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Council member batting zero on battle to raze building

The owner of a Hoopeston building will be ticketed unless he tears the structure down.

Eddie Edwards, owner of the White Elephant on North Market, will be cited under city ordinance for the dilapidated building, said Mayor Bob Ault.

Ault's decision came at Tuesday's city council meeting after Susan Comstock, for the second meeting in a row, made a motion that the city assume ownership of the building and tear it down. For the second meeting in a row, her motion was defeated.

When Ault announced Edwards would be cited for ordinance violations, Comstock asked if citations would be issued daily. "That's \$500 a day," she said.

Comstock said she wants the building razed because it is unsafe and an eyesore.

Alderman Don York sided with Comstock, saying the building poses a danger to the Market Street fire station, which shares a wall with the White Elephant.

Ault estimated demolition costs at \$35,000. Legal costs would also be involved because Edwards had previously hired a contractor to demolish the building and has sued the contractor for not tearing it down. The city could assume that litigation, but city attorney Jim Spiros said that would be "an unnecessary expense to litigate."

TIF proposal meets state requirements, consultant says

Hoopeston's older buildings may help the city start a new program.

Eric White of Economic Development Resources, a St. Louis-based firm, presented findings to the Hoopeston city council Tuesday night, showing the city should qualify for a TIF (tax increment financing) district.

Under state guidelines, 50 percent or more of structures in the area must be 35 years or older or the area must meet qualifications for a blighted area. Hoopeston has a combination of both, White said.

Of the 427 main structures in the proposed TIF district – which includes areas along Routes 1 and 9, the downtown, high school, hospital and city lagoons – 82 percent, or 351 buildings, are more than 35 years old, White said. Slightly more than 400, or 89 percent, of the buildings showed signs of depreciation of physical maintenance, and 74 percent showed signs of deterioration. Seventy-seven percent met conditions for obsolescence and 22 percent met criteria for excessive land cov-

erage and inadequate utilities. Lack of planning was evident in 71 percent of the area and two percent had excessive vacancy.

White also presented a map of the proposed TIF area, as well as a map detailing future plans for the areas. The plans include residential, commercial, industrial, office, public/semi-public and vacant areas.

The council will meet with White to determine if the planned uses for areas are satisfactory before holding public hearings on the TIF proposal. The city must also meet with all other taxing bodies affected by the TIF.

If the TIF is implemented, increased taxes on property in the district would be placed in a special TIF fund to pay expenses associated with the TIF, White said.

Money may be used in several ways, including paying to install city services, such as water and sewer, in the district; land clearance; demolition costs; up to 30 percent of interest costs; building rehabilitation and forgivable or matching loans, White said.

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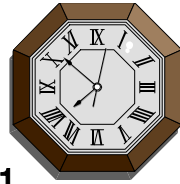


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Police News

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in Tuesday's edition that a construction worker was hit by a truck.

The worker was hit by a trailer being pulled by a truck.

Just the Facts regrets the error.

A **13-year-old** boy was arrested at 4:15 p.m. Mon-

day on a Vermilion County traffic warrant. The boy was released on a \$1,000 recognizance bond.

A **16-year-old** Rossville resident reported Tuesday that someone put sugar or another substance in the gas tank of his van while he was working.

Although police advised him not to drive the vehicle, he drove it home.

Bowling Scores

Friday Mixed League

Standings 10/15/99

1. Hoopeston Weather Line	40	9
2. Pla-Mor Lanes	37	12
3. Hiltz Portable Sanitation	31	18
4. 4 Jokers	28	21
5. Pucker Up Chicken Chits	24	25
6. Spic & Spam	23	26
7. R&G Services	20	29
8. JRDD	17	32
9. Stone Cold	14	35

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High Team Game: Pucker Up Chicken Chits 879, 849, Four Jokers 868; **High Team Series:** Pucker Up Chicken Chits 2,477, Four Jokers 2,458, Hiltz Portable Sanitation 2,336 **High Men's Game:** Randy Hiltz 246, John Lowe 244, Jerry Smith 226; **High Men's Series:** Randy Hiltz 675, John Lowe 625, Tony Gress 598; **High Women's Game:** Glenda Reed 214, 171 Patti Lowe 197; **High Women's Series:** Glenda Reed 553, Patti Lowe 523, Sandy Gress 468.

New books at the Library

Non-fiction:

The Schwarzbein Principle by Diana Schwarzbein
Healing Secrets of the Seasons by Judith Benn Hurley
Pickup Trucks by Justin Lukach
Family Circle All-Time Favorite Recipes
Cooking Time is Family Time by Lynn Fredericks
Light Jewish Holiday Desserts by Penny Wantuk Eisenberg

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Oct. 18

Admitted: Murrell Briglow, Rossville.

Discharged: Anna Thacker.

Weather

Partly sunny today and tomorrow. High today 53, low 35. Tomorrow's high 63, low 44.

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