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**Hamilton: city to end 911 backup, keep local dispatching**

Changes in technology will change how the Hoopeston Police communications department will respond to calls in the future.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Alderman Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman, said the committee and representatives of the Vermilion County Emergency Telephone System Board met Monday to discuss the issue.

For decades, Hoopeston has acted as a backup for the county's 911 answering system, along with answering local 911 calls. As cell phone use became more prevalent, those calls automatically went to Danville, including 911 calls made on Hoopeston cell phones. Now, Hamilton said, 85 percent of 911 calls come in on cell phones, leaving only 15 percent from landlines.

Hoopeston's role as a 911 answering point will be discontinued in the future, but a final date has not been determined. "That's where we'll be headed in the near term," Hamilton said.

At its October 6 meeting, the council approved spending about \$41,500 for new hardware and software to complement new dispatching equipment being installed by the county.

Hamilton said the city plans to purchase the equipment, which will allow Hoopeston police to communicate with Vermilion County law enforcement.

In divesting itself of being a 911 backup, Hoopeston will incur some costs that had been paid by the ETSB, but those will be less than remaining as a 911 dispatch center, he said.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a bid from Premier Network Solutions of Danville for a new city website. The \$7,500 bid includes \$5,000 for the design and \$2,500 for an e-commerce package, which will allow for such things as renting park shelters online and integrating the existing or new

water/sewer billing system, said Alderman Alex Houmes, chairman of the website committee.

The motion to accept the bid passed unanimously, but a motion to approve a resolution for the purchase was approved 5-1.

Aldermwoman Lourdine Florek voted against the resolution because it was not on the agenda; aldermen Houmes, Bill Goodwine, Brandon Hamilton, Chad Yaden and Randy Carter voted in favor.

- Approved the only bid for winter grave blankets, from Flowers & Herb FARMacy, of rural Hoopeston. Thirty-nine blankets will be created at a cost of \$54.75 each, Alderman Yaden, cemetery chairman, said.

The cost is up from last year's cost of \$44.75 per blanket.

- Heard from Houmes, parks committee chairman, that some Christmas decoration bulbs were vandalized, which will result in the park gates being locked at night. Details of the closing will be released later this week, he said.

- Heard from Carter that alley cleanup is done. Street and alley workers will now begin pickup leaves. Carter reminded residents to put leaves in the curb to be vacuumed.

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## Briefly

### Holiday program signups

Miracle Tree and Santa Cares Too signups have been scheduled for 9-11 a.m. November 9, 10 and 12. No late sign ups will be allowed.

### Blood drive

Hoopeston Area High School Student Council is sponsoring a community blood drive Saturday, Nov. 7, in the high school gym.

To schedule an appointment, please call Ashley Gondzur at the high school. (217) 283-6661. Walk-ins are also welcome but priority will be given to those with appointments.

If the student council reaches its goal of 40 pints of

### Obituaries

**COMBS** - Raymond Dale Combs, 89, of Green Bay, Wis., died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015, in Green Bay. Memorial service was held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Funeral Home, Green Bay. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. funeral Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston.

**PIERCE** - Thresia Lourena (Richards) Pierce, 75, of Hoopeston, died at 11:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015, at home. Visitation will be 10:30 a.m. until the noon funeral Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Keep Your Dream Alive Scholarship at Danville Area Community College. Attn: Accounts Receivable 2000 E. Main St Danville, IL 61832.

**REED** - Oleta Mae (Gocking) Reed, 97, of Bourbonnais, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015, at Riverside Miller Rehabilitation Center, Kankakee. She will be cremated. Private graveside service will be held. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

### Weather

Patchy fog, then chance of showers today. High 71. Tonight, showers. Low 57. Tomorrow, chance of showers then mostly sunny. High 60, low 38.

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