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Hoopeston council raises water rate, OKs hikes for 5 years

Hoopeston residents can look forward to water rate increases over the next five years.

At Tuesday's meeting, Hoopeston City Council approved a \$3.23 increase for the first 5,000 gallons of water, an approximate 20 percent increase, said Alderman Bill McElhaney, water/sewer committee chairman.

The increase will help repay the more than \$2 million loan to refurbish the city's ground and aerial water storage tanks, he added.

In addition, the council approved an annual five percent increase for five years. That money will go into an accrual fund for infrastructure improvements.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry said that according to a list published annually by an Illinois firm, Hoopeston's water rate has been among the lowest 10 of 92 communities. Even with the increase, it will be among the bottom third.

McElhaney said the increase would allow the water department to "be progressive" and proactive, rather than reactive.

The increases will begin with the September billing. The annual increases will be added September 1 of each year.

In other business, Crusinberry shared correspondence

from Todd Snarr, senior vice president of ELM Energy, LLC., of Peoria, concerning an action plan for cleanup of the J&R Tire Recycling site.

In an email dated July 16, Snarr stated the J&R is working with Illinois EPA staff to accomplish the following tasks:

- Use heavy equipment to address smoldering debris piles to eliminate smoke and prevent further fire activity, to be accomplished within seven days.
- Cut off and plug existing sanitary sewer connection from the plant to prevent fire runoff from entering the city's waste water treatment system, to be accomplished within seven days.
- Address storm water runoff issues within 14 days.
- Within 21 days, sort debris into three groups: scrap steel to be recycled; clean brick and concrete to be recycled; and used/processed tire debris and building demolition/fire debris.
- From that point, suitable debris will be taken to the Republic landfill in Hoopeston, within 28 days.
- Scrap metal for recycling will be loaded and transported off site within 45 days; material for disposal will be loaded and removed within 60 days; on-site brick and concrete will be crushed for recycling within 75 days.

That plan was to be submitted to IEPA Tuesday, with a final plan in place within seven days.

Snarr noted that cleanup will proceed only as quickly as IEPA allows.

Crusinberry told the council that he toured the fire site with state Sen. Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington) Tuesday and that Barickman offered his support to help the city cut through red tape. Barickman will also look into a report that Gov. Pat Quinn has set aside funds for first responders to see if that report is correct and if funds might be available to replace fire equipment damaged in the June 19 blaze.

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Police News

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Kayla R. Lawyer, 26, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 11:15 a.m. Monday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, she was released on bond with a new court date.

Chase R. Miles, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 3:59 p.m. Monday at McFerren Park. Wanted on a Vermilion County felony warrant for failure to appear/criminal damage to state supported property, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:12 p.m. Monday at Orange and Market. Police said Kerrie Kuntz, of Hoopeston, was westbound in a 2011 Hyundai and slowed to turn north when she was struck by a 2005 Dodge truck driven by David Anderson, of Rankin, who also was trying to go north.

A **36-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 6:18 a.m. Tuesday that someone took several items from both her vehicles in the 500 block of West Washington.

James R. Luttrell, 59, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an altercation at 10:39 p.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of South Fourth St. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 53-year-old Hoopeston woman and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to own your own business? Work from home? Tues. July 23rd. Hoopeston McDonalds. 3 sessions: 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Come check this out! You'll be glad you did! RSVP: Jennifer Baughn (217) 304-7309.

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RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 1024 W. Young. Sat. 7-? Men, women's, girls (2-6X) clothing. All seasons, lightly or never worn jeans, holiday, shirts, pajamas, purses, lots of misc.

HOOPESTON: 808 E. Maple. Sat. ONLY. 8-2. Baby clothes, camo clothing, exercise equipment, books, lots of stuff.

HOOPESTON: 419 W. Washington. Sat. 7-? Moving sale. Country items, antiques, Nascar, clothes.

HOOPESTON: 406 E. Chestnut. Fri. & Sat., 8-4. Clothes - women's, girls' sizes 3-7.

HOOPESTON: 315 Front. Fri & Sat., 7 a.m. Men's, women's boys clothing, misc.

Briefly

Hoopeston town-wide rummage sales

Hoopeston will have a town-wide rummage sale Aug. 2-3. Anyone who is interested in participating and being on the map for the sale is asked to call Brenda Crusinberry, (217) 283-7375 with name, address and phone number. You must sign up by July 29 to be on the map.

Obituaries

PEARCE - Norman James "Jim" Pearce, 67, of Hoopeston, died at 5:42 a.m. Monday, July 15, 2013, at home. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW. Memorials are suggested to Presence United Samaritans Medical Center Pulmonary/Respiratory Department, 812 N. Logan Ave. Danville IL 61832.

PUCKETT - Jack A. Puckett, 50, of Bismarck, died at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. He will be cremated. A celebration of his life will be at the Puckett residence in Bismarck from noon-7 p.m. Saturday. Arrangements are being handled by Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 92. Tonight, clear. Low 73. Tomorrow, sunny, storms likely late. High 94, low 73.