

CITY OF HOOPESTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 15, 2023
7:00 PM CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER-CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE LED BY CLERK LANE
- II. ROLL CALL- FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Lawson and Porth. Garrett and Highfill were absent. Mayor Wise was by remote.

Eyrich made a motion to nominate Lawson for Mayor Pro Tem with a second by K. Ferrell. The council voted five to zero for Lawson as Mayor Pro Tem.

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Porth moved to approve the agenda seconded by K. Ferrell. The agenda was approved 5-0.
- IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING- Porth moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by M. Ferrell. The minutes were approved 5-0.
- V. PAYMENT OF BILLS- K. Ferrell moved to approve payment of bills, seconded by M. Ferrell. Roll call vote was taken, and bills were approved for payment five to zero.
- VI. NO PRESENTATIONS
- VII. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
- VIII. NO PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. REPORT OF OFFICERS
 - a) Eyrich made a motion to approve the EPA settlement agreement PCB No. 22-34. K. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Lawson and Porth all voted aye. No nay votes making it 5 to 0 in favor of the settlement.
 - b) K. Ferrell announced the Electronics recycling collection October 14 from 10 am to 2pm at the Mcferren Park Annex.
 - c) M. Ferrell reported the fire department has had an issue with the ladder truck. It will be repaired or replaced.
 - d) Garrett – absent
 - e) Highfill – absent
 - f) Lawson- An Agreement for School Resource Officer services has been discussed and she made the motion to approve the agreement for this school year. Eyrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken, and the motion was passed five to zero. The Animal Control agreement with Vermilion County has not been working out. The committee will be looking at other options. Lawson also made a motion to appoint Bobbi (Redden) Harbacek to the police auxiliary. Eyrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved five to zero.
 - g) Porth had nothing to report.
- XI. NO COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL
- XII. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- XIII. NO NEW BUSINESS
- XIV. COMMENTS BY MAYOR-No appointment currently for Ward III Alderman.

Acceptance of the MFT proposal with SNC Construction is needed. The total amount is \$71,336.71. K. Ferrell moved to accept the proposal seconded by Eyrich. Roll call vote was taken. Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Lawson and Porth voted aye to accept the proposal. There were no nay votes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

A number of yield signs at intersections all around town will be installed. An ordinance nameing these intersections will be written so the council can vote for approval at the next meeting.

The city will remove the "No Trucks" sign from 1st Ave.

Because it is difficult to get residents from each Ward to run for aldermen, the mayor is suggesting a discussion and possible vote to go to "at large" councilpersons rather than by wards.

To redeem all the Tax Sales on 220 E. Main St., K. Ferrell moved to accept the Real Estate Redemption for the property in the amount of \$3358.61 by August 25, 2023. Eyrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. All five council members present vote aye. No nay votes. The motion passed.

Lawson made the motion to accept the "Agreement for Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure" for the property at 306 E. Main St for \$1,000. K. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Lawson and Porth voted aye with no nay votes. The motion was approved five to zero.

Phase 1 and phase 2 of asbestos removal of the properties being demolished will be done.

XV. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

The procedures for going from wards to at large will be checked into.

XVI.ADJOURN

K. Ferrell moved to adjourn seconded by M. Ferrell.

Council adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Gail Lane, City Clerk