

CITY OF HOOPESTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 1,2023
7:00 PM CITY HALL

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-Mayor Wise called the council meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL- The seven council members present were Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Highfill, Lawson and Porth. Ward 3 vacancy remains.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- M. Ferrell moved to approve the agenda seconded by K. Ferrell. The agenda was approved by voice vote, 7 to 0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Lawson moved to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Highfill seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote 7-0.

V. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Porth moved to approved payment of the bills, seconded by M. Ferrell. Roll call vote was taken. Bills were approved for payment 7 to 0.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

Emily Brown- The newly formed association, "Visit Downtown Hoopeston, Inc" is applying to become a nonprofit organization that will provide unity and resources for downtown business owners. The organization is asking the city for its support in applying to be a member of "Main Street America.

April Jones reported on the Citizens Advisory Committee's last meeting. The email for the committee is hoopestoncac@gmail.com.

April promoted the Skate Jam and Color Run to be held August 5 at McFerren Park. Planning on food vendors and activities for all.

VII. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL

VIII. NO PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a) Eyrich reported one bid received for the 1993 Chevy Dump Truck in the amount of \$1,100 from Silver Bros. He made the motion to accept the bid and K. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. All seven council members voted yes to accept the bid.

b) K. Ferrell announced another electronics collection to be held October 14, 10 am to 2:00 pm at the McFerren Park Annex.

c) M. Ferrell had nothing to report.

d) Garrett reported the cemetery road will be resurfaced.

e) Highfill stated that there is a need for new picnic tables at McFerren Park. Also, special needs playground equipment is needed. The committee will check with AMBUCS.

f) Lawson-An estimate was received from Silver Bros. For finishing the EMA building. The total estimate is \$22,910. Lawson made a motion to approve the work to be done by Silver Bros for \$22,910. K. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. All seven council members voted aye approving the motion 7 to 0.

Lawson has been talking with the school regarding a resource officer. She is also working on a solution for animal control.

g) Porth had nothing to report.

XI. NO COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

XII. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. NO NEW BUSINESS.

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS

The mayor is not ready to make an appointed for Ward 3 Alderman.

Mayor mentioned the possibility of switching from Wards to At Large Alderpersons. It would have to be put on the ballot for a vote by the residents.

Mayor Wise met with the school regarding the grant for sidewalks for "Safe Routes to School". A grant of \$200,000 is available.

He also discussed the Resource Officer with school officials.

A revised "Truck Route" ordinance will be presented.

Yield signs at every intersection in town need installed.

The company installing Fiber Optics will be cleaning up when installation is complete.

The building known as "Lester's Drug Store" will be boarded up on Friday, August 25th.

Other problem buildings are in court.

XV. ATTORNEY COMMENTS –Good results have been coming from judges on the demo projects.

XVI. ADJOURN- K. Ferrell moved to adjourn seconded by Lawson. The council meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Gail Lane, City Clerk

