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Three of five anti-landfill candidates elected Tuesday

A local anti-landfill expansion group successfully filled three of five Hoopeston city council seats, with a 50 percent turnout of voters.

Incumbent John Haughee of Ward 2 and newcomers Harold Cox in Ward 4 and Dave Borders in Ward 1 won seats in Tuesday's election.

All were endorsed by Citizens Against Ruining the Environment (C.A.R.E.), a local group opposing a requested 120-acre expansion to the Illinois Landfills, Inc. site in Hoopeston.

In Ward 1, Borders received 166 votes, defeating incumbent Odell Crabtree who got 75 votes and challengers David Barker, 91 votes, and Ron Justice with nine.

Borders will serve a four-year term.

Also in Ward 1, incumbent Mark Drollinger will serve the unexpired two-year term of former aldermen Wes Dazey.

Drollinger, who was appointed last year, beat

challenger Danny Ray Justice, 230-82.

In Ward 2, Haughee defeated challenger Tony Freeland, 112-43.

In Ward 3, incumbent Susan Comstock was re-elected, beating challenger Tom Garrison, 152-110.

In Ward 4, Cox narrowly defeated incumbent Lloyd Blackwell, 202-191.

The aldermen will be sworn in at the May 2 council meeting.

In a related issue, an advisory referendum asking whether the city council should grant the landfill expansion received a resounding no from voters.

A total of 996 no votes were cast for the referendum, with 331 yes votes.

The referendum is not binding on the council.

A second referendum, seeking to expand the

See ELECTION on other side

No solutions found to Fifth Street speeding problem

City officials are still debating what should be done about speeding traffic on Fifth St.

Aldermen discussed the issue at Tuesday's council meeting.

Resident Jim Richards, whose granddaughter was injured by a car on the street, last month requested something be done to slow traffic on the street, a through street from Orange St. north to Main St.

Alderman Mark Drollinger, chairman of the city street and alley committee, said that group has met twice in two weeks to come up with a solution.

Drollinger said the committee met with engineer Jay Dingee to discuss the "cans and cannots" of the problem, reviewing regulations for signs on the federally-funded road.

Local police are currently doing a vehicle and pedestrian study of the street to determine if stop signs may be appropriate, Drollinger said, adding "children playing" signs could be posted, but offer a "false sense of security" to parents.

Besides discussing the problem, Drollinger said he has driven the street to learn what the condition of the problem is. "I've travelled Fifth St.

See SPEEDING on other side



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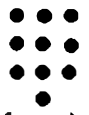
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Speeding continued from other side

more in the last two weeks than I have in the last 10 years," he said, adding he has seen at least four children playing in the street during after-work driving times.

Richards praised the committee, saying "it sounds like you're pursuing things in the right direction," adding his request was not made because of the accident. "My concern went back to when this road was first built, not because my granddaughter was hit," he said.

His granddaughter, five-year-old Samantha Phillips, received two broken legs and a concussion when she was struck by a car March 19. She was released Saturday from Carle Foundation

Hospital in Urbana.

The driver of the car was not ticketed.

The committee will continue investigating possibilities before making a recommendation to the council.

In other action, the council:

—tabled bids on a truck for the humane officer. Three bids were received, from Green Chevrolet, Danville, \$10,323 and \$10,687; Read Pontiac, Buick, Olds & Chevrolet, Hoopeston, \$9,959; and Crown Ford, Hoopeston, \$10,388.

—accepted a \$15,749 bid from Arends Brothers, Inc., Hoopeston, for a John Deere tractor mower for the parks department.



Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:32 p.m. Monday at 227 N. Market. Jamie L. Swanson, 4871 North St., Wellington, in a 1986 Honda, was backing from a parking space and struck a 1990 Ford driven by Deborah F.

Dickison, 101 W. Wood, Alvin.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at South Fifth Ave. and West Lincoln. Rhonda S. Borders, 403 W. Lincoln, driving a 1987 Chevrolet station wagon, was westbound on Lincoln and Kevin Ray Leggens, 505½ W. Penn, was southbound on Fifth when the two collided in the intersection.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:55 p.m. Tuesday at 317 N. Market. Sue E. Smith, 322 S. Fifth St., was making a right turn when she sideswiped a parked 1991 Ford Aerostar van owned by Russell Borders, 725 N. Market.

Obituaries

BECKLEY - Opal M. Beckley, 95, of rural Alvin, died at 12:15 a.m. Monday, April 3, 1995, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Danville. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Bismarck First Church of Christ. Burial will be in the Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Morrison Funeral Home in Bismarck. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bismarck First Church of Christ.

Election continued from other side

Hoopeston Public Library district, passed. Grant Township voters passed the measure 1,044 to 214, while out-of-district voters approved the measure, 297-222.

In Rossville, incumbent trustees Charles Cornell and Richard Kiser, and newcomer John Witvoet were all elected in an at-large vote.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
April 3, 1995

Admitted: Abigail Holland, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather



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