REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

7:00 PM-CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Carter called meeting to order at 7:00 pm following the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL-The following 7 alderpersons were present: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Lawson, Mayor Carter and Trish Stebbins. Absent :Scharlach, and Clerk Hardcastle. City Attorney Eric Eves was present via Zoom.

III. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Alderman Garrett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman McElhaney seconded the motion. A voice vote was held, all seven alderpersons voted yes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING – Alderman Garrett moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2026, City Council meeting. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. A voice vote was held, all seven alderpersons voted yes.

V. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Alderman McElhaney moved to approve the payment of the city's bills. Alderman K. Ferrel; seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Lawson-Nays: None-Absent: Scharlach) and all bills were approved 7-0.

VI. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None

VII. PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL – None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT-None

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Alderman McElhaney moved to enter executive session followed by Alderwoman K. Ferrell seconded for the Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)- Discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K.Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, McElhaney, Porth, Lawson-Nays: none-Absent: Scharlach) and the council went into executive session at 7:04 pm.

b. Alderman Garrett moved to exit the executive session. Alderman Eyrich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garett, McElhaney, Porth, Lawson-Nays:0, Absent: Scharlach) and the council exited executive session at 7:20 pm.

X. X. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a. EYRICH

1.nothing to report

b. K. FERRELL

i. RECYCLING EVENTS – Alderwoman K. Ferrell advised that the tire collection was held on October 10, 2026, from 9am-12pm at the park shop. Not many tires were collected. The amount was smaller then normal

c. M. FERRELL

i. ORDINANCE WAIVING BIDS FOR SKATEPARK EXPANSION 2027-11- Alderman M. Ferrell moved to approve the ordinance. Alderwoman Lawson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth-Nays:None-Absent: Scharlach) the ordinance was approved 7-0

ii.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SILVER BROTHERS FOR SKATEPARK EXPANSION 2027-15-Alderman M. Ferrell moved to approve the resolution. Alderwoman Lawson seconded the motions. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Garrett, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth-Nays:None,Absent: Scharlach) the ordinance was approved 7-0

d. GARRETT

i. Nothing to report.

e. LAWSON

i. Welcomed Noah Howell as newest Police Officer. There is one in PTI training as well.

f. MCELHANEY

i. ALLEY CLEAN UP-announced alley cleanup has started. Advised to please put yard waste in alley not up in the yards.

g. PORTH

i. Nothing to report

h. SCHARLACH

i. absent

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL-Mayor Carter reminded everyone that the first meeting in November is on Monday November 2, not Tuesday due to election.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS-None

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS-

i. Reminding that Spooktacular is on Monday October 26 and for everyone to stay safe and keep any eye out for anybody walking, on bikes, or skateboards.

ii. Reminder of the time change.

XV. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

i. Acton (Essex) is more than one week away so if anyone has anything they would like to report to Attorney Steve Beckett or Attorney Eric Eves they were advised to get in contact with them.

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 7-1 Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Stebbins