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## It's official: council to redécide landfill expansion

The Hoopeston city council will revote, perhaps as early as the end of this month, on a proposed landfill expansion request.

Illinois Landfills, Inc. has requested an expansion from the current 35 acres to a 120-acre facility. The council used nine criteria to decide whether to grant the expansion.

The council received word from the Illinois Pollution Control Board May 18, telling the group to revote and provide a written decision on whether the expansion would meet the waste needs of the proposed 31-county service area. Need is one of the nine criteria.

The Pollution Control Board directive came af-

ter an appellate court decision remanded the issue to the council.

The court's decision overturned a Pollution Control Board verdict that the council's April 1993 granting of the expansion be overturned because the council's written decision did not address need in the proposed 31 counties.

City officials have not selected a date for the hearing, said Mayor Bob Ault. "We haven't pinpointed a date yet, but it will probably be the end of June," he said.

The issue will probably be decided at a special council meeting, he added.

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## City takes steps to eliminate water supply rust problem

Planned renovations at the city's water treatment plant may eliminate rusty water problems.

The Hoopeston city council Tuesday night accepted a \$146,925 bid from Watseka Electric for repairs at the treatment plant.

While the bid was accepted, alderman Drew Allen, water/sewer committee chairman, said the cost will be less than the bid because some items, such as a computer, will be purchased for less than the amount specified in the bid.

Changes, which will begin as soon as possible, will include automating the plant. Chemicals, such as chlorine, will be monitored by a computer and added as needed.

Also, Allen said, renovations will save the city money in manhours.

Currently, someone must be at the treatment plant at least two hours daily, including weekends

and holidays. The automated system will eliminate overtime, he said.

The biggest bonus, however, will be eliminating rust in the water. "Hopefully, this will go a long way towards controlling the rust problem we have in parts of the city," Allen said.

The work is the culmination of an almost three year study done by engineers Daily & Associates, Allen said.

In other action, aldermen tabled a \$24,440 bid from Silver Brothers for a storage shed at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Alderperson Susan Comstock, cemetery committee chairperson, said the cost may be prohibitive. City officials had planned to spend approximately \$15,000 on the project, she said.

In related action, Comstock said the city will

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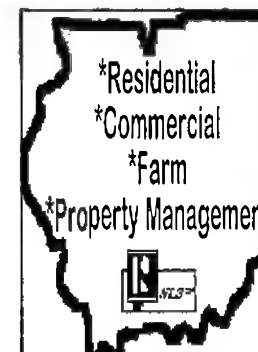
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Joliet attorney Tom Thanas, presiding at the original hearing, will again be the hearing officer.

Thanas said the council will be asked only to vote on the need issue. No new evidence will be presented and public testimony will not be accepted.

Newly-elected members of the council - and those appointed since the 1993 vote - will be expected to read the transcript of the original hearing prior to the meeting. Exhibits shown at that hearing will also be made available to aldermen, Thanas said.

Aldermen John Haughee, Mike Eckersley, Drew Allen, Bill Goodwine and Susan Comstock voted on the original request.

Alderman Mark Drollinger was appointed to the board since the original vote, and two members, Dave Borders and Harold Cox, were elected in April.

Haughee and Eckersley previously voted against expansion, while Allen, Goodwine and Comstock voted in favor. Drollinger has spoken in favor of

## City continued from other side

accept bids on a 1976 4X4 truck used by the cemetery department. Specifications on the truck will be available at city hall. Bids will be opened June 20.

In other action, the council:

—accepted a \$500 bid from Beaty Auto Sales for the dog catcher's truck.

—discussed, but took no action on a suggestion from alderman Mark Drollinger that public service workers in the city wear orange vests identifying them as public service workers.

Comstock said identifying workers was discussed in the past, but the then-city attorney said such markings might be a violation of workers' rights. "It was something about not singling them out," she said.

—learned results of an Illinois Department of Transportation traffic study on South Fifth St. have not been received.

the expansion while Cox and Borders both ran anti-landfill expansion campaigns.

Both Borders and Cox were supported in the election by Citizens Against Ruining the Environment, (C.A.R.E.) an anti-expansion group.

The council's decision may be appealed by either side, Thanas said.

The council's original approval was appealed to the Pollution Control Board.

The board sided with opponents, overturning the council's decision in September 1993. The council appealed that decision, asking the Pollution Control Board to rehear the issue. In December 1993, the board tabled the request.

In January 1994, Illinois Landfills, Inc. filed asked the Fourth District Court of Appeals to review the Pollution Control Board's decision.

Opponents then requested a hearing before the Illinois Supreme Court. That request was denied in April 1995.

## Up & Coming

### Vacation Bible School set

The First Christian Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 9-11 a.m. June 12-16. Classes are open to children ages 4 through the completion of sixth grade. This year's theme is "Jesus' Kids - Totally His."

## In the hospital

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**June 5, 1995**

**Admitted:** Mae Chaney, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Juanita Perkins, Hoopeston.

## Weather

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