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## City council approves ambulance contract with hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital will provide ambulance service in the city by Aug. 1.

At its meeting Tuesday, the Hoopeston City Council approved a contract under which the hospital will lease the ambulances for \$1 per month per ambulance. The hospital will pay insurance on the ambulance but will charge the city \$400 monthly to offset tat cost.

Additionally, the city will put \$2,500 per month in an ambulance replacement fund. The fund will also be used to pay repairs costing more than \$2,500.

Although the contract is automatically renewable, ei-

ther side may cancel the agreement with 90 days' notice.

Some modifications to the contract were suggested, including adding Butler Township to the list of Grant and Lovejoy townships as the coverage area; including the start date of the contract; and adding an indemnity clause limiting the city's liability. The ambulance committee and city attorney Jim Spiros will give final approval to the contract before the hospital begins providing service.

In unrelated action, the council:

See COUNCIL on other side

## Hoopeston Regional Health Center dedicates new facility

Local dignitaries were on hand Tuesday for the official dedication of the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center, the newest part of Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

The \$1.5 million center, located east of Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital on Route 9, will house doctors offices and exam rooms in 10,000 square feet. It is expected to open in July.

The medical center was named in honor of Charlotte Russell, a Hoopeston philanthropist who cre-

ated endowments for the hospital as well as the school district and library.

Funds to construct the medical center partially came local donations as well as a \$9 million bond issue. Other bond funds are earmarked for hospital renovations and paying off the facility's existing debt.

Employees are invited to an open house Wednesday, followed on Thursday by an open house for the public.

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