

CITY OF HOOPESTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
7:00 PM CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER- Mayer Wise called the council meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL-The six council members that were present were Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Highfill, Lawson and Porth. Garrett was absent.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- A motion was made by Porth and a second by Highfill to approve the agenda. Roll call voice vote 6 to 0 approved the agenda.
- IV. MINUTES FROM PRIOR COUNCIL MEETING- Lawson moved to approve the minutes seconded by K. Ferrell. Minutes were approved six to zero.
- V. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Eyrich made the motion to approve payment of the bills with a second by M. Ferrell. Roll call vote was taken, and the minutes were approved six to zero.
- VI. NO PRESENTATIONS
- VII. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
- VIII. NO PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. REPORT OF OFFICERS-
 - a) Eyrich reported that the employees with the water department had no special problems at the Sweet Corn Festival.
 - b) K. Ferrell reported that the former Lester's Drugs building has been boarded up. Electronics Collection October 14, 10 am to 2 pm. Mike Davis of the Land Bank has requested that the city cover the landfill costs over what the \$43,800 grant covers for the downtown demolition project. She made a motion for the city to cover the landfill fees at the city rate over what the \$43,800 covers. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a 6 to 0 roll call vote.
 - c) M. Ferrell had nothing to report.
 - d) The mayor noted that the coverage of the landfill fees will be covered by Restrictive funds at the city's rate of \$58 per ton.
 - e) Highfill reported that the parks looked great and cleaned up. Modifications to the civic center will need to begin soon.
 - f) Robin reported that the park was kept clean during the festival thanks to employees. The Resource Officer for the school is Ron Cade.
 - g) Porth is meeting with Waterworth to get financial information in order.
- XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL- A thank you card was read from Paul Offet.
- XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Animal control officer will be hired,
- XIII. NO NEW BUSINESS-
- XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS-Thanks to all employees for the great work during the Sweet Corn Festival. The burned-out Property at 511 W. Main Street needs to be removed and cleaned up. We will need a title search on the property to seek to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure. Eyrich moved to accept a Deed in

Lieu of Foreclosure for the property at 511. W. Main St. K. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote approved the motion 6 to 0.

The fiber optics installation going on throughout the city is not a city project. Any complaints or questions should be referred to Metro Communications, Sullivan IL.

Mike Ferrell will serve as Street and Alley Chairman.

XV.ATTORNEY COMMENTS

The yield signs ordinance will be ready at the next meeting.

Coss property has been boarded up.

The contract from Swinford has been signed.

A tax bill was received on the Bertram property.

Companies have asked for Solar Ordinances. Sample ordinances are being looked at.

XVI.ADJOURNMENT

K. Ferrell moved to adjourn seconded by M. Ferrell. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk