

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

7:00 PM – CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Wise 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, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach. Mayor Wise and Clerk Hardcastle were also present. Eric Eves from Attorney Miller’s office was present on Zoom.
- III. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Alderwoman K. Ferrell moved to approve the agenda. Alderman Scharlach seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7-0.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING – Alderman McElhaney moved to approve the minutes from the previous council meeting. Alderman Eyrich seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7-0.
- V. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Alderman Eyrich moved to approve the payment of the city’s bills. Alderwoman Lawson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: Garrett) and the bills were approved 7-0.
- VI. PRESENTATIONS – Landon Beck from TextMyGov gave a presentation about their product.
- VII. PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – none
- X. REPORT OF OFFICERS
 - a. EYRICH
 - i. WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE – Alderman Eyrich reported that an employee submitted their resignation. Applications are out and interviews will be held next week.

b. K. FERRELL

- i. ELECTRONIC RECYCLING – Alderwoman K. Ferrell reported that she is working on another electronic recycling event in April.

c. M. FERRELL

- i. Nothing to report.

d. GARRETT

- i. Absent.

e. LAWSON

- i. Nothing to report.

f. MCELHANEY

- i. Nothing to report.

g. PORTH

- i. BUDGET – Alderman Porth advised the alderpersons that once the December financials are put out, to start working with their department heads on next year's budget.

h. SCHARLACH

- i. AMBULANCE CONTRACT – Arrow Ambulance's reply is currently with the city attorney.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- a. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS – Clerk Hardcastle announced that the statement of economic interests forms will be coming from the county clerk's office.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. CIVIC CENTER REMODEL – Alderman Porth asked what was the status of the Civic Center remodel. Mayor Wise advised that Alderman M. Ferrell is waiting on some documentation from a former alderwoman. Brian Silver contacted Alderman Porth that if the city was remodeling the kitchen, he would be interested in selling the city

the Ansul System from the former Casey's property that he purchased.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – None

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS

a. LEGAL CASES – Mayor Wise advised that he has been working a lot with Eric Eves on several pending legal cases.

b. PALLETS AT THE POOL – The pallets that are around the pool are needing to be removed. Alderman M. Ferrell will follow up with the pool manager on that.

XV. COMMENTS FROM ATTORNEY- Eric Eves reviewed the status of the various legal issues with the City.

XVI. 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. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Hardcastle
City Clerk