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Hoopeston council to consider harder line with hooligans

Youngsters who damage city property may have a harder line taken with them.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Alderman Carl Ankenbrand, parks committee chairman, said juveniles have caused further damage at McFerren Park, including vandalizing the Hoopeston Civic Center. Previous damage included bathroom sinks being broken off, bathroom stalls removed and trees destroyed.

"There are some people in the community asking what we're going to do about it," Ankenbrand said, wondering whether new ordinances are needed.

He and city attorney Paul Manion are expected to

meet this week to review existing ordinances and discuss the problem.

In unrelated action, the city's cemetery committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday to discuss a problem between the widows of husbands whose graves abut each other at Floral Hill Cemetery.

At the May 19 meeting, the council heard from Wendy Miller, who said she is unable to mourn at her husband's grave due to decorations on another grave.

Tuesday night, Vicki Wood, owner of the grave mentioned, spoke at the council meeting, telling them a bench Miller complained about has been removed but other people still have benches. "I was told after Memorial Day, the city would send letters to remove benches, but nobody's was except mine," Wood said. "May I put my things back?"

In answer to her question, Mayor Bill Crusinberry referred the matter to the cemetery committee to review cemetery rules and "try to leave no gray areas."

In other action, the council:

• Approved rezoning 503 N. Tenth Ave. from R3 to B1, which will allow Olympic Hardware to construct a building there.

See COUNCIL on other side

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Council continued from other side

- Approved a \$5,830 bid from Jackson Quality Construction to reroof the Girl Scout House.
- Heard from Economic Developer Dana Goodrum that a No Further Remediation letter for the site of a planned motel should arrive by the end of this week or early next week. The letter will allow the developer to receive funding and move forward with the project.
- Goodrum also reminded residents of the informal infrastructure open forum to be held from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at city hall. The meeting is to allow residents to voice concerns or complaints about water, sewer or sanitary sewer issues.
- Heard from Frances Dunn of the 400 block of North Market, about flooding at her home, including 32" of water in her basement last month. "It's done this ever since I've lived there, and I've lived there many years," she said.

Weather



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