

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 8 alderpersons were present: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth, and Scharlach. Clerk Hardcastle and Attorney Miller were absent.
- III. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Alderman Garrett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderwoman K. Ferrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING – Alderman Garrett advised that his remarks under the city attorney’s comments needed to be amended to read that he wants the 15-day notices for burned out structures to come from the city attorney, not the fire department. Alderman Garrett made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Alderman McElhaney moved to approve the payment of the city’s bills. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: None) and the bills were approved 8-0.
- VI. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None
- VII. PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None
- X. REPORT OF OFFICERS
 - a. EYRICH
 - i. WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE – The water treatment plant should be ready for approval by Thursday, October 23, 2025.

b. K. FERRELL

- i. TIRE COLLECTION – The tire recycling event collected 169 tires. Alderwoman K. Ferrell thanked city workers for helping with this.
- ii. 819 S FIFTH ST DEMOLITION BIDS – Bid specifications are out for the demolition of this structure. Alderman Garrett mentioned that the back fill needs to be clean fill when the property is complete.

c. M. FERRELL

- i. CIVIC CENTER REMODEL – The civic center remodel project is almost ready, and it will start with the kitchen and bathrooms. The committee is waiting on the fire chief to give the occupancy level.

d. GARRETT

- i. BULK GARBAGE – A suggestion was made by Steve Bane to go down to 1 time a month over the winter for bulk garbage. Going down to 1 day a month would reduce cost to the city since the city has to pay if we use extra dumpsters.

e. LAWSON

- i. GRANT – Chief Kelnhofner applied for and received a grant for 6 new tasers for the police department. This also includes instructor fees on how to use them.

f. MCELHANEY

- i. RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION – CSX will be doing railroad crossing work starting October 27, 2025.

g. PORTH – Nothing to report.

h. SCHARLACH – Nothing to report.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL - None

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Alderman Eyrich read a letter from Holly Eyrich requesting permission to paint another wall in the civic center. This will be the southwest wall and go along with the 3 other walls that were painted earlier this year. She has had a few more people

come forward and ask that she hang their memorials up. The council had no objections to this.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – None

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS

a. DOWNTOWN SPOOKTACULAR – The Hoopeston Jaycees will be having their annual Downtown Spooktacular on October 27, 2025, from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Roads will be closed downtown.

b. DOWNTOWN LOTS – One of the bidders for 217 E Main has withdrawn. A lot of discussion was had about what to do with the other downtown lots. Mayor Carter will discuss with the city attorney on specifics, and a committee of the whole meeting will be held to discuss the lots.

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE ATTORNEY – Absent.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further action to come before the council Alderwoman K. Ferrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Scharlach seconded the motion. Motion was carried 8-0.