

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

7:00 PM – CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Carter 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, McElhaney, Porth, and Scharlach. Alderwoman Lawson was absent.
- III. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Alderman Garrett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderwoman K. Ferrell seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING – Alderman Garrett moved to approve the minutes from the previous council meeting. Alderman Scharlach seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Alderman Garrett moved to approve the payment of the city's bills. Alderman McElhaney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: Lawson) and the bills were approved 7-0.
- VI. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL –
 - a. ITM AT JOHN GREER – Brad McDonald gave a presentation on the placement of an ITM on the John Greer property. The school district will be placing a sidewalk between Penn and Main streets, at no cost to the city.
 - b. QUICK LUBE PROPERTY – Patrick Wilder presented to the council that he is in the process of purchasing the former quick lube property and presented his vision of the business.
- VII. PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None.
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION –
 - a. Alderwoman K. Ferrell moved to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6) for the setting of a price for sale or lease of property. Alderman M. Ferrell

seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: Lawson) and the council adjourned into executive session.

- b. Alderman Scharlach moved to come out of executive session. Alderman McElhaney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: Lawson) and the council came out of executive session.

X. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a. EYRICH

- i. WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE – Work on the water treatment plant should be complete around October 23, 2025, but that could change. There will be a 7-day demonstration on the new system starting on October 15, 2025.

b. K. FERRELL

- i. TIRE COLLECTION EVENT – There will be a tire collection event held on October 18, 2025, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The event will be held at the maintenance building at McFerren Park. There is a limit of 6 tires per vehicle, and no semi or tractor tires will be accepted. This is a free event.

c. M. FERRELL – Nothing to report.

d. GARRETT –

- i. BABY NAME PLATES – Alderman Garrett advised that he is still waiting on a bid for the baby name plates. Once the prices come in, a letter will be sent to Lee Cox.

e. LAWSON – Absent.

f. MCELHANEY – Nothing to report.

g. PORTH – Nothing to report.

h. SCHARLACH

- i. FIRE STATION HVAC – The new units have been installed at the main fire station.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – None

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS

- a. SIDEWALK GRANT – Mayor Carter announced that the city received a \$100,000 grant for engineering for a sidewalk along IL Rt 9 between Sixth Avenue and IL RT1. We are also in the process of applying for a safe routes to school grant.
- b. BANK RATES – Mayor Carter would like the bank rates to be looked at again.
- c. RESOLUTION 2026-12 – ACCEPTING BID FOR 406 FRONT STREET – Alderman Garrett moved to approve this resolution. Alderwoman K. Ferrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: Lawson) and the resolution was approved 7-0.
- d. RESOLUTION 2026-13 – ACCEPTING BID FOR 316 FRONT STREET – Alderman Garrett moved to approve this resolution. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: Lawson) and the resolution was approved 7-0.
- e. RESOLUTION 2026-14 – ACCEPTING BID FOR 320 FRONT STREET – Alderman Garrett moved to approve this resolution. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: Lawson) and the resolution was approved 7-0.
- f. RESOLUTION 2026-15 – ACCEPTING BID FOR 220 E. MAIN STREET – Alderman Garrett moved to approve this resolution. Alderwoman K. Ferrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: Lawson) and the resolution was approved 7-0.
- g. TABLING THE REMAINING RESOLUTIONS – Alderman Eyrich made a motion to table the remaining resolutions. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: Lawson) and the resolution were tabled.

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE ATTORNEY

- a. ESSEX BUILDING UPDATE – The judge agreed that there is a valid case between the city and Mr. Acton. Mr. Acton has 2 weeks to answer but has not as of this meeting.
- b. RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY VACATING – There will need to be an ordinance drafted for the city to vacate parcels of the old railroad right of way.
- c. BURNED OUT BUILDINGS – 15-day notices have been sent out. Alderman Garrett advised that he would like the 15-day notices to come from the city attorney, not the fire department.
- d. FOOD LOCKER AND LORRAINE PROPERTIES – Eric advised that he still needs to look into those properties.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further action to come before the council Alderman Garrett moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McElhaney seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7-0.