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Council passes budgets, Carter dissents on surcharges

When the salaries are all paid and the equipment purchased and improvements made, Hoopeston will finish the new fiscal year with a small surplus, after dipping into its reserves.

At a special meeting Tuesday, the council approved the 2015-16 general, water/sewer, and tax increment financing (TIF) budgets.

The general budget includes all expenditures not re-

lated to either water/sewer or TIF and it will finish with a \$1,628 surplus.

The council approved the general budget in a 7-0 vote, with Alderman Joe Fell absent.

The water/sewer budget includes spending for regular operations, a repayment of \$153,000 to the utility tax fund for an advance on water plant improvements; and

See BUDGET on other side



Celebrating change
 Bob Porth, manager of Hoopeston IGA, on Tuesday cut the ribbon kicking of the store's grand reopening celebration, as Hoopeston Chamber president Valarie Hinkle and other dignitaries look on. The store underwent an eight-month remodeling that included a new façade, entryway, expanded deli and freezer sections and other changes totaling about \$1.5 million.



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Obituaries

DEANY - Edith Marie (Clouse) Carlson Deany, 92, of Hoopeston, died at 8:23 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2015, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Christian Church, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopeston IL 60942; First Christian Church, 502 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942; or Prairie Green Church of Christ, 278 N 2800 East Rd., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Budget continued from other side

\$300,000 from TIF funds to replace the water main on Route 1 roughly from Penn to Crown Ford.

A special fund in the water/sewer budget will get a boost from new surcharges for water and sewer, as the council approved an additional \$2 per month on top of the existing \$3 monthly water surcharge and a \$5 per month sewer surcharge. The total surcharge is expected to generate \$138,000 that will go into a "maintenance/repair" account solely for water/sewer infrastructure improvements.

The council approved the water/sewer budget 6-1, with Alderman Randy Carter voting no.

After the meeting, Carter said he voted against passing the water budget because approving surcharges, was "being almost hypocritical" after he read several times in Just the Facts about the city's reserve funds. Also, he said, he and others tried to get a different revenue source in a city sales tax, which failed, but would have had less

KISSACK - James "Wes" Kissack, 77, of Milford, died Sunday, April 26, 2015, at home. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Arrangements are by Knapp Funeral Home, Milford.

From the Blotter

Police are investigating the theft of an electronic item reported at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday. A 29-year-old Hoopeston man reported the item was taken from the 300 block of North Ninth Ave., and is valued at more than \$500.

of an impact on residents than the surcharges will.

The TIF budget, with income and expenses of \$436,206, passed 7-0.

The budget passed and was then amended for road improvements at McFerren Park, at \$25,000, and Floral Hill, at \$35,650. Both will be tarred and chipped, which is done every other year.

In other action, the council:

- Approved road work for the year, including \$59,000 for Landfill Road improvements and \$197,000 of Motor Fuel Tax work on streets.
- Approved a \$20,225.76 bill for aerial fire truck repairs. The bill was not among bills listed for payment said Alderman Brandon Hamilton, fire committee chairman.

Weather

Isolated showers today. High 58. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 38. Tomorrow, sunny. High 68, low 48.



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MILLER - Harold Fay Miller, 81, of Tavares, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston and Pittwood, died Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. June 20 at First United Methodist Church of Tavares. Online condolences may be made at www.steversonhamlinhish.com/obituaries/Harold-Miller-8/#!/TributeWall.

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