CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

CITY HALL

**6:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING: WATER & SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENTS-AMENDED ORDINANCE**

Alderman Eyrich opened the public hearing at 6:30 pm. He explained the need for increased water rates and emphasized that other city services billed on the water bill will not be affected by this change.

One comment was heard from Mike McGinnis.

Alderman Eyrich closed the hearing at 7:00 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER-Following the Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Wise called the regular council meeting to order.
2. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN- All eight council members were present: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garret, Highfill, Lawson, Porth and Scharlach.
3. AGENDA APPROVAL-K. Ferrell moved to approve the agenda seconded by Highfill. The agenda was approved 8 to 0.
4. MINUTES OF PRIOR COUNCIL MEETING-Eyrich moved to approve minutes of the previous council meeting seconded by Garrett. Minutes of prior meeting were approved 8 to 0.
5. PAYMENT OF BILLS-Garrett moved to approve payment of the bills and seconded by Highfill. Bills were approved by roll call vote 8 to 0.
6. NO PRESENTATIONS
7. NO PETITIONS TO COUNCIL
8. PUBLIC COMMENT-

Randy and Donna Hiltz questioned the council about proposed dumping fees and how the increase would affect their business.

Patrick Clingenpeel had a complaint about junk in his neighborhood.

IX.EXECUTIVE SESSION- Lawson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. The motion was seconded by M. Ferrell. Roll call vote was taken, and council voted to go into Executive Session at 7:24 pm.

Lawson moved to come out of Executive Session. Scharlach seconded the motion. The council came out of Executive Session at 7:47 pm by roll call vote 8 to 0.

X. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a) Alderman Eyrich made the motion to adopt the amended water and sewer rates and charges ordinance 13.04.060. K. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken, and Ordinance 2024-7 was adopted by a vote of eight ayes and zero nays. Eyrich then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-8 Amending Ordinance 13.32.370. The motion was seconded by Scharlach. Roll call vote was taken, and all eight council members voted aye.

b) Alderwoman K. Ferrell announced that the electronics collection will be Saturday, October 14 between 10 am and 2:00 pm at McFerren Park Annex.

She also reported that several contractors attended a walk-thru of the buildings to be demolished. The bid deadline is October 17 at 2:00 pm. The original bid specs have been modified.

The Land Bank will be restructured, and Hoopeston will no longer have a vote.

c). Alderman M. Ferrell had nothing to report.

d) Alderman Garrett had nothing to report.

e) Alderwoman Highfill had nothing to report.

f) Alderwoman Lawson had nothing to report.

g) Alderman Porth reported that the real estate tax payments have been coming in. He also advised the council that it is time to address the outstanding debts owed to the city and take legal action.

h) Alderman Scharlach made a motion to enter into an agreement for the purchase of a ladder truck from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC. For $80,000. Lawson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken, and all eight council members voted approving the purchase of the ladder truck.

XI. NO COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

XII. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. NO NEW BUSINESS

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS-

We are getting close to the downtown demolition.

XV.ATTORNEY COMMENTS-

Concluding the Chronicle building transaction which will need a resolution.

Progressing on Yield Sign ordinance.

Smoothing out Food Truck ordinance.

Have not made much progress on a Solar Farm Ordinance.

XVI-ADJOURNMENT

K. Ferrell moved to adjourn seconded by M. Ferrell. The council meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by 8 ayes and zero nays.

Gail Lane, City Clerk