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**Council approves wastewater treatment plant design fee**

Hoopeston officials approved the beginning stages of a wastewater treatment plant upgrade that will cost more than \$2 million.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, aldermen approved spending \$107,000 for the engineering design phase of the planned improvement project.

Larry Johnson, engineer with Dailey & Associates, will study the existing facility and make recommendations designed to expand capacity and correct problems at the existing site, said alderman Drew Allen, chairman of the city's water committee.

Allen said the upgrade is necessary both to meet state and federal regulations and to meet growth in the community.

The existing facility was built to accommodate 800,000 gallons per day, Allen said. The site was re-rated in 1993 to 890,000 gallons.

However, Allen said, the plant does not meet Environmental Protection Agency standards.

Specifically, the sludge handling system does not meet federal and state guidelines, he said. Additionally, the excess flow area experiences problems during heavy rains.

The design phase will take approximately six months, Allen said. The construction phase, if approved, is expected to begin in early 1996 and be completed in 1997.

Officials will apply for Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and economic development grants to fund the project.

Not all aldermen favored spending money up front on the design phase.

Alderman John Haughe questioned the expense. "I'm not in favor of giving (Johnson) \$100,000 and we don't know what he's designing," Haughe said.

Haughe, former chairman of the water committee, said he discussed changes at the plant with

See DESIGN on other side

**Hoopeston woman is residence marketing representative**

Bertha Parsons has been named marketing representative for the Regency Retirement Residence of Danville.

The 40-unit residence is sponsored by United Samaritans Medical Systems and is being developed by Essex Corporation of Omaha, NE. The complex will feature nine styles of one- and two-bedroom apartments and will have an optional weekday dining program, mini-van service, exercise/craft room, library/pool table area and hobby shop.

Parsons' responsibilities will include working

with prospective residents, helping them select and move into apartments. She is also available to give presentations to civic, church and medical groups.

The Regency will be built on more than five acres just east of the Elks Club on Liberty Lane. Construction will begin when 60 percent of the apartments have been reserved.

Parsons began her duties Aug. 10. Her office is located at Fahey Real Estate, 809 N. Gilbert, Danville.

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Johnson, specifically a grit removal system. "I suggested there should be a grit removal system on any design or I didn't see how I could vote for it," Haughee said.

Alderman Bill Goodwine explained that Johnson had to be hired before designing could begin. "You can't start with the results," he said.

Haughee, along with aldermen Dave Borders and Harold Cox, voted against the expense because of the cost.

Alderman Mark Drollinger abstained. "I didn't feel like I had enough information," he said after the meeting. "I saw pros and cons on both sides of the issue."

In other business, aldermen discussed the proposed landfill expansion after being questioned by resident David Webber.

Webber requested the council hold an open forum to discuss the issue with residents, but city

## Police News



**Ralph H. Wintersteen**, 80, of route 3, Hoopeston, was ticketed for failing to yield after stopping following an accident at 7:42 p.m. Monday.

Wintersteen, in a 1990 Dodge van, was southbound on South Sixth Ave., and stopped at Route 9. He reportedly did not see a 1990 Chevrolet driven by Teri L. Moore, 2446 E. 500 North, Paxton, striking Moore's vehicle.

No injuries were reported.

**Three bicycles** were found Tuesday. A girl's red Western Flyer was found in the 900 block of West Main; a boy's deep blue Murray bike was found at Monical's and a Huffy dirt bike was found at 920 W. Main. The owners may identify and claim them at the police station.

**Nora Creamer**, 423 E. Thompson, reported Tuesday that someone took cash from her purse at her home.

**Lee Niemann**, 207 S. Oak, Buckley, reported Tuesday that someone scratched his 1989 Chevrolet while it was at McFerren Park.

attorney Jim Spiros said aldermen cannot discuss the issue until pending litigation is settled.

In June, the council reapproved a 120-acre expansion to the Illinois Landfills Inc. site. An appeal is pending before the Pollution Control Board.

Webber, who moved to Hoopeston in January, said he is concerned about the expansion. "I really respect Citizens Against Ruining the Environment for dealing with the legal aspects," Webber said, adding "a few more radical measures," including protests and open public support, are needed to stop the expansion.

Webber's efforts are "somewhat affiliated with Earth First, but mostly it's just for Hoopeston."

In other action, aldermen approved purchasing a 1983 Ford pick up truck for the street and alley department. The truck will cost \$6,000.

## Obituaries

**SIMS** - Evelyn M. Sims, 87, of Hoopeston, died at 6 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 1995, at the Ford County Nursing Home. Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions are suggested to the United Methodist Church of Hoopeston. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIS** - Grace Simpson Willis, 83, of Hoopeston, died at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, 1995, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Prairie Green Church of Christ.

## Weather

Partly cloudy today with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms late. High near 90. Tonight, continued chance of rain. Low in the upper 60s. Tomorrow, clearing. High near 89, low near 65.



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