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Ambulance purchased with grant funds to be bought by city

Hoopeston officials plan to purchase an ambulance bought by Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

The \$84,500 ambulance, purchased by the hospital with a grant from Southern Illinois University, will be purchased by the city when the hospital provides documentation that the university is aware the hospital planned to turn the vehicle over to the city.

Under the ambulance service contract between the hospital and city, the city retains ownership of the ambulances said hospital board chairman Russ Leigh at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Ambulance committee chairman Alderman Don York said the ambulance was purchased by the hospital because the grant, which the city was not eligible to apply for, covered the cost. Also, he said, an ambulance purchased through the normal bidding process would have cost more than \$100,000.

By paying for the ambulance, the city keeps some of the \$103,000 earmarked for a new ambulance and the hospital gets money to help its cash flow.

The council unanimously approved buying the ambulance after it receives a letter from Southern Illinois University.

In unrelated action, the council discussed several road and street issues.

Engineer Jay Dingee of Sodeman & Associates, said three bids were received for the 2002-03 street improvement project, which includes resurfacing the east end of Main and one block of Fourth St.

The low bid was from Cross Construction of Urbana, for \$117,777.50, \$19,000 under the estimated project cost, Dingee said.

The bid is expected to be approved at the April 16 council meeting.

In related discussion, Alderman Rod Kaag,

street/alley committee chairman, said specifications for the city's sidewalk program will be available at city hall until May 6. Bids will be opened at 5 p.m. during a committee meeting on that date.

The council then approved spending additional money on a dump truck to cover the cost of adding a plow.

The council had already approved \$56,000 for the truck but during recent snow storms, "one of our plows basically disintegrated," Kaag said. To put a plow on the dump truck will cost about \$200 over the \$60,000 budgeted for a truck, he said.

In the last action, Kaag recommended the city move forward on the final phase of repairs to the new landfill road next to Casey's General Store on Rt. 9. Bids will be accepted on the work, which is estimated to cost about \$80,000.

In unrelated business, the council:

- discussed a drug policy to cover new hires and existing employees. The cost would be \$42 per random test and \$64 for new hires, said Alderman Kevin Davis. The proposed policy includes city officials but city attorney William Nelson said the policy, which includes termination for positive drug tests, needs to be reexamined since officials cannot be fired. Davis said he would consult Midwest Service Corporation, a drug testing company, about the problem.

- gave its blessing to a request from the Visioning for the Future committee to apply for a \$25,000 Community Development Assistance Program grant. Only governmental agencies may apply for the grants. If approved, grant money is expected to be used for an economic mapping program as well as a Peace Corps Fellowship program.

- learned signs may be placed on Rtes. 1 and 9 directing traffic to Hoopeston Community Memorial

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Obituaries

FANNING - Alvin F. Fanning,83, of Milford, died at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 31, 2002 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church, Milford. Burial with military rites will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, and will be one hour before services Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Milford Ambulance Fund, Milford Bearcat Boosters or Iroquois Memorial Hospital.

GROGAN - Teresa Ann Grogan, 91, of Tucson, Ariz., died at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2, 2002 at Country Living Adult Care Home in Tucson. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Dunnington, Ind. Burial will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Dunnington. Visitation will be one hour before services Saturday at the church. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Association.

- Across
1. Wyeth's field

4. Patty Cake, for one

7. Talented

11. Mutt

12. Undisguised

14. Siouan Indian

15. Comes forth

17. Custody

18. Elegant

19. Fills too full

21. The things here

23. Peasants

24. Somewhat

25. Avarice

26. Scrutinize

27. Spends (money)

28. Humbug!
31. Bank deals

32. 60 mph wind

33. Meager

35. Completely

36. Set of bells

37. Cash tray

38. It 'springs eternal'

39. Levels of command

43. Kiln

44. Word with 'food' or 'music'

45. 'Wait ____ the Sun Shines Nellie'

46. Adam or Mae

47. Unconventional

48. Mata Hari, for example
- Down
1. Coveted 'hole' card

Police News

Anthony J. Chandler, 20, of 719 S. Fifth St., turned himself in to police at 4:50 p.m. Monday. Chandler, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$200 cash bond.

Robin N. Irvin, 21, of 631 E. McCracken, was arrested at 8:50 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of West Main. She was charged with driving on suspension, no insurance, speeding and disobeying a stop sign. Police said Irvin was first in the 300 block of North Market and tried to elude officers. Irvin was released on \$200 cash bond.

A **44-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone took a boy’s red Next Generation Wipeout bicycle from her yard, in the 900 block of West Penn.

A **64-year-old** man reported Tuesday that someone took a framing gun from his shed or the back of his truck. The theft occurred in the 400 block of North Third St.

Weather

Mostly cloudy, flurries possible today. High 40. Tonight, clear. Low 25. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 45, low 28.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoop-**

2. Island drink

3. Big-top gear

4. Degrade

5. Course taken

6. Bard's 'before'

7. Harmony

8. Noisy quarrel

9. Tennyson and Byron

10. Cote members

13. Shuns

16. Like Parker

20. Regrets

21. Article

22. Farm crop

23. Hag
25. Part of the crystal

27. Fill with ennui

28. Nov. 2 returns

29. Everything

30. You there!

31. Mourn

32. Cheat

33. Push

34. Conduits

35. Plain

36. Breed of dog

37. Heavy blow

40. Dove's call

41. Pinch

42. Crafty

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LOST & FOUND

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