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## Ordinance OKs part time officers, changes how chief hired

An ordinance approved 7-0 by the Hoopeston City Council allows for the hiring of part time officers and also changes how future police chiefs will be hired.

Once hired, part time officers may be used to fill in for such things as vacations and when full time officers who also serve in the military are on their military duties, said Ald. Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman, at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting. Part time officers will supplement the department as "a helping hand," he said.

Part time officers will be hired by the police chief, with the advice and consent of the council. They must be at

least 21 years old, have proper training, and be able to pass medical, psychological and physical agility tests.

The ordinance also changes who will hire future police chiefs, moving the duty from the Hoopeston Board of Police Commission to the mayor, with the advice and

See ORDINANCE on other side

## Groups sponsor town hall with 2018 gubernatorial candidate

Arneya Pawar, an alderman in Chicago's 47th Ward, hopes to be Illinois' next governor and will meet with Vermilion County residents at a town hall meeting on Saturday.

Pawar, who, according to his website, hopes to "restore progressive values" in the state, will speak briefly on his positions and take questions from the audience at the event, to start at 4:15 p.m. at the Vermilion County Democratic headquarters, 15 N. Vermilion, Danville.

Pawar's appearance is sponsored by Vermilion County Democrats and Indivisible Illinois Northern 15th. Indivisible Illinois is a predominantly Facebook-based organization that provides networking for progressive groups, predominantly in the Chicagoland area.

Following the town hall, Pawar will take part in the Three Kings of Peace march, beginning at 6 p.m. at Griffin and Williams.

Three Kings marches began in 2016 by Edward Butler, the Rev. Frank McCullough and Nathan Smalls, who led marches in various Danville neighborhoods to help reduce gang violence.

Information on his campaign is at [pawar2018.com](http://pawar2018.com).



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### From the Blotter

**Chad Trepanier**, 37, of Hoopeston, was cited for vicious dog after an incident at 9:40 a.m. June 5 in the

### Court Dispositions

June 1

**Patrick Clingenpeel Jr.**, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial July 6.

**Adriana Mendez**, Hoopeston, case continued generally.

**Elkanah Asher**, Tinley Park, case continued generally.

### Ordinance continued from other side

consent of the council.

Hoopeston police chiefs had been hired by mayors until the mid- to late 1970s, when hiring was moved to the police commission.

The change was recommended by the city's attorney for police matters, Hamilton said.

Ald. Bill Goodwine was absent from the meeting and so did not vote.

In related business, Hamilton said Sgt. Jim DeWitt has been named acting chief, following the death of Police Chief Mark Drollinger on July 6.

A moment of silence was held for Chief Drollinger. "The community has really suffered a loss," said Mayor Bill Crusinberry.

In unrelated business, the council:

Unanimously approved an ordinance to sell the former Essex Building, listed at 325 N. Dixie Hwy.

Approved the annual appropriations ordinance.

Heard from Ald. Alex Houmes that new playground equipment is being installed at Northside (Cheese) Park.

Heard from Crusinberry that the city's former mister for mosquito abatement has been located and two parks employees have volunteered to become certified to use it. No action was taken.

### Weather

**Heat advisory through 8 p.m. Saturday.** Today, slight chance of thunderstorms, patchy fog today. High 92. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 73. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, then chance of storms. High 92, low 74.

300 block of South Fifth St., after a Hoopeston woman reported her dog was attacked by his dog.

Trepanier was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**Jayson Reyes**, 29, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for restraint of dogs by owner/keeper after his dog was allegedly running in the 300 block of West Elm at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

He was given a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

### Classifieds

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