

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024

7:00 PM – CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Clerk Hardcastle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm following the pledge of allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL – The following 7 alderpersons were present: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, Porth, Scharlach. Mayor Wise and Alderwoman Van Hyfte were absent. Clerk Hardcastle and Attorney Miller were also present.
- III. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM – Clerk Hardcastle opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor Wise’s absence. Alderman M. Ferrell nominated Alderwoman Lawson to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman Eyrich seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- IV. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Alderman Garrett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderwoman K. Ferrell seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING – The minutes from the special council meeting on June 28 were tabled to the next meeting.
- VI. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Alderman Eyrich moved to approve the payment of the city’s bills with the exception of PO #70399 to the Illinois EPA. Alderwoman K. Ferrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Absent: Van Hyfte) and the bills were approved 7-0.
- VII. PRESENTATIONS – None
- VIII. PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None
- XI. REPORT OF OFFICERS
 - a. Eyrich
 - i. STAN STEINER – Alderman Eyrich commented on the absence of longtime meeting attender Stan Steiner. He was involved in a farm accident earlier

this week and he wished him the best.

- ii. RV DUMP STATION – The Water Department is still looking into the RV dump station.
- iii. McCracken St Drainage Basin Study – Alderman Eyrich reviewed the McCracken St Drainage Basin Study from Donohue and Associates. The study concluded that the city could put a new storm sewer along Young Ave. for \$600,000 that should help with the flooding. This will have to be built into a future budget. Alderwoman Lawson thanked the Water Dept. employees who have been working day and night to keep up with things.

b. K. Ferrell

- i. MANLIFT GONE – Alderwoman K. Ferrell said that the manlift that was in the downtown area was moved by Lee Excavation to a jobsite in Paxton. It will return once they are done with that project. The remaining downtown buildings slated for demolition will come down once Silver Brother’s has completed work to Gail Lane’s building.

c. M. Ferrell

- i. Nothing to report.

d. Garrett

- i. Nothing to report.

e. Lawson

- i. BODY CAMERAS – The body cameras that were approved at the special council meeting have been ordered.
- ii. BALLISTIC SHIELDS – Sgt. Kruse attended a ballistic shield course, and the department received a grant for the purchase of 2 shields.
- iii. NEW OFFICERS – Adam Dixon is slated to graduate from the University of Illinois Police Training Institute on August 22, 2024. There is still at least 1 maybe 2 officer vacancies.

f. Porth

- i. Nothing to report.

g. Scharlach

- i. ARROW AMBULANCE – Alderman Scharlach spoke with Arrow Ambulance Director Jason Hayes and he indicated that he will have the check for the ambulances to city hall next week.

h. Van Hyfte

- i. Alderwoman Lawson announced that Alderwoman Van Hyfte got a new job and cannot dedicate enough time to being alderwoman and has resigned, effective July 2.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- a. ELECTION DATES – Clerk Hardcastle announced the dates for getting election packets and the dates to turn those back in.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS – None

XV. MAYOR COMMENTS

- a. 511 W. MAIN ST DEMOLITION BIDS – Alderwoman Lawson announced that 2 bids were received for the demolition of 511 W. Main St. Silver Brothers submitted a bid for \$5900 and Lee Excavation submitted a bid of \$7450. Alderman Garrett moved to approve Silver Brother’s bid. Alderman Eyrich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Absent: Van Hyfte) and the Silver Brother’s bid was approved 7-0.

XVI. COMMENTS BY THE ATTORNEY

- a. Eric Eves has been working with Mayor Wise on some ordinance clean ups.
- b. Attorney Miller has been working on collecting some landfill fees.
- c. Attorney Miller’s office is still working on the Acton properties.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further action to come before the council, Alderwoman K. Ferrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7-0 and the council adjourned the meeting.