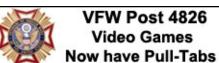


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Bids, plans sought for city-owned property; Rt. 9 leak fixed

Hoopeston officials are seeking bids and proposals for three city-owned properties.

The properties are the former Essex building on Rt. 1; approximately 4.4 acres of the former Baer's Trailer Park and appliance business on Rt. 9; and an estimated acre plus at the site of the former rail depot at First Ave. and the CSX tracks.

Of the three, only the Essex site has had anyone express interest in public.

Last May, Justin Acton, owner of Acton Construction, approached the council about getting the building, envisioning storage for his large machinery in the rear and

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retail and office space available in the front. At that time, Acton said he wanted to save the building instead of demolishing it.

In asking the council for a motion, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said he wants bidders to include a proposal for use of the property.

City attorney Chuck Mockbee will draw up an ordinance for the matter, saving it should be ready for council action in July.

In other business, aldermen heard from Steve Baker, city water superintendent, that the leak at Rt. 9 has been

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Hydrant flushing

City workers will flush hydrants on Fridays throughout the summer, weather permitting.

Hoopeston Hornets signups set

Signups for Hoopeston Hornets football will Saturdays, June 24 and July 1,8,15,22, and 29 from 10 a.m.,-2 p.m. and Sundays, June 25 and July 2,9,16,23 and 30 from noon-2 p.m. at Hornets Field on South Sixth Ave.

Children who are 5 but not older than 15, by September 1, are eligible. Fee is \$70 per child, with a \$5 discount per additional child per family.

Grahams to mark 50th

The children of Dale and Lou Graham wish everyone to a 50th anniversary open house dessert buffet from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 25. The celebration will be in the fellowship hall at Hoopeston First United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St.

In lieu of gifts, please bring peanut butter, fruit cups, granola bars, cheese crackers or brown lunch bags for the Feed The Lambs Summer Lunch program.

P.E.P. potluck

All are invited to a P.E.P. (People Enjoying People) potluck at 5 p.m. Monday, June 26 at Hoopeston First United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main. Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Names sought for memorial

Hoopeston American Legion and VFW are seeking names to update the Veterans Memorial in McFerren Park. Forms are available at the VFW, 428 W. Orange and American Legion, 502 E. Penn.

Cutoff for this update is September 8.

For more information, call the Legion, (217) 283-6312 or VFW, (217) 283-5025.

Hydrant testing

Hoopeston Fire Department will test hydrants on the west side of Hoopeston beginning at 6 p.m. Monday. This may cause rust in residents' water.

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fixed.

At the June 6 meeting, Baker told the council that on May 1, he noticed the city was pumping more water than usual but that he was unable to find a leak until Illinois Rural Water Association brought in special equipment to scan the ground.

The leak was putting 600,000 gallons of water per day roughly the same as Hoopeston's daily usage - into the ground.

While the leak was found, fixing it proved problematic as the area under the highway was filled with chunks of concrete. Drennen Septic Service, of Danville, did the emergency work, submitting an original estimate of \$17,000. However, the digging conditions resulted in broken equipment and other problems, adding an additional \$10,481 to the cost.

A 6" main was installed and water tested and approved, ending a boil order for the area, Baker said.

Baker also reported a leak on Euclid and Rt. 1 last week also resulted in a boil order. The main was repaired and the boil order lifted.

In other business the council:

• Heard from Ald. Carl Ankenbrand that firemen will test

hydrants on the west side of town beginning at 6 p.m. Monday.

• Approved an \$84,863 bid from Cross Construction of Urbana to asphalt First Ave. between Penn and Main. The bid was higher than the estimated \$77,766 cost, said Ald. Ryan Anderson, street/alley committee chairman.

A second bid was received from Open Road Paving, also of Urbana.

• A \$41,141.70 bid from Ribbe Trucking of Tilton, was accepted to surface Euclid from Rt. 9 to Penn and around the bend. That bid was higher than the estimated \$39,721.50.

Money for the projects will come from Motor Fuel Tax funds.

• Crusinberry reminded residents of the July 3 fireworks and said the next council meeting will be July 5 because of the July 4 holiday.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 80. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 58. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 76, low 54. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 75, low 54.

From the Blotter

Jacqualyn D. Rife, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 6:22 p.m. Wednesday to Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn. A 21-year-old employee alleged that Rife, who was trying to write a check at the store, fled when asked for identification.

Rife was later located and charged with burglary to auto, from where police allege she got the checks, and forgery. She was also found to be wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear on bad check charges.

Rife was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition to Iroquois County.

An employee of Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., reported at 8:16 p.m. that an unknown female entered the store and left with merchandise she did not purchase.

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