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Council approves mower purchase for cemetery department

A ban on one-time purchases by Hoopeston officials lasted long enough for the new budget to become effective.

The 1997-98 budget passed last month by the city council included no one-time purchases.

However, at Tuesday's council meeting, alderperson Susan Comstock received permission to purchase a new lawn mower for \$6,899 from Olympic Hardware for the cemetery department.

Olympic was the only company to bid on the mower, Comstock said.

Money for the purchase will come from other line items in the budget, she said.

Comstock, chairman of the cemetery committee, spoke of the urgent need for a mower. "Right now is our crucial time," she said. "We're trying to keep on top of things."

Cemetery supervisor Steve Rhodes said two of three mowers work, but said using them is difficult. "The ones we've got are just about wore out," he said. One mower does not stay in gear, so workers must hold the gear shift in place while mowing, he said.

Comstock's committee members, Dave Borders and

John Haughee, agreed with the purchase.

See COUNCIL on other side

Dean steps down after 24 years

Amid handshaking and a standing ovation, city clerk Don Dean stepped down from his post Tuesday after 24 years of service.

After swearing in newly-elected officials, Dean shook hands with each alderman, Mayor Bob Ault, city attorney Jim Spiros and assistant city clerk Mary Lou Smith, thanking each for their help and support.

Trying to then leave the council chambers, Dean was stopped by Ault, who thanked him for his dedication and presented him with a retirement gift.

Dean then spoke of the administrations he has worked with, saying criticism that councils do not try to attract new business is untrue. "I can unequivocally say that has never been the case," he said. "I've never seen a mayor who wasn't honestly trying to do his best," he said.

"There are going to be a lot of changes in my life,"

Briefly

Prom royalty crowned

Amy Gillis and Daniel Huffman, seniors at Rossville-Alvin High School, were crowned prom queen and king Saturday night.

Other contestants were Kara Douglass, Lisa Masengale, Candice Potter, Brooke Sroufek, Josh Silver, Zeb Stephenson, Dustin White and Shaun York.

Senior citizens to meet

The Rossville Area Senior Citizens will meet at noon Monday at the Rossville Church of Christ for a potluck

luncheon. Blood pressures will be checked before lunch.

Jim Hardwick will play guitar music for the event.

Area seniors are invited to bring a covered dish and join in.

Tiny Tots

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Police News

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A pair of prescription glasses with side protectors were found Monday in the 700 block of West Main. The glasses were later claimed by the owner. No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:46 a.m. Tuesday in the 200 block of South First Avenue.

Council continued from other side

“(Holding the gear shift) is just too much to ask a person,” Haughee said. “We need another one.” The mower will be purchased Wednesday morning. In other business, the council approved appointments, including Leon Goodrum as building inspector. Mayor Bob Ault, who appointed Goodrum, cited his approximate 50 years in the construction business as a factor in the appointment. In other action police chief Carl Valentine said officers will stress enforcement of city ordinances concerning junk cars, trash and weeds. Valentine said he was at Baer’s Trailer Court recently. “In my opinion, it’s a big mess,” he said. Officers will not wait for complaints from residents, but will actively seek out violations. “We’re going to try to nip the problem right away,” he said.

Hoopeston Area High School names honor society inductees

Twenty-four Hoopeston Area High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society in a ceremony Sunday.

Inducted seniors were Sumer Vandenberg, Esther McQuigg, Tara Cunningham, Brian DeNeal, Courtney Benjamin, Ramon Solis, Seth Unger, John (Brian) Manion and Kyle Anderson.

Junior inductees were Jennifer Knapp, Shannon Ellis, Cole Zemke, Jana Lithgow, Jessica Brackmann, Erica Rudin and Sarah Powley.


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