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City to reapply for state housing rehabilitation funding

Hoopeston officials will once again apply for money to rehabilitate homes owned by low-income residents.

The city will spend \$4,500 on the application fee and an additional \$2,000 to survey residents for a Department of Commerce and Community Affairs housing rehabilitation grant, said alderman Dave Borders at Tuesday's city council meeting.

The city can qualify for up to \$275,000, down from approximately \$400,000 last year, Borders said.

Several homes have been revamped this year, Borders said, adding the program "really makes a very big difference" in the homes.

This year's program targeted homes in the vicinity of East Seminary. If the city is approved for 1997-

98, a new target area will be selected.

In other business, the council passed resolutions for new lighting in three areas. Fifteen street lights along Route 9 will be removed, replaced with 37 new lights, said alderman Mark Drollinger.

The lights will be installed by Central Illinois Public Service. The monthly cost to the city will be \$218.32, he said.

One light was also approved at the corner of Front and McCracken, to cost \$4.10 per month, and three 100-watt decorative acorn globe lights will be added on Sycamore Street in the Southgate subdivision. That change will cost \$40.05, Drollinger said.

See HOUSING on other side

Rossville-Alvin school employees face possible lay-offs

ROSSVILLE—As many as five Rossville-Alvin school employees may lose their jobs if state and federal funding is cut.

Superintendent Phil Smith presented a list of planned cuts at Monday's school board meeting. Included on the list are one teacher of the Children At Risk Educationally preschool program, one grade school teacher, two staff members for federally funded programs and one aide.

The proposed cuts are part of annual reduction in force discussions, Smith said. The district must notify staff within 60 days of the end of the school year whether they will have jobs. Word on funding the district will receive will not come until after that 60-day notification time.

If funding levels remain the same, the cuts may not be made.

In other business, the district will receive an

\$11,800 Goals 2000 grant for staff development, Smith said. The money will go toward teacher training in the T.E.S.A. program, or Teacher Expectations and Student Achievement.

The program focuses on teaching strategies, "how you behave in the classroom to make sure everybody gets an equal education," Smith said.

The board also reviewed a draft of a proposed code of conduct for coaches.

The proposal covers exchanges between Rossville-Alvin coaches and those from other districts, stipulating coaches should exchange friendly greetings and "set the correct tone for the event."

Respect for game officials and coaches taking an active role in preventing drug, alcohol and tobacco use among athletes is also covered.

Smith said no specific incident prompted the code, which is expected to be discussed at a future meeting.

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Hoopeston Public Library to host book fair Friday, Saturday

Area residents will be able to build their home libraries while helping the Hoopeston Public Library.

The library will host a book fair Friday and Saturday. The fair will offer more than 200 titles, including New York Times best sellers and children's books, as well as volumes covering cooking, gardening, sports and general interest, in paperback and hard cover.

The book fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Reading's Fun Ltd. is coordinating the book fair. The

company holds such events at libraries and schools around the country, including Hoopeston Area schools.

Those purchasing books will save 40 to 70 percent off the original retail price of the book, and while readers help build their collections, they will also help the library.

For each 10 books sold, the library will receive a book for its shelves or cash, said librarian Lou Graham.

If the book fair proves successful, Graham said the library may hold others in the future. "It will be

Court dispositions

Feb. 6: Michael Glean, Momence, paid \$95 in full.
John Kinnett, Hoopeston, speeding, plea agreement.

Housing continued from other side

In other business, Borders spoke of resident complaints on water bills. Borders said he received complaints from two residents whose bills "fluctuate sometimes as much as double."

Mayor Bob Ault suggested the residents discuss their bills with the water department.

Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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Police News

William R. Dilts, 35, of 841 E. Seminary, was arrested at 5:46 p.m. Monday, charged with battery on a complaint from Mary Ann Dilts of the same address.

Dilts was released on a notice to appear.

A ladder found Monday was claimed Tuesday by Randy Shields.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 17, 1997

Admitted: Mary Forshier, Birdell Schwartz and Harley Hicks, all of Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today with a 40 percent chance of rain. High in the mid to upper 40s. Tonight, continued rain. Low in the low 30s. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High near 47, low near 33.

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