REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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, Lawson, McElhaney, Porth, and Scharlach. Mayor Carter and Clerk Hardcastle were also present. Eric Eves was present on Zoom.

III. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Alderman Scharlach moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman M. Ferrell 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 minutes of the previous council meeting. Alderman Porth seconded the motion. A voice vote was held, all voting yes.

V. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Alderman Eyrich 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, 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

a. Alderwoman Lawson moved to go into executive session to discuss litigation. 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 council entered executive session at 7:02 pm.

b. Alderman Garrett moved to exit executive session. 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 council exited executive session at 7:23 pm.

X. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a. EYRICH

i. BACK TO WORK – Alderman Eyrich reported that Water Department Superintendent Richard Capellano is back at work fulltime after his transplant.

b. K. FERRELL

i. Nothing to report.

c. M. FERRELL

i. Nothing to report.

d. GARRETT

i. Nothing to report.

e. LAWSON

i. CONDOLENCES – Alderwoman Lawson expressed her condolences to the family of Jordan Crook who recently passed away. Jordan covered the Hoopeston community for many years as a reporter for the Hoopeston Chronicle.

f. MCELHANEY

i. Nothing to report.

g. PORTH

i. Nothing to report.

h. SCHARLACH

i. Nothing to report.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

a. Clerk Hardcastle reminded everyone that November 16 is the first day to turn in petitions to get on the ballot for the spring Consolidated Election. The last day to turn in petition packets is November 23.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – None

XIV. MAYOR COMMENTS

a. CITY LIMITS ON THOMPSON AVE – Mayor Carter asked Eric Eves for an update on this. Eric advised that he does not have a firm answer yet but hopes to have an answer in the next week or so.

b. SPOOKTACULAR – Mayor Carter thanked everyone who made the downtown Spooktacular a success.

c. HOOPESTON COMMERCIAL – Alderman Garrett asked Mayor Carter who was behind the recent commercials about Hoopeston that were being aired on WCIA. Mayor Carter answered that the Hoopeston Development Committee paid for the ads.

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE ATTORNEY

a. UPDATES – Erice Eves advised that he would have more updates regarding the demolition cases and the employee handbook at the next council meeting.

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 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Hardcastle
City Clerk