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Surcharge to be added to Hoopeton water/sewer bills

Hoopeton water/sewer bills are going up, and up.

In a 7-2 vote, the Hoopeton city council on Tuesday approved a \$3 per customer surcharge to be tacked on the bills. But the surcharge will probably be replaced in a year with higher water/sewer rates, said Alderman Bill Goodwine, city finance committee chairman.

The surcharge is expected to generate \$100,000 of a more than \$200,000 shortfall, Goodwine said. Additional money will be taken from reserves to balance the fund budget.

And while the charge will generate income, it will not be enough to put funds in reserve or pay back the \$1 million borrowed from the city's general fund for sewer plant expansion, Goodwine said. "I think wa-

ter rates will have to go up next year," he said.

If rates are increased, the surcharge will probably be dropped, but the rate increase will make up for dropping the extra charge, Goodwine said.

In unrelated action, the council approved spending \$4,500 to apply for a fourth Community Development Assistance program housing rehabilitation grant.

The city is requesting \$350,000 to improve 13 to 17 single family homes in the city. Improvements include repairing code violations such as wiring and plumbing; making homes more energy efficient; and improving aesthetics.

Fifteen houses were improved in the program this year at an average cost of \$17,000.

Rossville village trustees rescind mayor's hiring authority

ROSSVILLE— The village board giveth and the village board taketh away.

The ability to hire temporary help was taken away from the village president at Monday's village board meeting.

It was just one year ago that Mayor Merv Smith was given permission to hire temporary help for the village, said village clerk Chris Pearson.

Instead, full board approval will be required to hire temporary workers.

In unrelated business, trustees approved a 15 cent per unit increase in natural gas prices. No deadline was set to revert the increase.

In other action, trustees approved purchasing a meter to use with the old siren system after receiving several complaints about the new siren.

Residents have complained that the new siren cannot

be heard throughout the village, Pearson said.

In other business, trustees heard from Bob Spencer about the need for more volunteer emergency medical technicians for the ambulance service. The village now has five EMTs.

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Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:46 a.m. Sunday at 310 W. Penn. Police said Ryan A. Goodrum, 314 W. Maple, backed a 1987 Chevrolet into a 1989 Chrysler driven by Maurilio Solis, 422 W. Lincoln.

A **radar detector** was stolen Sunday from a vehicle in the 500 block of West Washington. A window on the vehicle was also broken.

A **radar detector and compass** were reported stolen Sunday from a vehicle in the 700 block of West Elm.

Two windows were broken out of a home Sunday in the 400 block of West Washington.

A **boy's black Murray bicycle** was taken Monday from a yard in the 300 block of West Maple. The bike has orange lettering on it.

Willa M. Burton, 35, of 619 W. Elm, Apt. 1, was arrested at 3:05 p.m. Monday on a Vermilion County traffic warrant. She was released on \$300 cash bond.

Dana Dukes, 41, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way at a marked intersection following an accident at 7:55 a.m. Tuesday.

Police said Dukes, in a 1991 Jeep, hit a 1997 Buick driven by Mildred Langdoc, Hoopeston.

Dukes told police she was northbound on Third Ave.,

yielded at the intersection of West Elm, then entered the intersection and hit Langdoc.

No injuries were reported.

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Obituaries

HALE – Nathan W. Hale, 82, of rural Rossville, died at 9:27 p.m. Saturday, May 15, 1999 at his home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

LUNDBERG – A. Warren Lundberg, 75, of Milford, died at 4:29 a.m. Monday, May 17, 1999. Funeral services with military graveside rites will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Visitation

was 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

STALEY – Juanita M. Staley, 50, of Hoopeston, died at 3:14 p.m. Monday, May 17, 1999 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 72. Tonight, fair. Low 50. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 75, low 54.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
May 13

Admitted: none

Discharged: Stephen Mann, Nancy Furrow.
May 14

Admitted: Lillian Redden, Rossville..

Discharged: Birdell Schwartz, Opia Downing, Hazel Collier.

May 15-16

Nothing to report.

May 17

Admitted: Ruth Casner, Hoopeston.

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