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City council approves nearly \$100,000 in street projects

Streets throughout Hoopeston will get a facelift under the 2011-12 Motor Fuel Tax program.

Ribbe Trucking submitted the only bid for the work. The \$99,998.28 bid was higher than the \$95,360 engineer's estimate, but is within the five percent tolerance level, said Alderman Randy Carter, street/alley committee chairman.

Areas that will receive BAM and seal coat include the entrance of Parkview Court and the post office alley. Prime and seal coat will be placed on Penn east of Euclid and the parking lot at the city maintenance building.

Streets to be seal coated include College Way from Main to Penn; Third Ave. from Main to Penn and Orange to Washington; Chestnut from Sixth Ave. to Fifth Ave., Third Ave. to Second Ave., and Sixth St. to Seventh St.; Sixth St. from Orange to Chestnut; Seventh St. from Thompson to McNeil; Fifth St., from Thompson to Wyman; Fourth St. From Thompson to Wyman; and Wyman from Seventh St. to Fifth St. and Fifth St. to Market.

Carter said there is a sense of urgency to get the projects going so they may be completed before Labor Day.

In other business, Alderwoman Sue Comstock told the council she will expect a vote on the façade program at the next meeting.

Under the program, 50-50 grants (up to \$5,000) are available to business owners to update the façades of their storefronts.

Some businesses applied for the program last year but did not receive a response from the city, Comstock said. One of those, Pizza King, submitted an application but received no response. Owners invested about \$5,000 in updating their façade, she said, adding she would like to see the company get a “stipend payment” for their efforts. “That’s just something I’ll throw out there now

and we’ll discuss it next time,” she said.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand, parks committee chairman. “I would like to ask citizens, please don’t trash our parks,” he said.
- Approved the employee wage ordinance, which gives city workers a 30 cent per hour raise. That does not apply to the police department which has a union contract.
- Heard from Mayor Crusinberry about forms available at city hall which will allow residents to submit possible sites for Vermilion County Health Department’s brown-fields grant.

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A 17-year-old Hoopeston boy was arrested after an incident at 12:05 a.m. Tuesday. He was charged with theft on a complaint from a 29-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged the boy stole a bicycle from the 400 block of West Washington. He was released to a parent on a notice to appear in Hoopeston court.

— **Briefly** —

VBS
Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene will host "Mission to M.A.R.S." vacation Bible school from 6-8 p.m. July 10-13. Children ages three-sixth grade are welcome.
For information or a ride, call (217) 283-9771.

Cookout fundraiser
Hoopeston Jaycees will hold a summer cookout from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday at Hoopeston IGA. Proceeds benefit Jaycees programs such as underprivileged children's Christmas, Hoopeston Area High School post prom, Toys for Kids and the Easter

Police News

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Joshua Edwards, 39, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 8:34 p.m. Tuesday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/bond return hearing, he was released on \$375 bond with a new court date.
A 53-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 8:50

egg hunt.


Ground breaking ceremony
First Church of God will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Sunday for the church's expansion project. Everyone is invited!

Obituaries

FIALA - Rosalind Fiala, 52, of Hoopeston, died at 10:26 a.m. Monday, July 4, 2011, at home. Cremation rites will be accorded. There will be no service at this time. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, was in charge of arrangements.

GUTHRIE - Jill J. (Johnson) Guthrie, 54, formerly of Rankin and East Lynn, died at 2:33 p.m. Saturday, July 2, 2011, in Danville Ind., after an auto accident. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bowman Avenue United Methodist Church, Danville, Ill. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 9:30-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Jill Guthrie Memorial Fund, c/o Robison Chapel in Catlin.

THORNSBROUGH - Vernice L. Thornsborough, 83, of Danville, died at 12:57 a.m. Monday, July 4, 2011, at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Cremation rites will be accorded. Grave-side service will be at a later date. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, was in charge of arrangements.

Weather 

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