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## Council considers \$9/month dispatch fee to balance budget

### *Loss of income, big-ticket expenses strain Hoopeston finances*

Last year, a handful of residents said they were willing to pay more for local police and fire dispatching.

This year, residents are being asked to do just that.

To balance the city's budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which starts May 1, Hoopeston City Council plans to implement a \$9 per month fee to cover the cost of dispatching.

If approved, the fee is expected to appear on residents' water bills as "dispatch fee." and at roughly 2,275 customers, the fee would generate \$245,700 towards dispatch costs.

By putting the fee on the water bills, which are sent monthly, the city will save the cost of sending a separate bill to residents for the dispatch fee.

### **HA's 'Around the World' prom to be Saturday at civic center**

Hoopeston Area upperclassmen and their guests will be going "Around the World" Saturday evening at the school's 2018 prom.

Prom will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at the McFerren Park Civic Center, a change from the years-long tradition of hosting it at Honeywell School, which closed last year. No students will be allowed in after 9:30 p.m. Students who leave prom will not be allowed to reenter.

Students will vote for king and queen as they enter prom. Candidates are Will Franke, Alex Funk, Trey Houmes and Chet Stock for king and Alexis Cade, Breanna Martin, Lauren Linares and Hope Powell for queen. Coronation will be at 10 p.m. and doors will be open to parents at 9:50 p.m.

Post-prom will be held from midnight-3 a.m. at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. Cost is \$3/ per student or \$5 per couple.

In 2016-17, \$362,400 was budgeted for dispatching; 342,354 in 2017-18; and the 2018-19 amount is estimated at \$342,146.

The \$20,000 decrease between 2016-17 and 2017-18 was chalked up to the city not being a backup to Vermilion County's 911 system and accruing those associated costs.

At an April 18 budget meeting, aldermen reviewed the needs and wants of each department, plus three additional money issues, said Ald. Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman. Those issues are:

- A loss of \$78,000 from the city's primary sources of income: income tax, sales tax, use tax, telecommunications tax and personal property replacement tax.
- The unfunded liability of the police pension fund, which has grown to \$2.5 million due to errors made in reporting of eight retired officers and the spouses of deceased officers. The city must repay the shortfall and for the coming year has budgeted \$78,000 toward that in the coming fiscal year.
- The third issue is that of dilapidated/vacant houses and commercial buildings which were not properly maintained and are now becoming a public danger. Fifty thousand dollars is being budgeted for that.

In total, those three items make up \$206,000 of the budget proposal.

Going back to last year's meetings on countywide versus local dispatch, Goodwine said a majority of aldermen believed their constituents wanted to keep local dispatch, compared to the county alternative, part of which Hoopeston residents already pay the cost of through taxes.

To maintain local dispatch and provide for the additional expenses, a new revenue stream will have to be created, Goodwine said. "Thus the \$9 per month surcharge," he said.

The council is expected to vote on the budget at its May 1 meeting. The council meets at 7 p.m. at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

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 Joyce Williams has moved to Accolade Nursing Home and would enjoy hearing from friends. Well wishes may be sent to Joyce Williams, Accolade Healthcare of Paxton Senior Living, Room 130, 450 E. Fulton St., Paxton IL 60957.  
**Community Children's Choir recital**  
 Hoopeston Community Children's Choir, sponsored by Hoopeston First Christian Church, will perform a free spring recital at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Lorraine Theater,

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324 E. Main. Donations are appreciated to Save the Lorraine Theatre.

**Bennett to meet with constituents**

State Rep. Tom Bennett (R-Gibson City) will meet with constituents at 5:15 p.m. Thursday May 3 at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main. The meeting is open to the public and appointments are not required.

Those who cannot attend or who have questions at any other time can contact Bennett at (815) 432-0106 or [www.repbennett.com](http://www.repbennett.com).

**Obituaries**

**KUNCE** - Paul Wayne Kunce, 69 of Hoopeston died Friday, April 20 2018. Private service was held Tuesday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial will be held at a later date.

**Weather**

Mostly sunny, then chance of showers today, tonight. High 64, low 39. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 54, low 33. Sunday, sunny. High 61, low 42.

  
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**Foodmobile to be in Hoopeston**

Eastern Illinois Foodbank's foodmobile will be at First Baptist Church, 323 E. Seminary, from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5. More information is available [here](http://here).

Anyone who would like to volunteer for the event may do so [here](http://here).

**From the Blotter**

**Police are investigating** a report made at 1:27 a.m. Wednesday by a 23-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged that while she was at work, someone stole items from her home in the 700 block of South Sixth Ave.

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