

City of Hoopeston

301 W Main St

Hoopeston, IL 60942

217-283-5833



SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING PACKET



**CITY OF HOOPESTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
7:00 PM | CITY HALL**

DATE POSTED: Friday, August 28, 2026

REMOTE MEETING LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84288250744>

REMOTE MEETING ID:

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- Presentations will have a limit of 5 minutes.
- Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person with a total of 30 cumulative minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PRIOR COUNCIL MEETING**
- V. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**
- VI. PRESENTATIONS**
- VII. PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL**
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - a. PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY.**
- X. REPORT OF OFFICERS**
 - a. EYRICH**
 - i. RESOLUTION APPROVING WAIVING OF THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR KEYSTONE SOLAR WWTP PROJECT**
 - b. K. FERRELL**
 - c. M. FERRELL**
 - d. GARRETT**
 - e. LAWSON**

i. ORDINANCE AMENDING 10.56.030

f. MCELHANEY

g. PORTH

h. SCHARLACH

i. ORDINANCE APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT OF VEHICLE RESCUE SERVICES

ii. ORDINANCE APPROVING REGULATIONS FOR FALSE FIRE ALARM CALLS

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS

a. RESOLUTION APPROVING NORBUT SOLAR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

b. ORDINANCE APPROVING ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

c. HOTEL TAX DISCUSSION

XV. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES FROM

8-18-26 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 5 alderpersons were present: Eyrich, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Porth, and Scharlach. Mayor Carter and Clerk Hardcastle were also present. Eric Eves was on Zoom.
- III. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Alderman Eyrich moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Scharlach seconded the motion. A voice vote was held, all voting yes.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING – Alderman M. Ferrell moved to approve the minute of the August 4, 2026, council meeting. Alderman Eyrich seconded the motion. A voice vote was held, all voted yes.
- V. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Alderman Porth moved to approve the payment of the city's bills. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: K. Ferrell, Lawson, McElhaney) and the bills were approved 5-0.
- VI. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None
- VII. PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - a. Alderman M. Ferrell moved to go into executive session to discuss litigation. Alderman Scharlach seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: K. Ferrell, Lawson, McElhaney) and the council entered executive session at 7:03 pm.
 - b. Alderman Garrett moved to exit executive session. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Porth, Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: K. Ferrell, Lawson,

McElhaney) and the council exited executive session at 7:29 pm.

X. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a. EYRICH

- i. Nothing to report.

b. K. FERRELL

- i. Absent.

c. M. FERRELL

- i. Nothing to report.

d. GARRETT

- i. Nothing to report.

e. LAWSON

- i. ORDINANCE 2027-8 PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES – In Alderwoman Lawson’s absence, Alderman Porth moved to approve this ordinance. Alderman Eyrich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Porth, and Scharlach – Nays: None – Abstentions: None – Absent: K. Ferrell, Lawson, McElhaney) and the ordinance was approved 5-0.

f. MCELHANEY

- i. Absent.

g. PORTH

- i. EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHANGES – Alderman Porth distributed changes to the employee handbook that he would like to see. He advised that this was just for review for tonight’s meeting.
- ii. AUDITS – Alderman Porth reported that the city and TIF fund audits have been completed.

h. SCHARLACH

- i. ORDINANCE CHANGES – Alderman Scharlach reported that Chief Troy Stevens and Clerk Hardcastle have been working on some ordinance changes for the fire department and they will be presented at the next meeting.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- a. THANK YOU – Clerk Hardcastle read a thank you card from the Vermilion County Museum for the city's assistance in the bus tour.
- b. ELECTION PACKETS – Clerk Hardcastle also announced that petition packets for the 2027 Consolidated Election will be available for pickup beginning August 25, 2026. There is 1 seat in each aldermanic ward that is up for re-election.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – None

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS

- a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – NORBUT SOLAR – Alderman Porth moved to approve the conditional use permit. Alderman Eyrich seconded the motion. Alderman Garrett advised he would like to table this issue until everyone was back and that he had questions about hazardous material mitigation. Representatives from Norbut Solar were in attendance and answered Alderman Garrett's questions. A discussion was had regarding the decommissioning of the solar field and the composition of the solar panels. Alderman Garrett advised that he has spent the last few days talking to the residents in the area and they told him that no one had contacted them about this. Alderman Eyrich replied that there were 2 nights of a public hearing regarding this conditional use permit. A roll call vote was held (Ayes: Eyrich, M. Ferrell, Porth – Nays: Garrett, Scharlach – Abstentions: None – Absent: K. Ferrell, Lawson, McElhaney) and the motion did not pass.
- b. ADA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE – Mayor Carter advised that the ADA Playground Committee received a quote for fencing in the playground area. Holly Eyrich, playground committee member, advised that even if the project does not go through, fencing provides security to the existing playground. Alderman Porth stated that the fencing would need to be built into the next budget.
- c. HOOPESTON HORNETS BUILDING – The Hoopeston Hornets organization approached Mayor Carter about their building needs repairs. The building belongs to the city but the individual organizations are responsible for repairs and maintenance of the buildings. Alderman M. Ferrell advised that he had emailed the organization about the damage and he never got a response.

- d. THANK YOU – Mayor Carter thanked the city workers and EMA staff for their work during the recent storms and getting the city ready for the Sweetcorn Festival.

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE ATTORNEY

- a. 643 E WYMAN – Eric advised that he is in the process of getting this filed.
- b. GARRISON – AJ Garrison is needing to be served regarding a petition of assets.
- c. 620 S SECOND – This property has been on a tax sale to AT Investments and they have been served notice.
- d. 627 E YOUNG – There was a hearing on this property in relation to the owners being deceased and the judge was receptive to the city's proposal on signing an order for service by publication.
- e. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – There was a question from counsel for Norbut Solar on whether the conditional user permit passed or not since it did not receive a majority and what they next steps are. Eric will research the issues and report back in time for the next council meeting.

- XVI. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further action to come before the council Alderman Garrett moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. Motion was carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Hardcastle
City Clerk

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT
OF THE CITY'S BILLS**

Report Criteria:

Detail report.
Invoices with totals above \$0 included.
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Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid
01-50-435 UTILITIES-GF						
ALLUMIA INC	16977	DELIVERY OF MAINTANCE OF	08/17/2026	75.33	.00	
Total 01-50-435 UTILITIES-GF:				75.33	.00	
01-50-437 RENTALS-GF						
CINTAS	4276220888	3X5 ACTIVE SCRAPER, 3X5 XT	08/17/2026	50.86	.00	
CINTAS	4279229062	3X5 ACTIVE SCRAPER, 3X5 XT	08/17/2026	50.86	.00	
CINTAS	4728481329	3X5 ACTIVE SCRAPER, 3X5 XT	08/17/2026	50.86	.00	
Total 01-50-437 RENTALS-GF:				152.58	.00	
01-50-499 LIBRARY REP TAX EXPENSE						
HOOPESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	S0371980	ALLOCATED PERIOD: AUG COL	08/17/2026	1,466.40	.00	
Total 01-50-499 LIBRARY REP TAX EXPENSE:				1,466.40	.00	
01-51-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP-S/A						
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE	3045760509 2	REISED CHECK#91725	08/17/2026	495.94-	.00	
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE	3046834026	ROTARY CUTTER/BUSHOG & S	08/17/2026	3,281.82	.00	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1LPX-44N1-1YYQ	YELLOW REFLECTORS, WHITE	08/17/2026	64.48	.00	
Total 01-51-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP-S/A:				2,850.36	.00	
01-51-435 UTILITIES-S/A						
ALLUMIA INC	16977	DELIVERY & MAINTENANCE OF	08/17/2026	75.33	.00	
Total 01-51-435 UTILITIES-S/A:				75.33	.00	
01-53-435 UTILITIES-CEMETERY						
ALLUMIA INC	16977	DELIVERY OF MAINTANCE AND	08/17/2026	75.33	.00	
Total 01-53-435 UTILITIES-CEMETERY:				75.33	.00	
01-53-437 RENTALS-CEMETERY						
HILTZ PORTABLE SANITATION I	M3786	OUTHOUSE RENTAL 6/29/26 - 7/	08/17/2026	110.00	.00	
Total 01-53-437 RENTALS-CEMETERY:				110.00	.00	
02-50-435 UTILITIES-P						
AMEREN CIPS ILLINOIS	3647004626 8/26	ELECTRIC- GIRL SCOUT HOUS	08/17/2026	84.90	.00	
AMEREN CIPS ILLINOIS	4647004723 8/26	ELECTRIC- CIVIC CENTER - 464	08/17/2026	413.53	.00	
ALLUMIA INC	16977	DELIVERY & MAINTANCE OF SE	08/17/2026	75.33	.00	
Total 02-50-435 UTILITIES-P:				573.76	.00	
02-50-437 RENTALS-P						
HILTZ PORTABLE SANITATION I	M3786 1	2 PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL -	08/17/2026	220.00	.00	
Total 02-50-437 RENTALS-P:				220.00	.00	
02-50-463 REFUND DEPOSITS						
PROJECT SUCCESS	08172026	DEPOSIT REFUND FOR CIVIC C	08/17/2026	250.00	.00	

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PROJECT SUCCESS	08172026 1	CIVIC CENTER REFUND DEPO	08/17/2026	250.00	.00	
GERANE GRIMM YOUNG	081720226	CIVIC CENTER DEPOSIT REFU	08/17/2026	250.00	.00	
Total 02-50-463 REFUND DEPOSITS:				750.00	.00	
03-50-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP-CIVDEF						
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1K9W-JH7Y-3N3T	REPLACE REOLINK	08/17/2026	138.99	.00	
Total 03-50-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP-CIVDEF:				138.99	.00	
07-50-413 MAINT & REPAIR VEHICLE-PD						
PAUL AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR	022205	MOUNT AND BALANCE 2 FRON	08/17/2026	75.00	.00	
PAUL'S 24 HOUR TOWING SER	17972	TOW 4A51 TO HANKS	08/17/2026	176.00	.00	
PAUL'S 24 HOUR TOWING SER	17973	TOW 4A55 TO WATSEKA FORD	08/17/2026	186.00	.00	
Total 07-50-413 MAINT & REPAIR VEHICLE-PD:				437.00	.00	
07-50-435 UTILITIES-PD						
ALLUMIA INC	16977	DELIVERY & MAINTANCE OF SE	08/17/2026	75.33	.00	
Total 07-50-435 UTILITIES-PD:				75.33	.00	
07-50-437 RENTALS-PD						
CINTAS	4276220888	3X5 ACTIVE SCRAPER, 3X5 XT	08/17/2026	32.86	.00	
CINTAS	4279229062	3X5 ACTIVE SCRAPER, 3X5 XT	08/17/2026	32.86	.00	
CINTAS	4728481329	3X5 ACTIVE SCRAPER, 3X5 XT	08/17/2026	32.86	.00	
Total 07-50-437 RENTALS-PD:				98.58	.00	
07-50-467 UNIFORMS-PD						
RAY O'HERRON CO INC	2494028	INITIAL HIRE UNIFORMS - SCH	08/17/2026	1,335.33	.00	
Total 07-50-467 UNIFORMS-PD:				1,335.33	.00	
08-50-406 PENSION-F						
BRIAN D LAIRD	75	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
GREG SHIPMAN	221	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
HARRY JOHNSON	221	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
JOHN MCCORMICK	221	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
RODNEY GADDIS	221	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
TIM LANE	221	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
STEPHEN W COMPTON	221	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
TERRY BEAUVOIS	221	FIRE PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
ROSS JOHNSON	219	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
DANIEL J MCCALLA JR	222	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
ALLAN B BAKER	221	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
HAROLD MICHAEL	221	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
JOEL BIRD	216	PENSION	09/01/2026	70.00	.00	
Total 08-50-406 PENSION-F:				910.00	.00	
08-50-435 UTILITIES-F						
ALLUMIA INC	16977	DELIVERY & MAINATANCE OF S	08/17/2026	75.33	.00	
Total 08-50-435 UTILITIES-F:				75.33	.00	
12-50-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP-ESDA						
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1K9W-JH7Y-3N3T	REPLACE REOLINK	08/17/2026	138.99	.00	

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Total 12-50-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP-ESDA:				138.99	.00	
20-51-435 UTILITIES-W ADM						
ALLUMIA INC	16977	DELIVERY & MAINTENANCE OF	08/17/2026	37.67	.00	
Total 20-51-435 UTILITIES-W ADM:				37.67	.00	
20-52-435 UTILITIES-S ADM						
ALLUMIA INC	16977	DELIVERY & MAINTANCE OF SE	08/17/2026	37.66	.00	
Total 20-52-435 UTILITIES-S ADM:				37.66	.00	
20-53-435 UTILITIES-W TREAT						
AMEREN CIPS ILLINOIS	054006638 8/26	GAS-MAIN ST PUMP HOUSE - 0	08/17/2026	77.30	.00	
AMEREN CIPS ILLINOIS	2547006137 8/26	GAS- PENN ST PUMP HOUSE -	08/17/2026	135.57	.00	
Total 20-53-435 UTILITIES-W TREAT:				212.87	.00	
20-54-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP-W SYSTEM						
UTILITY SUPPLY COMPANY INC	1570980	20' SMOOTH-CORR WHITE INSI	08/17/2026	550.00	.00	
Total 20-54-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP-W SYSTEM:				550.00	.00	
20-54-444 PRINTING&PUBLICATIONS-WATER SY						
CRAFTSMEN PRINTING	23259	BOIL ORDER TICKETS, DISCON	08/17/2026	130.00	.00	
Total 20-54-444 PRINTING&PUBLICATIONS-WATER SY:				130.00	.00	
30-50-435 UTILITIES-COM						
ALLUMIA INC	16977	DELIVERY AND MAINTANCE OF	08/17/2026	75.33	.00	
Total 30-50-435 UTILITIES-COM:				75.33	.00	
30-50-437 RENTALS-COM						
CINTAS	4276220888	3X5 ACTIVE SCRAPER, 3X5 XT	08/17/2026	32.86	.00	
CINTAS	4279229062	3X5 ACTIVE SCRAPER, 3X5 XT	08/17/2026	32.86	.00	
CINTAS	4728481329	3X5 ACTIVE SCRAPER, 3X5 XT	08/17/2026	32.86	.00	
Total 30-50-437 RENTALS-COM:				98.58	.00	
Grand Totals:				10,700.75	.00	

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Dated: _____

Mayor: _____

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01-50-435 UTILITIES-GF						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	038960002735	ELECTRIC-E MAIN ST- 0389600	08/20/2026	18.83	.00	
Total 01-50-435 UTILITIES-GF:				18.83	.00	
01-50-459 DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS-GF						
PARKS PUBLICATIONS	1290	VERMILION COUTNRY COURT	08/21/2026	237.60	.00	
Total 01-50-459 DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS-GF:				237.60	.00	
01-50-466 OTHER SUPPLIES-GF						
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	196K-6MKH-3KK6	COPY PAPAER,4PK WET FLOO	08/20/2026	144.73	.00	
Total 01-50-466 OTHER SUPPLIES-GF:				144.73	.00	
01-53-435 UTLITIES-CEMETERY						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	030800058692	ELECTRIC-N MARKET CEMETE	08/20/2026	326.43	.00	
Total 01-53-435 UTLITIES-CEMETERY:				326.43	.00	
01-54-436 ST LIGHT BILLING						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	036640001929	ELECTRIC -301 MAIN STREET L	08/20/2026	46.56	.00	
Total 01-54-436 ST LIGHT BILLING:				46.56	.00	
02-50-435 UTILITIES-P						
AMEREN CIPS ILLINOIS	5743019009 8/26	ELECTRIC- MAIN ST PARK - 574	08/21/2026	46.77	.00	
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	033600002821	ELECTRIC- 6TH AVE LITTLE LE	08/20/2026	133.79	.00	
Total 02-50-435 UTILITIES-P:				180.56	.00	
03-50-466 OTHER SUPPLIES-CIVDEF						
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1D9G-JN1T-34QY	16 PK NO PARKING SIGNS X5	08/20/2026	199.95	.00	
Total 03-50-466 OTHER SUPPLIES-CIVDEF:				199.95	.00	
03-50-494 EQUIPMENT						
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1DK1-DXQG-WYTY	4PK PLASTIC FOLDING SIGNS	08/20/2026	713.96	.00	
Total 03-50-494 EQUIPMENT:				713.96	.00	
04-50-455 TRAINING						
HUNTER HAGGAN	0450455	REUND FOR LIFEGUARD CPR	08/20/2026	50.00	.00	
DAWN GEROW	0450455	REFUND OF LIFEGUARD CERTI	08/20/2026	150.00	.00	
PEYTON IRONS	0450455	REFUND FOR LIFEGUARD CER	08/20/2026	150.00	.00	
SOPHIA PEREZ	0450455	REFUND FOR LIFEGUARD CER	08/20/2026	150.00	.00	
ADDYSON KELNHOFER	0450455	REFUND FOR LIFEGAURD CER	08/20/2026	50.00	.00	
Total 04-50-455 TRAINING:				550.00	.00	
07-50-430 INTERNET SERVICE						
VERIZON WIRELESS	6150865820	BROADBAND FOR SQUADS 7/1	08/21/2026	147.60	.00	

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Total 07-50-430 INTERNET SERVICE:				147.60	.00	
07-50-455 TRAINING-PD						
CHRISTOPHER KELNHOFER	188413965	PTI CLOTHING FOR SCHWART	08/21/2026	233.28	.00	
Total 07-50-455 TRAINING-PD:				233.28	.00	
07-50-494 EQUIPMENT-PD						
RAY O'HERRON CO INC	2495265	9MM FXD ORS, LIGHT, XL HT - S	08/21/2026	777.33	.00	
Total 07-50-494 EQUIPMENT-PD:				777.33	.00	
08-50-435 UTILITIES-F						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	038560002478	ELECTRIC-N MARKET FIRE DE	08/20/2026	268.01	.00	
Total 08-50-435 UTILITIES-F:				268.01	.00	
08-50-459 DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS-F						
ILLINOIS FIREFIGHTER'S ASSO	PO 81054	INDEMNITY FUND	08/21/2026	32.00	.00	
Total 08-50-459 DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS-F:				32.00	.00	
12-50-411 MAINT & REPAIR BLDGS-HEMA						
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1HHP-XQ9W-3DW3	DEWALT DRILL & IMPACT SET &	08/20/2026	178.98	.00	
Total 12-50-411 MAINT & REPAIR BLDGS-HEMA:				178.98	.00	
12-50-428 ESDA-TELEPHONE						
VERIZON WIRELESS	6150865821	HEMA - PHONE	08/21/2026	8.90	.00	
Total 12-50-428 ESDA-TELEPHONE:				8.90	.00	
12-50-494 EQUIPMENT-ESDA						
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1K9W-JH7Y-34WN	FLUKE DIGITAL MULTIMETER A	08/20/2026	172.68	.00	
Total 12-50-494 EQUIPMENT-ESDA:				172.68	.00	
20-51-463 WATER REFUND						
TRENTON COOLEY	15800003	WATER DEPOSIT REFUND	08/21/2026	42.00	.00	
Total 20-51-463 WATER REFUND:				42.00	.00	
20-51-466 OTHER SUPPLIES-W ADM						
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	196K-6MKH-3KK6	COPY PAPAER,4PK WET FLOO	08/20/2026	50.27	.00	
Total 20-51-466 OTHER SUPPLIES-W ADM:				50.27	.00	
20-52-466 OTHER SUPPLIES-S ADM						
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	196K-6MKH-3KK6	COPY PAPAER,4PK WET FLOO	08/20/2026	50.27	.00	
Total 20-52-466 OTHER SUPPLIES-S ADM:				50.27	.00	
20-55-452 OTHER PROF SVCS-S TREAT						
ERH ENTERPRISES INC	20767	WASTEWATER OPERATION	08/21/2026	21,000.00	.00	
Total 20-55-452 OTHER PROF SVCS-S TREAT:				21,000.00	.00	

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20-55-498 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT						
FEHR GRAHAM	141342 1	WWTP IMPROMENTS 7/26	08/20/2026	9.00	.00	
Total 20-55-498 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:				9.00	.00	
20-57-435 UTILITIES-SEWER PRE-TREATMENT						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	032960002165	ELECTRIC- 6TH AVE LAGOONS	08/20/2026	18,306.83	.00	
Total 20-57-435 UTILITIES-SEWER PRE-TREATMENT:				18,306.83	.00	
Grand Totals:				43,695.77	.00	

Dated: _____

Mayor: _____

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Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid
01-50-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-GF						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD/ ADMIN	08/26/2026	35.94	.00	
Total 01-50-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-GF:				35.94	.00	
01-50-435 UTILITIES-GF						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	035440002432	ELECTRIC- CITY HALL - 354400	08/26/2026	220.33	.00	
Total 01-50-435 UTILITIES-GF:				220.33	.00	
01-51-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-S/A						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD STREE	08/26/2026	103.21	.00	
Total 01-51-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-S/A:				103.21	.00	
01-53-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-CEMETERY						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD CEME	08/26/2026	14.12	.00	
Total 01-53-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-CEMETERY:				14.12	.00	
01-53-411 MAINT & REPAIR BLDGS-CEMETERY						
OLYMPIC HARDWARE-CEMETE	A434149	KEY CUT X2 AND HAND SOAP	08/26/2026	8.58	.00	
Total 01-53-411 MAINT & REPAIR BLDGS-CEMETERY:				8.58	.00	
01-53-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP-CEMETERY						
OLYMPIC HARDWARE-CEMETE	B745293	FLAP WHEELS FOR SHARPENI	08/26/2026	53.95	.00	
ARENDS HOGAN WALKER LLC	124322496	OIL FILTERS FOR MOWERS X 2	08/26/2026	21.34	.00	
Total 01-53-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP-CEMETERY:				75.29	.00	
01-53-413 MAINT & REPAIR VEH-CEMETERY						
ANTHEM	02240	REPALCE BLOWN TIRE ON TRU	08/26/2026	232.60	.00	
Total 01-53-413 MAINT & REPAIR VEH-CEMETERY:				232.60	.00	
01-53-419 GROUND UPKEEP-CEMETERY						
OLYMPIC HARDWARE-CEMETE	B744326	PRUNER SHEERS FOR BUSHE	08/26/2026	10.79	.00	
Total 01-53-419 GROUND UPKEEP-CEMETERY:				10.79	.00	
01-53-428 TELEPHONE-CEMETERY						
AT&T MOBILITY	287270932538X08212026	CELL PHONE	08/26/2026	39.99	.00	
Total 01-53-428 TELEPHONE-CEMETERY:				39.99	.00	
01-53-437 RENTALS-CEMETERY						
HILTZ PORTABLE SANITATION I	M3820	OUTHOUSE RENTAL 7/27/26 - 8/	08/26/2026	110.00	.00	
Total 01-53-437 RENTALS-CEMETERY:				110.00	.00	
02-50-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-P						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD PARK	08/26/2026	44.90	.00	

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid
Total 02-50-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-P:				44.90	.00	
02-50-411 MAINT & REPAIR BLDGS-P						
OLYMPIC HARDWARE-PARK	B745546	TOILET CLEANER, KEY CUT, FU	08/26/2026	56.65	.00	
OLYMPIC HARDWARE-PARK	B746199	KEY CUT X2 CAULK GUN, CAUL	08/26/2026	27.47	.00	
Total 02-50-411 MAINT & REPAIR BLDGS-P:				84.12	.00	
02-50-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIPMENT-P						
OLYMPIC HARDWARE-PARK	A434490	LABOR AND PARTS FOR REPAI	08/26/2026	12.99	.00	
ARENDS HOGAN WALKER LLC	12397032	REPAIR DAMAGED FUEL TANK	08/26/2026	1,052.17	.00	
ARENDS HOGAN WALKER LLC	12432493	OIL FILTERS FOR MOWERS X 3	08/26/2026	110.76	.00	
ARENDS HOGAN WALKER LLC	12432498	BLADES FOR MOWERS X 6	08/26/2026	157.50	.00	
Total 02-50-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIPMENT-P:				1,333.42	.00	
02-50-435 UTILITIES-P						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	038160001694	ELECTRIC-MCNEIL SOFTBALL P	08/26/2026	334.56	.00	
Total 02-50-435 UTILITIES-P:				334.56	.00	
02-50-437 RENTALS-P						
HILTZ PORTABLE SANITATION I	M3820 1	OUTHOUSE RENTAL 7/23/26 -8/	08/26/2026	220.00	.00	
Total 02-50-437 RENTALS-P:				220.00	.00	
03-50-494 EQUIPMENT						
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	13C3-YGML-64MT	2 PK EAR IECES X3, 2PK RECH	08/26/2026	114.04	.00	
Total 03-50-494 EQUIPMENT:				114.04	.00	
04-50-466 OTHER SUPPLIES-POOL						
OLYMPIC HARDWARE-POOL	B744887	2 TRASH CANS, OIL DRI ABSOR	08/26/2026	69.97	.00	
Total 04-50-466 OTHER SUPPLIES-POOL:				69.97	.00	
05-50-463 GARBAGE DEPOSIT REFUND						
PAUL GRANT	19599010	REFUND OF GARBAGE DEPOSI	08/26/2026	5.00	.00	
Total 05-50-463 GARBAGE DEPOSIT REFUND:				5.00	.00	
07-50-405 HOSPITALIZATION-PD						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD POLIC	08/26/2026	516.02	.00	
Total 07-50-405 HOSPITALIZATION-PD:				516.02	.00	
07-50-435 UTILITIES-PD						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	035440002432	ELECTRIC- CITY HALL - 354400	08/26/2026	220.33	.00	
Total 07-50-435 UTILITIES-PD:				220.33	.00	
08-50-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIPMENT-F						
DI FIRE & SAFETY INC	0000424493	FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTAN	08/26/2026	434.70	.00	
Total 08-50-412 MAINT & REPAIR EQUIPMENT-F:				434.70	.00	

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid
12-50-411 MAINT & REPAIR BLDGS-HEMA						
OLYMPIC HARDWARE-EMA	B745906	SPADE BIT,CLEAR SILICONE SE	08/26/2026	62.77	.00	
OLYMPIC HARDWARE-EMA	B745934	LONG NOSE PLIERS, PEX T FIT	08/26/2026	47.07	.00	
OLYMPIC HARDWARE-EMA	B745961	4X8X1 PINE X4	08/26/2026	25.50	.00	
Total 12-50-411 MAINT & REPAIR BLDGS-HEMA:				135.34	.00	
20-51-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS- W ADM						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD WATE	08/26/2026	20.98	.00	
Total 20-51-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS- W ADM:				20.98	.00	
20-51-435 UTILITIES-W ADM						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	035440002432	ELECTRIC- CITY HALL - 354400	08/26/2026	110.16	.00	
Total 20-51-435 UTILITIES-W ADM:				110.16	.00	
20-51-463 WATER REFUND						
PAUL GRANT	19599010	REFUND OF WATER DEPOSIT	08/26/2026	110.06	.00	
Total 20-51-463 WATER REFUND:				110.06	.00	
20-52-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-S ADM						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD SEWE	08/26/2026	20.97	.00	
Total 20-52-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-S ADM:				20.97	.00	
20-52-435 UTILITIES-S ADM						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	035440002432	ELECTRIC- CITY HALL - 354400	08/26/2026	110.16	.00	
Total 20-52-435 UTILITIES-S ADM:				110.16	.00	
20-53-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-W TREAT						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD/ WATE	08/26/2026	45.87	.00	
Total 20-53-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-W TREAT:				45.87	.00	
20-53-435 UTILITIES-W TREAT						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	038160001693	ELECTRIC-MAIN ST PUMP HOU	08/26/2026	325.90	.00	
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	038160001720	ELECTRIC-4TH PENN WATER D	08/26/2026	5,157.14	.00	
Total 20-53-435 UTILITIES-W TREAT:				5,483.04	.00	
20-54-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-W SYSTEM						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD WATE	08/26/2026	45.87	.00	
Total 20-54-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-W SYSTEM:				45.87	.00	
20-55-435 UTILITIES-S TREAT						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	032960002164	ELECTRIC-6TH AVE DISP-03296	08/26/2026	7,232.11	.00	
Total 20-55-435 UTILITIES-S TREAT:				7,232.11	.00	
20-56-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-S SYSTEM						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD/ WATE	08/26/2026	45.87	.00	
Total 20-56-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-S SYSTEM:				45.87	.00	

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid
20-57-414 MAINT & REPAIR SYS-S PR TREAT						
ERH ENTERPRISES INC	20768	HOOPESTON WW-LAGOONS	08/26/2026	8,333.33	.00	
Total 20-57-414 MAINT & REPAIR SYS-S PR TREAT:				8,333.33	.00	
30-50-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-COM						
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	154781/0826	LIFE INSURANCE & STD/ DISPA	08/26/2026	159.39	.00	
Total 30-50-405 HOSPITALIZATION INS-COM:				159.39	.00	
30-50-435 UTILITIES-COM						
IL Power Marketing dba Homefiel	035440002432	ELECTRIC- CITY HALL - 354400	08/26/2026	220.33	.00	
Total 30-50-435 UTILITIES-COM:				220.33	.00	
Grand Totals:				26,301.39	.00	

Dated: _____

Mayor: _____

City Council: _____

City Recorder: _____

City Treasurer: _____

Report Criteria:

Detail report.

Invoices with totals above \$0 included.

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City of Hoopeston

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING WAIVING
THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR THE
KEYSTONE SOLAR PROJECT AT THE
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

CITY OF HOOPESTON, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2027 - _____

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR THE
KEYSTONE SOLAR PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois (the “City”), is a duly organized and existing municipality operating under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Keystone Solar is undertaking a solar energy project located at the City of Hoopeston Wastewater Treatment Plant (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project requires the issuance of a building permit by the City of Hoopeston and would ordinarily be subject to the applicable building permit fees established by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Project is being constructed on City property in connection with the operation and improvement of the City’s wastewater treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that waiving the building permit fee associated with the Project serves a valid municipal purpose and is in the best interests of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the waiver provided by this Resolution applies only to the building permit fee for the Keystone Solar Project and does not waive or modify any applicable building, zoning, electrical, fire, safety, inspection, or other regulatory requirements of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HOOPESTON, VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE.

The City Council hereby approves and authorizes a waiver of the building permit fee otherwise applicable to the Keystone Solar Project located at the City of Hoopeston Wastewater Treatment Plant.

SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH CITY REQUIREMENTS.

The waiver authorized by this Resolution shall apply solely to the applicable building permit fee. Keystone Solar and any contractors or other parties performing work on the Project shall remain responsible for obtaining all required permits and approvals and complying with all applicable City ordinances, codes, inspection requirements, and other laws and regulations.

SECTION 3. LIMITED APPLICATION.

The waiver granted by this Resolution is specific to the Keystone Solar Project at the City of Hoopeston Wastewater Treatment Plant and shall not constitute a waiver of fees for any other project or establish a precedent requiring the City to waive building permit or other fees in the future.

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY.

The Mayor, City Clerk, and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any actions reasonably necessary to implement the fee waiver authorized by this Resolution.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed and adopted by the City of Hoopeston this, ____ day of _____, 2026 by a vote of ____ AYES and ____ NAYS to ____ ABSTENTIONS of the City Council of Hoopeston, Illinois.

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ORDINANCE CHANGING PARKING VIOLATION FEES

CITY OF HOOPESTON, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE 2027-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.56.030 OF THE CITY OF HOOPESTON CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Hoopeston is a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Title 10 of the City of Hoopeston Code of Ordinances establishes regulations governing vehicles and traffic within the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.56.030 establishes penalties for violations of Title 10, including a Five Dollar (\$5.00) fine for certain parking violations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate to increase the fine for those parking violations from Five Dollars (\$5.00) to Thirty Dollars (\$30.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOOPESTON, VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 10.56.030.

Section 10.56.030, "Penalty for violation," of the City of Hoopeston Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

10.56.030 Penalty for violation.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this title shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each offense, except that in the case of violation of Sections 10.20.010 through 10.20.050 and 10.20.080, and the violation of the parking regulations as posted by signs duly authorized under Section 10.20.090, the fine shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each offense.

The circuit clerk or his deputies, in the case of violations of Sections 10.20.010 through 10.20.050 and 10.20.080, and the violation of the parking regulations as posted by signs duly authorized under Section 10.20.090, is directed to accept said fine and any costs prior to the date set for appearance in court upon the completion of a written plea of guilt and waiver of trial.

SECTION 2. CONTINUATION OF REMAINING PROVISIONS.

Except as specifically amended by this Ordinance, all other provisions of Chapter 10.56 and Title 10 of the City of Hoopeston Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Passed and adopted by the City of Hoopeston this,

____ day of _____, 2026 by a vote of ____ AYES and ____ NAYS to ____
ABSTENTIONS of the City Council of Hoopeston, Illinois.

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**ORDINANCE APPROVING
REIMBURSEMENT FOR FIRE
SERVICES**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.36 AND ESTABLISHING
REIMBURSEMENT FOR FIRE, RESCUE, EXTRAORDINARY, AND HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Hoopeston, Illinois, desires to be reimbursed for fire and rescue services provided by the City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoopeston intends that fees imposed under this ordinance reimburse the City only to the extent authorized by Illinois law; and

WHEREAS, 65 ILCS 5/11-6-1.1 authorizes a municipality to fix, charge, and collect firefighting service fees, not exceeding the actual cost of the service, for firefighting services rendered to persons, businesses, and other entities that are not residents of the municipality, and authorizes additional charges for extraordinary expenses of materials used in rendering such services; and

WHEREAS, 65 ILCS 5/11-6-6 authorizes a municipality operating a fire department to fix, charge, and collect reasonable fees for technical rescue services, including personnel and equipment costs, not exceeding the reasonable cost of providing such services; and

WHEREAS, 65 ILCS 5/11-6-10 authorizes municipalities to fix, charge, and collect fees for services rendered by a volunteer municipal fire department or volunteer firefighters to nonresidents, subject to the limitations set forth therein, and authorizes additional charges for extraordinary expenses of materials used in rendering such services; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Illinois Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Reimbursement Act, 430 ILCS 55/5, requires a responsible party to reimburse emergency response agencies for costs incurred in providing emergency action at a hazardous materials emergency incident; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOOPESTON, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1. REIMBURSEMENT FOR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES.

A fee shall be imposed to reimburse the City of Hoopeston for services provided, managed, or directed by the City Fire Department in an amount authorized by applicable law and not exceeding the reasonable or actual cost of providing those services. Except where otherwise authorized by law, the fees described in this Section shall apply to services provided outside the corporate limits of the City of Hoopeston and to services provided within the corporate limits to persons, businesses, or other entities that are not residents

of the City of Hoopeston. Charges shall be calculated in accordance with the Fire and Emergency Services Fee Schedule developed by the Fire Department and approved by the City Council, subject at all times to applicable statutory limitations. The fee may include:

- (1) The reasonable cost of each vehicle responding, subject to the maximum rates permitted by applicable Illinois law, including 65 ILCS 5/11-6-10 where applicable; and
- (2) The cost of all personnel, including personnel of any responding agency, incurred as a result of the fire, rescue, technical rescue, or emergency response services, subject to applicable statutory limitations; and
- (3) The cost of all materials and equipment used, expended, depleted, damaged, destroyed, or removed from service as a result of the fire, rescue, technical rescue, extraordinary, or hazardous materials response; and
- (4) To the extent permitted by law, where the act or omission of one (1) or more parties is a cause of the incident giving rise to the reimbursable response, such parties may be held jointly and severally liable.

SECTION 2. EXTRAORDINARY AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CHARGES.

The City of Hoopeston Fire Department shall develop and maintain a Fire and Emergency Services Fee Schedule establishing the fees and charges applicable to extraordinary services, hazardous materials incidents, technical rescue services, specialized equipment, expendable materials, and other reimbursable fire and rescue services authorized by this ordinance and applicable law. The Fee Schedule shall be based upon the reasonable or actual costs incurred by the City in providing such services and may include, where authorized by law, costs associated with personnel, apparatus, equipment, specialized equipment, expendable supplies and materials, firefighting foam, absorbents, containment and cleanup materials, decontamination, replacement or repair of damaged or contaminated equipment, mutual-aid or outside contractor costs, and other reasonable and necessary extraordinary expenses attributable to the incident. The Fire Chief, or the Fire Chief's designee, shall periodically review the Fee Schedule and may recommend the establishment, amendment, or adjustment of fees to reflect changes in the City's costs of providing such services. No Fee Schedule, fee, or amendment thereto shall become effective unless and until approved by the City Council. Upon approval by the City Council, the Fee Schedule shall govern the calculation of charges imposed pursuant to this ordinance. Hazardous materials charges may be assessed against the responsible party as authorized by the Illinois Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Reimbursement Act, including 430 ILCS 55/5. All fees and charges shall remain subject to the limitations of applicable Illinois law.

SECTION 3. STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND LIMITATIONS.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the City's authority under the Illinois Municipal Code, including 65 ILCS 5/11-6-1.1 (firefighting services outside corporate limits), 65 ILCS 5/11-6-5 (specialized rescue services), 65 ILCS 5/11-6-6 (technical rescue services), and 65 ILCS 5/11-6-10 (reimbursement of volunteer fire protection assistance), and pursuant to the Illinois Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Reimbursement Act, including 430 ILCS 55/5. Nothing in this ordinance or in any Fee Schedule approved pursuant to it shall be construed to authorize a fee in excess of, or contrary to, any limitation imposed by applicable State law or by a contract or intergovernmental agreement binding upon the City or Fire Department.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any provision or portion of this ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, this determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions and portions to the extent that they can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision or portion.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Passed and adopted by the City of Hoopeston this,

____ day of _____, 2026 by a vote of ____ AYES and ____ NAYS to ____
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ORDINANCE REGULATING FALSE FIRE ALARM CALLS

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FALSE FIRE ALARM CALLS

WHEREAS, the City of Hoopeston, Illinois, desires to regulate the amount of false fire alarm calls answered by the City Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOOPESTON, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

The following terms, when used in this article, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them, unless the context clearly requires another meaning:

Fire chief means the Fire Chief of the City of Hoopeston Fire Department or said Fire Chief's designee.

False fire alarm means an electronic or mechanical fire alarm signal eliciting an emergency response by the Fire Department when a situation requiring a response by the fire department does not in fact exist.

Fire alarm system user means any person who owns or is in control of premises protected or intended to be protected by a fire alarm system.

Fire alarm system means an assembly of equipment which is designed or functions to provide an electronic or mechanical signal to elicit an emergency response by the Fire Department.

SECTION 2 – PERMIT REQUIRED

- A. An alarm system shall not be installed or operated unless and until the responsible party obtains a permit from the City Clerk which authorizes the installation and operation of such alarm system.
- B. A permit shall be obtained for each alarm system installed, operated, and maintained on the premises.
- C. The responsible party shall supply the following information when applying for a permit:
 - 1. Name and address of the responsible party.

2. Address at which the alarm system(s) is/are located.
 3. Name of the business or person performing the installation and maintenance of the alarm system. A copy of the person's or business' state license shall be attached to the application.
 4. Type of alarm system(s)(dialer, silent, etc.).
 5. Manner in which the alarm system(s) is/are monitored.
- D. The City Clerk shall send a copy of the permit which will include the information stated in subsection C to the Fire Chief.
- E. The responsible party shall notify the City Clerk of any change to the information provided in the permit application within three (3) days of any changes. Failure to notify the City Clerk of such change of information will be a violation of this chapter.

SECTION 3 – ALARM SYSTEM MAINTENANCE; DUTY TO MINIMIZE FALSE ALARMS

A responsible party shall

- A. Maintain the premises and all alarm systems on such premises in a manner that will minimize or eliminate false alarms, especially false alarms which result from equipment malfunctions, improper installations, and/or any form of human error with respect to operation and/or maintenance of such;
- B. Notify the Hoopeston Police Department of a false alarm activation as soon as the responsible party is aware of the false alarm;
- C. Notify the Hoopeston Police Department in advance of any maintenance which may require activation of the alarm system for the purposes of testing the system; and
- D. Not manually activate an alarm except when needing immediate response from emergency personnel, except as provided in subsection C above.

SECTION 4 – ACTIVATION OF ALARM FOR NONEMERGENCY

- A. Any person who intentionally activates any alarm when no need for emergency response exists or to test an alarm without first advising the Hoopeston Police Department shall be deemed to have violated this chapter.

- B. Persons who intentionally activate an alarm under conditions set forth in this section shall not use the defense that the intention activation was one of the allowable four alarms set forth below.

SECTION 5 – FAILURE/REFUSAL TO RESPOND TO PREMISES

- A. A responsible party or his/her designee will be allowed thirty (30) minutes to respond to the location of the alarm from the time they receive notification of the alarm from the Hoopeston Police Department. Failure to respond within 30 minutes will be regarded as a refusal to respond. Any failure or refusal to respond shall be deemed a violation of this chapter.
- B. If a responsible party or his/her designee fails or refuses to respond to the location of the alarm within the time allowed by subsection A above, the responsible party shall not hold the city, police department, fire department, or any of their agents responsible for the security of the premises, and any emergency personnel at the premises will be returned to duty. The premises will not be responded to again until the alarm at the premises has been reset and/or the building has been secured.

SECTION 6 – NOTIFICATION OF FALSE ALARMS

- A. The Fire Chief shall notify the responsible party in writing of each occurrence of a false alarm.
- B. The notice may include, but not necessarily be limited to: the date of the false alarm; the number of the false alarm for the year; the nature of the false alarm if ascertainable, such as human error or system malfunction; a statement that the responsible party must take corrective action to ensure that a false alarm based upon the same circumstances does not recur; and the amount of the false alarm service charge, if any, incurred by the responsible party for the response to the false alarm.

SECTION 7 – FAILURE TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION

The failure of the responsible party to take corrective action as directed by the false alarm notice shall be a violation of this chapter.

SECTION 8 – EXCESSIVE FALSE FIRE ALARMS AND ASSESSMENT

- A. Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (C) and (D) below, if a fire alarm system produces four (4) false fire alarms during any twelve-month period, the Fire Chief or Fire Chief's designee shall provide written notice of this fact, which shall be delivered by certified mail or personal delivery to the fire alarm system user. The

notice shall also include the text of this chapter.

- B. Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (C) and (D) below, a fire alarm system user may be assessed a five hundred dollars (\$500.00) fee for the fifth and for each additional false fire alarm produced during any twelve-month period. Notice of any assessment under this paragraph shall be by certified mail or personal delivery.
- C. Any false alarm produced during a grace period of thirty (30) days following the installation of or substantial modification to a fire alarm system shall not be counted as either one of the four (4) false fire alarms which shall be the basis for the notice as provided in paragraph (A) of this section, or as one of the five (5) or more false fire alarms that will subject the fire alarm system user to the assessment of fees as provided in paragraph (B) of this section.
- D. False fire alarms produced by any of the following causes shall not be counted as either one of the four (4) false fire alarms which shall be the basis for the notice as provided in paragraph (A) of this section, or as one of the five (5) or more false fire alarms which will subject the fire alarm system user to the assessment of fees as provided in paragraph (B) of this section:
 - 1. Telephone line malfunctions.
 - 2. Electrical service interruption.
 - 3. Communication to Hoopeston Police Dispatch, Vermilion County 9-1-1 or the fire department indicating a system test of the performance of service by authorized individuals.
 - 4. An alarm initiated on the reasonable but mistaken belief that a fire or medical emergency was in progress.
- E. The fire alarm system user shall have the burden of establishing that a particular false fire alarm should not be counted as part of the total of false alarms that shall subject said user to the assessment of a fee as set forth in paragraph (a) above.

SECTION 9 – PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT AND APPEAL

- A. Any assessment made pursuant to this section shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of any certified mailing or personal service of notice of the assessment, unless an appeal of the assessment is filed as provided in this section.
- B. Any fire alarm system user who is assessed a fee as provided in this section may appeal said assessment to the Fire Chief on the grounds that the requisite number of false fire alarms had not occurred. An appeal must be filed in writing within thirty (30) days of any personal service or certified mailing of notice of the assessment.

- C. The Fire Chief may abate or refund any assessment if said chief is satisfied there was an error in computing the total of false fire alarms produced. Written notice of the Fire Chief's decision on any appeal shall be mailed by certified mail to the fire alarm system user.
- D. If an appeal under paragraph (B) above is denied, payment of any assessment for excessive false fire alarms shall be due fourteen (14) days from the date the chief mails out a notice of any decision to deny the appeal.

SECTION 10 – PENALTY

Violation of any section of this chapter is punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than two-thousand and five hundred dollars (\$2500). In addition to any fine imposed hereunder, the offender shall be ordered to pay the costs of any administrative adjudication or court proceeding and reasonable attorney fees.

SECTION 11 – SEVERABILITY

If any provision or portion of this ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, this determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions and portions to the extent that they can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision or portion.

SECTION 12 – EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Passed and adopted by the City of Hoopeston this,

_____ day of _____, 2026 by a vote of _____ AYES and _____ NAYS to _____ ABSTENTIONS of the City Council of Hoopeston, Illinois.

____ Kellie Ferrell	____ Robin Lawson
____ Michael Ferrell	____ Joe Garrett
____ Stephen Eyrich	____ Bob Porth
____ Toby McElhaney	____ Tim Scharlach

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**ORDINANCE FOR ALLOWING
ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT
MEETINGS**

CITY OF HOOPESTON, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE 2027-_____
Electronic Attendance At Meetings

WHEREAS, on occasion a member of the City Council of Hoopeston is unable to physically attend a City Council meeting for reasons beyond the member's control, while still being able to attend remotely if the option is available; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Council that it would be in the best interests of the City for members to be able to attend and vote by remote means under such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*) permits for such remote attendance and voting so long as certain conditions are met;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Hoopeston City Council, in the County of Vermilion and State of Illinois, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same as follows, and pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7 and 5 ILCS 120/2.01:

1. **Chapter 2.04** of the Hoopeston Code is amended to add the following, as a new section **2.04.130**:

2.04.130 Quorum

A. For all City Council meetings, whether regular or special, and all other meetings to which the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*) applies, a majority of the alderpersons then holding office shall constitute a quorum to do business.

B. To be counted toward a quorum, an alderperson must be physically present at the meeting in question.

2. **Chapter 2.04** of the Hoopeston Code is amended to add the following, as a new section **2.04.140**:

2.04.140 Remote Attendance

A. If a quorum of alderpersons is physically present, an alderperson may attend by remote means if the member is prevented from physically attending by:

- i. Personal illness or disability;
- ii. Employment purposes or the business of the City of Hoopeston and the government thereof;
- iii. A family or other emergency;
- iv. Unexpected childcare obligations; or
- v. The performance of active military duty as a service member.

B. A member who is to participate by remote means must have that participation confirmed and authorized on and by the motion of a member who is physically present.

C. For purposes of this section, “remote means” shall mean audio or video conference, including but not limited to Zoom sessions of City Council meetings. The means used must provide means for the member attending remotely to hear and participate in the discussion prior to any action of the Council.

D. A member seeking to attend remotely must notify the Clerk before the meeting unless advance notice is impracticable.

E. If the required circumstances are satisfied, a member attending remotely shall have the same right to vote on motions and issues coming before the body, save that the member attending remotely shall not count toward a quorum.

F. Save as specified in this section, a member attending remotely shall have the same rights and obligations as a member who is physically present.

G. For purposes of this section, the Mayor shall be treated as a member of the Council and shall have the same rights and requirements of electronic participation as a member of the Council.

3. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.
4. The Clerk is directed by the corporate authorities to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.
5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/1-2-4.

This ordinance is hereby passed by an affirmative vote, the “ayes” and “nays” being called, by a majority of the Aldermen of the City Council of the City of Hoopeston at that time holding office, at a regular meeting of the Council on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING NORBUT SOLAR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

CITY OF HOOPESTON, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

**REGARDING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION OF NORBUT SOLAR FARM, LLC
TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY**

PARCELS: 03-02-300-003, 03-02-400-001, and 03-02-400-002

WHEREAS, Applicant, Norbut Solar Farm, LLC, an affiliate of NSF Grant Site 2, LLC; NSF Grant Site 3, LLC; NSF Grant Site 4, LLC; NSF Grant Site 5, LLC; and Thompson Road, LLC (collectively, the “**Applicant**”), has applied for a Conditional Use Permit in the City of Hoopeston to construct and operate an approximately 20 MW AC ground-mounted Commercial Solar Energy Facility, consisting of four nominally distinct but contiguous 5 MW AC sites, together with associated electric interconnection infrastructure connecting to the local utility power grid, on approximately 232.46 acres of land located north of Thompson Road and east of County Road 2300 (the “**Property**”), comprising the above-referenced parcels, near the City of Hoopeston, Illinois (the “**Project**”);

WHEREAS, the City of Hoopeston exercises zoning and subdivision jurisdiction over the Property because the Property is contiguous to the City and located within 1.5 miles of the City’s corporate limits;

WHEREAS, the Conditional Use Permit Application was noticed for public hearing pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-13-1.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code;

WHEREAS, the City of Hoopeston Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on July 15, 2026 at City Hall, 301 West Main Street, Hoopeston, Illinois, related to the Conditional Use Permit Application of Norbut Solar Farm, LLC;

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission heard evidence regarding the Conditional Use Permit Application for the Project and, on July 29, 2026, made Findings of Fact and recommended Conditions to ensure compliance with law and for the health, safety, and welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, at its July 29, 2026 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission (i) recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit Application for the Project subject to its recommended Conditions and (ii) approved the “Plat of Norbut Solar Farm” consisting of one sheet, prepared by ASM Consultants, Inc. of Batavia, Illinois, (“**Preliminary Plat**”) which depicts the Property to be consolidated into a single 232.461 acre lot by a unanimous vote;

WHEREAS, the Hoopeston City Council (the “**City Council**”) has reviewed the Planning and Zoning Commission’s Findings of Fact and recommended Conditions for Approval, which are respectively attached to this Resolution as **Exhibits A** and **B**;

WHEREAS, prior to the approval of a Building Permit for the Project, and during all phases of operation, the City Council finds that compliance with the Conditions for Approval are in the best interests of the City of Hoopeston.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hoopeston City Council that the Conditional Use Permit Application of Norbut Solar Farm, LLC is approved subject to the Conditions denoted in **Exhibit B** and continued compliance with other applicable laws, regulations, and Ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of the final plat of subdivision for the Property shall be made by separate resolution of the City Council.

PRESENTED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Hoopeston, Illinois, this 1st day of September, 2026, by a vote of _____ ayes, _____ nays, and _____ absent.

Mayor, Hoopeston City Council

ATTEST: _____

Clerk, City of Hoopeston

**** END OF DOCUMENT****

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF HOOPESTON, ILLINOIS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION AND APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR

NORBUT SOLAR FARM, LLC

JULY 29, 2026

I. Applicant

Norbut Solar Farm, LLC is an affiliate of NSF Grant Site 2, LLC; NSF Grant Site 3, LLC; NSF Grant Site 4, LLC; NSF Grant Site 5, LLC; and Thompson Road, LLC (collectively, the “Applicant”).

II. Project Summary

Applicant seeks to construct and operate a 20MW AC ground-mounted commercial solar energy facility (the “Project”) on an existing undeveloped agricultural parcel of approximately 232.46 acres located to the north of Thompson Road and to the east of County Road 2300 (the “Property”). The City of Hoopeston (the “City”) exerts zoning and subdivision jurisdiction over the Property because the Property is both contiguous to the City and located within 1.5 miles of the City’s corporate limits. The Property currently consists of the three distinct tax parcels (03-02-300-003, 03-02-400-001, and 03-02-400-002). Norbut Solar proposes the consolidation of all three tax parcels to create a single 232.46-acre parcel. The Project will consist of four nominally distinct but contiguous 5 MWAC sites, along with associated electric interconnection infrastructure connecting to the local utility power grid. Applicant has the property under contract to purchase.

III. Application

Applicant submitted an electronic application to the City on or about June 12, 2026. The submitted application was reviewed by City consultants. The application was deemed complete and ready for public hearing.

IV. Hearing Process

As required by 65 ILCS 5/11-13-1.1, the City of Hoopeston Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on this matter at City Hall, 301 West Main Street, Hoopeston, Illinois 60942, on July 15, 2026. The application was called for hearing, the Applicant submitted evidence and

was subject to cross examination by the Planning and Zoning Commission and members of the public. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission deliberated as to the issues presented, made Findings of Fact, and made Recommendations to the City Council, as memorialized herein.

The following witnesses testified or provided public comment in this matter:

On behalf of the Applicant:

- Victor Ciaccia, Senior Developer, Norbut Solar Farms
- Mike Elliott, Professional Engineer, Colliers Engineering and Design
- Stew Weiss, attorney for Norbut Solar Farms

Exhibits to the written application and exhibits admitted at the public hearing are as follows:

Applicant Exhibits:

- Exhibit A: NSF Grant- Site Plans
- Exhibit B: NSF Grant- Applicable Legal Standards
- Exhibit C: NSF Grant- Glare Hazard Analysis
- Exhibit D: NSF Grant- Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreements
- Exhibit E: NSF Grant- EcoCat Report
- Exhibit F: NSF Grant- Noise Study
- Exhibit G: NSF Grant- SEIA Property Values Report
- Exhibit H: NSF Grant- Lot Consolidation Plat
- Exhibit I: NSF Grant- Preliminary Stormwater Report

Opposition / Neutral Party Exhibits:

- None

V. Applicable Standards:

The Planning and Zoning Commission has considered the written application, subdivision request, and all evidence in light of the criteria of the Hoopeston Subdivision Ordinance of 1980 and the City of Hoopeston Solar Citing Ordinance adopted on April 2, 2024 and amended June 2, 2026 (the “City of Hoopeston Solar Ordinance”) and which governs the siting of commercial solar energy facilities in the City of Hoopeston, Illinois.

VI. Evidence:

All evidence submitted by written application, written evidence, and oral presentation during the hearing process has been considered, except for that evidence specifically excluded. The oral evidence is reflected in the minutes of the Commission. Documentary evidence and the minutes

are kept by the City of Hoopeston Planning and Zoning Commission, located at the City of Hoopeston City Hall, 301 West Main Street, Hoopeston, Illinois 60942.

VII. Findings of Fact

VII(A) – Assessment of Technical Requirements of the City of Hoopeston Solar Ordinance:

A. Purpose and intent. The purpose of these regulations is to provide a uniform and comprehensive set of standards for the installation and use of CSEFs designed for commercial energy production. The intent of these regulations is to protect the public health, safety, and community welfare while allowing development of solar energy resources for commercial

B. Conditional Use. Commercial Solar Energy Facilities shall only be allowed by Conditional Use Permit within the following districts: Agricultural, Commercial-Business, Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial, and property over which the City of Hoopeston exercises zoning jurisdiction but which is located outside the corporate limits of the City of Hoopeston. CSEF shall be subject to the procedures and standards included in Conditional Uses unless otherwise stated in this chapter. CSEF are prohibited in all Residential and Mobile Home districts. No CSEF may be constructed until receipt of a Conditional Use Permit and receipt of the requisite Building Permit(s) from the City of Hoopeston.

C. General requirements. CSEFs are subject to the following requirements:

(1) Height. Shall not exceed 20 feet at maximum tilt of the solar panel(s).

The Project so complies. The panels will be approximately 11 feet in height at full tilt.

(2) Property size. The property on which the CSEF is to be installed shall be in excess of 15 acres.

The Project so complies. Following approval of the proposed lot combination, the Property will consist of 232.46 acres.

(3) Setbacks.

(a) The CSEF shall be kept 300 feet from the nearest non-participating residence or occupied community building as measured from the foundation to the nearest portion of the exterior of the CSEF. For the purposes of these setback requirements the fence surrounding the CSEF is considered the outermost portion of the CSEF.

The Project so complies. Please refer to the Site Plans (Exhibit A).

(b) The CSEF shall be kept 50 feet from the parcel line of any non-participating parcel.

The Project so complies. Please refer to the Site Plans (Exhibit A).

(c) The CSEF shall be kept at least 600 feet from the corporate limits of the City of Hoopeston.

The Project so complies. Please refer to the Site Plans (Exhibit A).

(d) CSEF shall be kept 100 feet from the nearest outside edge of any right-of-way.

The Project so complies. Please refer to the Site Plans (Exhibit A).

(e) The CSEF shall be kept 50 feet from the parcel line of any non-participating parcel.

The Project so complies. Please refer to the Site Plans (Exhibit A).

(4) Fencing. A fence of at least six feet in height but no greater than eight feet shall enclose the CSEF.

The Project so complies. An eight-foot agricultural perimeter fence is proposed around the facility.

(5) Lighting. If lighting is provided at the project, lighting shall be shielded and downcast such that the light does not spill onto the adjacent parcel. The CSEF shall provide

This standard is not applicable. No lighting is proposed as part of the Project.

(6) Installation and design. The CSEF shall be designed and located in order to prevent glare toward any inhabited buildings on adjacent properties as well as adjacent highways.

The Project so complies. The panels will be treated with an anti-reflective coating. Please also refer to the Glare Hazard Analysis (Exhibit C), which concludes that the Project “is not predicted to produce glare impacts at any surrounding receptor, roadway, or the adjacent railway, and no mitigation or further screening is required.”

(7) Outdoor storage. Only the outdoor storage of materials, vehicles, and equipment that directly support the operation and maintenance of the solar farm shall be allowed.

The Project so complies. No outdoor storage of materials, vehicles, or equipment other than those directly supporting the operation and maintenance of the Project is proposed.

- (8) Proof an Agriculture Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA) has been executed with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, or a similar agreement has been executed with the City. The City may require additional Decommissioning requirements pursuant to the provisions of this Section.**

The Project so complies. Copies of Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreements executed by Norbut are included as Exhibit D.

- (9) In all undeveloped areas, the CSEF project owner/operator will be required to complete a consultation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) through the Department's online EcoCat program. The cost of this consultation shall be at the owner/operator's expense. The final certificate from the EcoCat shall be provided to the City of Hoopeston before any public hearing on the Conditional Use Permit occurs.**

The Project so complies. A copy of the EcoCat Report is included as Exhibit E.

- (10) “(blank)”**

N/A, no response required.

- (11) Vegetative screening. The entirety of the CSEF shall be enclosed with a living buffer of evergreen or conifer trees that must be planted prior the commercial operation of the CSEF and will meet or exceed the height of the solar panels and all facilities equipment, including fencing within 3 years of planting. Additionally, the Applicant/ Owner must comply with any screening requirements of any conditions. An alternative buffer may also be considered, if approved by the City Council. Earth berms or other topographical features and existing wooded areas may be accepted in lieu or in combination of the above requirements, if they conceal the use from public view and are maintained.**

The Project so complies. Vegetative screening along the western and southern boundaries of the Property will consist of evergreen trees in accordance with the City's Solar Law and will be supplemented by existing vegetative cover. The Project will be screened from adjacent residences and along the portions of the Project visible from the City.

- (12) Variance. If any of the specifications described in cannot be complied with, the owner/operator must apply for and receive a variance prior to receipt of any Building Permit(s) related to the CSEF.**

Acknowledged. No response required. The Project is compliant with all standards.

Petition. The petition for a Conditional Use permit for a Commercial Solar Energy Facility shall include:

- (1) A written summary of the project, including a general description of the project, including its approximate generating capacity.**

Norbut Solar Farms proposes to construct a 20 MW(AC) solar facility consisting of four nominally distinct but contiguous sites. The proposal includes the combination of three separate tax parcels, to create a single 232.46 acre parcel. The site currently consists of agricultural fields and wooded areas. Improvements include a gravel access road, perimeter fencing, stormwater management features, and the solar panels with supporting electrical equipment. All areas within the site will be seeded utilizing a vegetative seeding mixture intended for use with Solar Farm projects. PV panels will be mounted on racking systems and the solar facility will be connected to the electrical grid. The Project will deliver clean, emission free, renewable energy to the adjacent high-voltage electrical grid.

- (2) The name(s), address(s), and phone number(s) of the owner and/or CSEF operator.**

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Ph: 585-504-2204
Email: victor@norbutsolarfarms.com

- (2) The site plans required to be submitted with the building permit application.**

The Site Plans are included as Exhibit A of the Application.

- (3) All other information contained in the City Zoning Code as may be required to file a petition.**

The Applicant has provided all information required by the City Zoning Code that is applicable to the proposed Project. The Applicant can provide additional information upon request.

- (4) Sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the City of Hoopeston Zoning Code and the provisions of this Section.**

Evidence of compliance with the requirements of the Zoning Code is included herein as Exhibit B.

VII(B) – Compliance with Conditional Use Standards:

The following factors are applied. An applicant need not satisfy all requirements in order to obtain approval of the Conditional Use Request.

A. Is deemed necessary for the public convenience at that location;

The proposed use will generate clean, renewable electricity that supports the State's renewable energy objectives while providing additional energy resources to the local utility grid. The location of the Property is appropriate for the Project, as it provides an interconnection point to the local utility grid, as approved by Ameren, which enables the electricity generated by the Project to be delivered to the local distribution system. In addition, the Property contains sufficient area to accommodate the Project while fully complying with the City's zoning, setback, and dimensional requirements.

B. Is so designed, located, and proposed to be operated that the public health, safety, and welfare will be protected;

Solar panels are comprised of non-toxic materials, and the Project will be constructed and operated in accordance with all applicable electrical and fire safety codes. In addition, the Glare Hazard Analysis (Exhibit C) concluded that the Project is not predicted to produce glare impacts at any surrounding receptor, roadway, or the adjacent railway, and that no mitigation or additional screening is required. The Noise Study (Exhibit F) likewise concluded that the Project will not result in adverse noise impacts. Accordingly, the Project will operate safely and compatibly with surrounding uses.

C. Will not cause substantial injury to the value of the property in the neighborhood in which it is located; and,

The proposed use will not cause substantial injury to the value of neighboring properties. The Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) has conducted studies across the United States that have evaluated the effect of large-scale solar energy facilities on property values. Their report, included with this Application as Exhibit G, concluded that there is no negative impact to property values resulting from the construction of solar facilities.

D. Falls generally within the parameters established in Section 17.52, principal uses permitted, Table One.

The proposed use is permitted on “property over which the City of Hoopeston exercises zoning jurisdiction but which is located outside the corporate limits of the City of Hoopeston” upon issuance of a Conditional Use Permit by the City Council.

VII(B) – Compliance with Subdivision Standards and Requirements:

The Applicant has provided a “Plat of Norbut Solar Farm” consisting of one sheet, prepared by ASM Consultants, Inc. of Batavia, Illinois, (“Preliminary Plat” attached as Exhibit H) which depicts the Property to be consolidated into a single 232.461 acre lot. The Plat Officer has determined that the Preliminary Plat includes all required elements set forth in Section 16.24.020 of the Hoopeston Subdivision Ordinance of 1980 (“Subdivision Ordinance”).

VIII. Findings and Recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning and Zoning Commission, based on the written application, the testimony, and other evidence submitted during the hearing process, the City of Hoopeston Planning and Zoning Commission finds that the Applicant HAS MET the criteria established by the City of Hoopeston Solar Ordinance, and therefore RECOMMENDS APPROVAL of the Applicant’s Conditional Use Permit Application, subject to the recommended conditions as attached hereto as Appendix A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Planning and Zoning Commission, based on the written application, the testimony, and other evidence submitted during the hearing process, the City of Hoopeston Planning and Zoning Commission finds that the Applicant HAS MET the criteria established by the Subdivision Ordinance, and therefore APPROVES the Preliminary Plat.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the City of Hoopeston Planning and Zoning Commission, on this 29 day of July, 2026.

PRESENT:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

Chairperson, Cody Moore
City of Hoopeston Planning and Zoning
Commission

EXHIBIT B
CITY OF HOOPESTON, ILLINOIS
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
NORBUT SOLAR FARMS, LLC

Approved by Planning and Zoning Commission on 07/29/2026

Approved by City Council on _____

In addition to all necessary requirements imposed by any applicable law or Ordinance, the Applicant, Owner and/or Operator shall abide by the following conditions (the “Conditions”).

For the purposes of these Conditions, “Ordinance” when capitalized and in the singular shall mean the “City of Hoopeston Commercial Solar Siting Ordinance” adopted on or about April 2, 2024, and amended June 2, 2026.

The term “Project” herein shall refer to the “Commercial Solar Energy Facility” (as defined by the Ordinance) applied for in the City of Hoopeston, Illinois, by Norbut Solar Farm, LLC and its affiliates NSF Grant Site 2, LLC; NSF Grant Site 3, LLC; NSF Grant Site 4, LLC; NSF Grant Site 5, LLC; and Thompson Road, LLC (collectively, the “Applicant”). The Commercial Solar Energy Facility application bears a date of June 12, 2026 (the “Application”). The Application was the subject of a public hearing date of July 15, 2026.

The “Project” is an up to 20 MW AC (“Nameplate Capacity”) Commercial Solar Energy Facility that consists of four nominally distinct but contiguous 5 MW AC sites, along with associated electric interconnection infrastructure connecting to the local utility power grid. The Project includes all equipment utilized in the operation of the Commercial Solar Energy Facility, including non-essential equipment and vegetation.

1. Special Use Permit

No expansion of the layout or any increase in the Nameplate Capacity of the Project is permitted without seeking and obtaining an amended Conditional Use Permit which shall be subject to a public hearing as required by 65 ILCS 5/11-13-1.1.

2. Commencement of Construction

Applicant shall apply for a Commercial Solar Energy Facility Building Permit(s) (“Building Permit”) in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance. Once a building permit is issued, the Applicant shall have twelve (12) months to begin construction of the Project. The Project shall be substantially completed within twenty-four (24) months of the City’s issuance of the Building Permit for the Project, subject to force majeure and any extensions as may be granted by the City.

3. Term

The term of the Conditional Use Permit shall be 40 years beginning with the Commercial Operation Date.

4. Building Permit(s) and Certificate of Completion

The City and the Applicant hereby agree to the Building Permit fee of \$2,500 per MW of Nameplate Capacity (as stated in the Solar Ordinance) as of the date of issuance of the Conditional Use Permit.

An operations plan ("Operations Plan") shall be filed with the City once the Project has achieved its Commercial Operations Date. The Operations Plan shall contain information on monitoring, preventative maintenance best practices, corrective maintenance best practices, safety training, and an Emergency Response Plan. A copy of the Operations Plan shall be provided to all local emergency responders.

5. Property Legal Descriptions

Prior to the Commercial Operations Date, the Applicant shall provide to the County of Vermilion and the City of Hoopeston a property description for those portions of the parcel which are occupied by the Commercial Solar Energy Facility.

6. Construction Hours

Construction activities for the initial construction of the Project shall be performed according to the following schedule, absent written consent of the City Administrator charged with responsibility of enforcing the Ordinances of the City:

- a. Commence no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and cease by 8:00 p.m. during the calendar period Monday through Saturday; however, piles shall not be driven after 6:00 p.m. or on Sundays; and
- b. On twenty-four hours' notice to the City, the Applicant may work Sundays, provided that work may commence no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and shall cease no later than 6:00 p.m.
- c. Emergency construction or repairs may occur at any time.
- d. The provisions of Paragraph 6(a) and 6(b) do not apply to maintenance activities after the Commercial Operation Date.

7. Utilization of Local Contractors

The Applicant agrees to make a good faith effort to engage with local contractors for job opportunities related to the construction and operation of the Project. Local Contractors shall mean those contractors with offices located in Vermilion County, Illinois or within 50 miles of the City of Hoopeston. Applicant shall provide the City with a list of all contractors working on the Project during the construction of the Project.

8. Vegetation and Ground Cover and Weed Control

All vegetation and weeds shall be maintained in accordance with the Ordinance.

9. Vegetative Screening and Fencing

All vegetative screening shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the approved site plan of the Applicant. Specifically, vegetative screening shall be planted on the western and southern boundaries of the Property. Should any portions of vegetative screening to be planted by the Applicant be removed or die off, the Applicant shall provide new plantings in their place.

10. Road Use Agreements

Prior to the issuance of Building Permits, the Applicant shall enter into a “Road Use Agreement” with the local road authorities (if required by local road authorities) whose roads will be used and post financial assurances to such road authorities in accordance with the Ordinance.

11. Decommissioning and Security

Prior to the issuance of the Building Permits, the Applicant shall enter into a Decommissioning Agreement, agreed upon Decommissioning Plan, and post the agreed upon Financial Assurances for the Decommissioning of the Project in accordance with the Solar Ordinance and the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreements.

12. Coordination with Emergency Responders

The Applicant shall coordinate with all local emergency response agencies to provide training for emergency response to solar projects available at no cost to emergency service agencies with jurisdiction over the Project. If additional equipment is reasonably necessary for local emergency response agencies to adequately respond to an emergency at the Project, the Applicant will cooperate in good faith to assist in providing such equipment. The Applicant shall cooperate with all local emergency response agencies to develop and maintain an emergency response plan.

13. Validity of Conditions and Ordinance

Upon application for a Building Permit(s), the Applicant shall be deemed to have accepted the conditions set forth herein and in the Ordinance.

14. Site Debris and Dust Control

During construction and operation, the Applicant shall reasonably keep the Project clear of debris and garbage, including areas within the Project fencing and vegetative screening areas.

During construction and operation of the Project, the Applicant shall employ dust control measures on site to minimize dust. Prior to the issuance of the Building Permit(s), the Applicant shall provide

the City with information setting forth the dust control measures that the Applicant expects to utilize during construction and operation.

15. Glare Mitigation

To the extent that glare issues are identified during construction or commercial operation of the Project, the Applicant shall investigate such issues and take commercially reasonable steps to mitigate the same in coordination with the City.

16. Financial Ability to Complete the Project

Prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for the Project, the Applicant shall provide to the City evidence of financial ability to construct and operate the Project.

17. Compliance with IDNR and USFWS

Applicant shall comply with all Illinois Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requirements regarding the Project.

18. Lighting

All Project lighting shall be installed, operated, and maintained to ensure no light is cast upon any adjacent parcels.

19. Battery Storage

The Project does not include any Battery Energy Storage System (“BESS”) and no such component shall be included in the Project without seeking and obtaining an amended Conditional Use Permit and Building Permit which shall be subject to a public hearing as required by 65 ILCS 5/11-13-1.1.

20. Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Applicant shall be responsible for advising all contractors and sub-contractors of the Ordinance requirements and these Conditions, and shall be responsible for ensuring adherence thereto. Applicant shall be responsible for all corrective actions necessary for adherence to the provisions of the Ordinance and these Conditions. Applicant shall be responsible for any financial penalties related to the violation of the Ordinance and these Conditions.

21. Construction Communications

Applicant shall maintain a website or other social media presence (“Internet Account”) throughout the initial construction phase of the Project. The Internet Account shall be used to provide the community with periodic updates on the status of construction and any anticipated traffic disruption.

22. Final Plat Submission

Within one year of the approval of the Preliminary Plat, the Applicant shall submit a Final Plat of Consolidation to the City in compliance with Chapter 16.24 of the Subdivision Ordinance. Approval of the Preliminary Plat and the plat of subdivision for the Property will be made by a separate resolution of the City Council.

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