

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

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, McElhaney, Lawson, Porth, and Scharlach. Mayor Carter and Clerk Hardcastle were also present. Eric Eves was present on Zoom.
- III. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Alderwoman K. Ferrell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderwoman Lawson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion was carried.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING – Alderman Eyrich moved to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2025, meeting. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion was carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Alderwoman Lawson 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, 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 QUALITY – Alderman Eyrich reported that Carle is questioning the water quality of the city's water at the hospital. The city meets both standards for free-chlorine and total chlorine levels as prescribed by the Illinois EPA. The city reports these levels to the IEPA monthly and they are

happy with our levels. The city recommended Carle to put in their own chlorinator if they wanted an increased level. The city is currently putting in the maximum amount of chlorine that they can. The city has asked IEPA to come on site and do their own testing.

- ii. **PENN ST SHUT OFF** – Alderman Garrett asked about the water shut off on Penn St that recently occurred. Alderman Eyrich stated that a boil order was issued but ended up not necessary because the water pressure never got low enough. The issue was with a small service line going to 1 residence.

b. **K. FERRELL**

- i. **ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT** – Alderwoman K. Ferrell announced that the next electronic recycling event will be held on May 9, 2026, at McFerren Park from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

c. **M. FERRELL**

- i. **COMMITTEE MEETING** – Alderman M. Ferrell announced that the Parks Committee will be meeting in the next month at the Civic Center.
- ii. **CIVIC CENTER MEMORIALS** – Alderman Eyrich announced that additional memorabilia will be placed on a fourth wall at the Civic Center.

d. **GARRETT** – Nothing to report.

e. **LAWSON**

- i. **COMMITTEE MEETING** – Alderwoman Lawson announced that the Police Committee will be meeting soon to go over their ordinances.

f. **MCELHANEY** – Nothing to report.

g. **PORTH**

- i. **BUDGET SHEETS** – Alderman Eyrich asked when the budget work sheets will be dispersed. Alderman Porth advised that they would be coming out at the beginning of February.

h. **SCHARLACH**

- i. **ARROW AMBULANCE REPORT** – Alderwoman K. Ferrell asked if Arrow Ambulance has submitted the required reports after we asked them?

Alderman Scharlach answered that he has not seen them.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- a. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST – Clerk Hardcastle announced that the Vermilion County Clerks office has requested that annual list of people who need to file a statement of economic interest.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – None

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS

- a. CRIS RURAL MASS TRANSIT – Mayor Carter forwarded a message from Danville Mayor Ricky Williams Jr. regarding the closure of the CRIS Rural Mass Transit District. The council discussed how it could impact Hoopeston residents and decided to hold off on any action until it is clear what the City of Danville is wanting.

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE ATTORNEY

- a. BURNED-OUT BUILDINGS – Eric advised that 15-day notices have been sent out.
- b. ESSEX BUILDING – The next court date for this case is January 21, 2026. Attorney Beckett is working on the request for discovery. Alderwoman K. Ferrell wanted to make sure that it was known that the 3 years of back taxes on the property had been sold.
- c. 217 E MAIN ST – The contract has been drafted.
- d. OTHER PROPERTY DEEDS – The contracts have been sent out, other than the Front St property discrepancy.
- e. 819 S. FIFTH ST LIEN – Mayor Carter asked about the lien on this property. Eric advised that the documents are being prepared. Garrett asked what would happen if the property were sold before the lien is filed. Eric answered that the lien would still be enforceable on the new owner.
- f. 210 E PENN ST – Alderwoman K. Ferrell asked about the status of this property. Eric advised that he has not been able to speak with the tax trustee over the holidays but he hopes to speak with him soon.

- g. LORRAINE PROPERTY – The deed has been sent to the foundation, just waiting on their signature.
- h. DICE ADDITION ROADS – Alderman M. Ferrell asked if there is any decision on the streets in question in the Dice Addition. Eric advised that he has not found any documentation that the roads in question are officially roads maintained by the city.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further action to come before the council Alderwoman K. Ferrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McElhaney seconded the motion. Motion was carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Hardcastle
City Clerk