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Council approves development estimates for TIF district

The firm working to develop the corner of Rtes. 1 and 9 could get as much as \$1,285,000 in reimbursed costs.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved documents outlining reimbursable costs for Hoopeston IL Rx, LLC, a Chicago-area development company. Timothy Gallagher, of Gallagher Commercial, is listed as the head of the development company.

Estimated eligible project costs include land acquisition, \$360,000; site preparation, \$485,000; demolition, \$150,000; planning and engineering, \$50,000; legal, \$45,000; accounting, \$10,000; marketing, \$25,000; other professional fees, \$10,000; public infrastructure improvements \$75,000; utilities extension, \$50,000; and miscellaneous, \$25,000.

The council also approved a division of TIF funds at 70 percent to the developer and 30 percent to the city, based on a recommendation by consultant Dan Walker with Tom Jacobs & Associates of Bloomington.

As TIF funds accumulate, created by the difference in the base tax rate and subsequent increases caused by development or other factors, money will be put in a special TIF fund. The developer will receive 70 percent of eligible costs, up to the maximum \$1,285,000

and the city will receive 30 percent for its use.

In other business, the city may be willing to give the Willdon Building to a company that will bring jobs to Hoopeston.

The building is expected to be advertised in the Chicago Tribune, said Alderman Bill Goodwine, city finance committee chairman. Companies interested in the building must submit sealed bids with a business plan, number of jobs to be created and other information. If that does not work, Goodwine said, the city will seek bids to sell the building.

The council also:

- approved a one-year lease with the Vermilion County Health Department for space in the Willdon building for \$12,000. The previous lease had ben for \$10,208.
- learned the city is approved spending \$6,000 on new cabinets for the Market St. fire station from Country Cabinets of Hoopeston.
- approved spending a maximum \$4,300 for the annual audit, done by Russ Leigh & Associates.
- learned applications are being accepted for swim team coach, pool manager and lifeguards. Applications are available at city hall.



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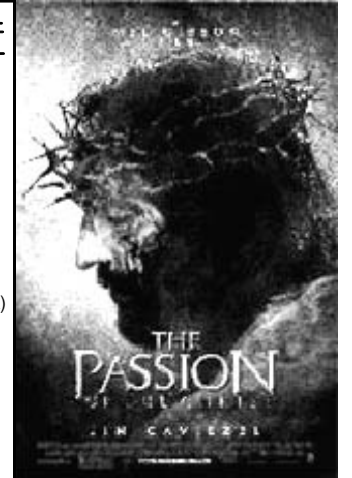
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Police News

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Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident that occurred sometime Saturday at 1023 W. Main. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1999 Pontiac owned by Donald Christensen of Hoopeston.

An **82-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Monday that someone broke a window at his home in the 700 block of East Wyman.

Rossville board approves changes in water testing facilities

ROSSVILLE—The village board on Monday approved changing water testing facilities, a move designed to save money.

In a meeting reconvened from Feb. 16, the board unanimously approved having testing done by PDC Laboratories of Peoria at an annual cost of \$1,263. Testing had been done by the Illinois EPA lab at a cost of \$3,052 per year.

In related action, the board unanimously approved purchasing a new piece of water-testing equipment. The Lamont Smart Two Color Meter can perform all needed tests, said trustee Richard Birkey, chairman of

Obituaries

BROWN - Delbert V. Brown, Jr., 54, of Hoopeston, died at 11:58 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004 at home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.



Hubbard Trail Country Club

is now open to the public for golf and Friday night dinners

Joshua J. Edwards, 26, of 816 E. Main, was arrested at 1:05 p.m. Monday in the 800 block of East Main. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 21-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged that Edwards pushed her.

Edwards was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

the village water committee.

Finally, the board, in a 5-1 vote, approved amending the ordinance concerning special uses of water. Birkey said the committee recommended leaving the \$200 fee for up to 60,000 gallons but added a provision to allow the mayor and water chairman to allow special fees in special circumstances.

Trustee Mark Catron voted against the amendment. At the Feb. 16 meeting, Catron said he prefers a list of gallons used and amount charged.

The board had hoped to pass intergovernmental agreements with taxing bodies concerning Tax Increment Financing funds that will be declared surplus. However, the agreement between the village and school district was not ready in time for the meeting. A special meeting may be called when the agreement is ready.

Weather

Chance of showers today and tonight. High 49, low 40. Tomorrow, thunderstorms likely. High 55, low 40.

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Jamie E. Moore, 27, of 416 S. Market, was arrested at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the 600 block of South Fourth St. Moore, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for probation violation, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

Classifieds

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Day and evening cooks needed. Apply in person at Tater's Bar & Grill, 225 E. Main, Hoopeston.

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Hoopeston Public Library has the following surplus items for sale by sealed bid: wood shelving, filing cabinets, small shelf-top rotary book displays, secretarial task chairs. Items are on display in the library board room. A bid list may be picked up at the library front desk. Sealed bids are due no later than March 12 at 5 p.m. Bids will be opened March 12 at 5 p.m. The library reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

RUMMAGE SALES

623 W. Washington, Hoopeston (in alley). Saturday, 7-5. 3 families, power tools, assorted sizes adult clothing, gas heaters, wood burning stove, ping pong table, lawn tools, craft items.

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