the bid seconded by Garrett. Roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0, rejecting the bid. Lawson made a motion to put out for bids again with a minimum amount set. K. Ferrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote of 7-0 approved rebidding on the EMA truck. Discussion took place on the emergency sirens. The cost to repair one siren would be around \$5,200. To replace the sirens would cost about \$25,000. A decision may be made on the situation at the next council meeting.

g. Porth-made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-5, The Appropriation Ordinance. Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. The council voted 7 to 0 to adopt ordinance 2024-5. In other business, Porth stated that all incidents and accidents involving city property must be reported to Dawn Layden so that an incident report can be made. Also, the city has a problem with accounts receivable and needs ideas and suggestions on how collection can be made.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL-Jesse Gonzales' resignation from Alderman Ward 3 has been received by the city clerk.

XII. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. NO NEW BUSINESS

XIV. MAYORS NOTE-New appointments to the Citizen Advisory Committee are Rachelle Miller, Jammie Wilson, and Bill McGee.

1009 W Main bid acceptance-Eyrich made a motion to accept the bid for the property from the Tylers. K. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. The motion was approved 7-0.

XV. ATTORNEY-absent, no comments

XVI. ADJOURN-Garrett moved to adjourn, and M. Ferrell seconded the motion. Council was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Gail Lane, City Clerk