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Re-elected aldermen, from left, Ed Lotz, Nancy Stipp, Jerry Yonkers and Brandon Hamilton are sworn in by city Clerk Louise Barten during Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Hoopeston budget includes increases in water, sewer rates

Hoopeston residents will soon be paying more for water and sewer rates.

At Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting, aldermen approved the 2007-08 budget, which includes a 7.5 percent increase in those rates.

Those increases, and a planned hike in garbage rates, are expected to generate \$155,000, said Alderman Bill Crusinberry, water/sewer committee chairman.

The water and sewer departments' budgets show a \$170,000 loss in income, Crusinberry said, adding that the loss was somewhat offset by cuts of a full time wa-

ter/sewer employee and one water department billing clerk.

The water and sewer departments have run a deficit the last four out of five years, causing the city to use up much of the departments' reserve funds, he said. Also, refurbishing the ground and aerial water storage tanks is estimated to cost about \$500,000.

In related business, the council approved a \$20,800 bid from Goodrum Well Drilling to cap four wells on properties adjacent to the site of the planned motel and

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Budget continued from other side

dig one new one. The council also approved tentative agreements with each of the property owners, including Terry Buhrmester, Allen Decker/Gene Beckner and Hooterville Broadcasting.

Hotel developer Bhupendra Naik is unwilling to build a motel until he receives a No Further Remediation letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The letter would state that no further work needs to be done on the property regarding potential hazards. The IEPA will issue an NFR letter when wells have been capped.

In unrelated business, City Clerk Louise Barten will resign effective June 1, citing personal reasons. Barten was elected to the position about two years ago.

At the June 4 meeting, the council is expected to name Gail Lane as clerk. Lane previously served as clerk about six years ago.

Accepting the position will leave a vacancy on the council for Lane's Ward 1 seat. That vacancy is expected to be filled by Charles Davis.

In other action, the council:

Obituaries

BIRD - Karen S. Bird, 57, of Paxton, formerly of Hoopeston died at 1 p.m. Monday, May 14, 2007 at Gibson Area Hospital, Gibson City. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at First Christian Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Illinois Knights Templar Home, Paxton or Multiple Sclerosis Society. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

VFW May Flea Market
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● Approved the new budget, which has a net income of \$23,961, said Alderman Bill Goodwine. The budget has increased income of \$138,000, slightly less than 10 percent, including projected increases in sales, income and telecommunication taxes. Expenses increased by about \$119,000, Goodwine said.

● Announced Marta Pierce was hired as a new water billing clerk and Ron Clayburn as a season water/sewer department worker.

● Accepted a \$12,500 bid from Alvin Fence for a fence around McFerren Park and a \$5,098 bid from Hamilton Lawn Care for weed spraying in city parks.

● Heard from Alderman Ed Lotz, police committee chairman, that several residents have protested loud car stereos and are willing to sign complaints. Lotz said police will begin writing tickets for the offense.

Police News

Aaron W. Gress, 20, of 1006 W. Main, turned himself in to police at 3 p.m. Tuesday. Gress, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for criminal trespass to property, was released on \$300 cash bond.

An employee of Hoopeston Foods, 215 W. Washington, reported at 6:25 a.m. Wednesday that some cut a hydraulic hose on a piece of farm equipment. The damage occurred between Thursday and Wednesday.

Weather

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RUMMAGE SALES
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 517 E. Seminary, Hoopeston. Fri., 7-noon. Children's clothes 18 mos-5T, women's professional golf attire sizes 0-12, much misc.
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