

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 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 6 alderpersons were present: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth, and Scharlach. Aldermen Garrett and M. Ferrell were absent. Mayor Carter and Clerk Hardcastle were also present. Eric Eves was present on Zoom.
- III. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Alderman Porth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderwoman K. Ferrell seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, all voted yes.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING – Alderwoman Lawson moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026, city council meeting. Alderman Porth seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, all voted yes.
- V. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Alderman McElhaney moved to approve the payment of the city's bills. Alderwoman K. Ferrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: M. Ferrell, Garrett) and the bills were approved 6-0.
- VI. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None
- 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)(5) to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Alderwoman Lawson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: M. Ferrell, Garrett) and the council adjourned into executive session at 7:03 pm.
 - b. Alderman Porth moved to leave executive session. Alderwoman K. Ferrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: M. Ferrell, Garrett)

and the council exited executive session at 7:27 pm.

X. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a. EYRICH

- i. MCFERREN PARK ROAD DRAINAGE – Alderman Eyrich reported that the Water Department installed a catch basin in the northwest corner of McFerren park to help with the flooding problem there.

b. K. FERRELL

- i. ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE 210 E PENN ST – Alderwoman K. Ferrell tabled this ordinance for the time being.
- ii. ELECTRONIC AND TIRE RECYCLING EVENT – Alderwoman K. Ferrell is looking to hold an electronic recycling event sometime in September or October. She is also waiting to hear back from the Vermilion County Health Department about a tire collection event again in the fall.

c. M. FERRELL

- i. Absent.

d. GARRETT

- i. Absent.

e. LAWSON –

- i. SCAM LETTER – Alderwoman Lawson reported that residents received a letter in the mail from the National Police Association, she advised residents to throw this away.

f. MCELHANEY

- i. THANK YOU – Alderman McElhaney thanked the Water Department for their work on the McFerren Park catch basin. This will allow the road reconstruction project to move forward.

g. PORTH

- i. Nothing to report.

h. SCHARLACH

i. Nothing to report.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – None

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS

a. THANK YOU – Mayor Carter thanked everyone involved in the July 3 festivities that occurred around Hoopeston.

b. ORDINANCE 2027-3 – REPLAT OF HOOPESTON RETIREMENT VILLAGE PROPERTY – Alderman McElahney moved to approve this ordinance. Alderman Scharlach seconded the motion. Alderwoman K. Ferrell asked why this was being done. Cody Moore, representing the Hoopeston Retirement Village, advised that this was so that Napa could purchase the plot of land their store was on and so that other lots would be able to be sold in the future. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: M. Ferrell, Garrett) and the ordinance was approved 6-0.

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE ATTORNEY

a. ESSEX BUILDING – The court has ordered the full response to discovery, and they have 21 days to respond from the date of the hearing.

b. DEMOLITION SUITS – 2 of the lots have living owners and summons have been issued but not yet served. The other 2 lots are deceased owners, and Eric is working on a court order for those.

c. SOLAR POINT PERSON – Eric is still looking for a point person for solar issues.

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 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Hardcastle
City Clerk