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Hoopeston streets to get major overhaul with MFT funds

Nearly three miles of Hoopeston streets will get a facelift this summer.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved the \$159,000 street project for 2001.

"It's a pretty ambitious project this year," said engineer Jay Dingee of Sodeman & Associates. "It's going to involve a tremendous amount of work for the street department."

Several streets will get base repair, prime and seal coat, something which has not been done for several years, Dingee said. Major repairs will be done on Chestnut between Sixth and First avenues and Sixth St. to Euclid; Third Ave. between Main and Washington, Front between Honeywell and McCracken, Honeywell from Front to Market; Fourth and Sixth streets between Judson and Thompson, Fifth St. between Seminary and Young; Ninth St. between McNeil and Wyman and McNeil between Market and Ninth St.

Other streets will receive seal coat, including Maple and Elm between Sixth Ave. and Rt. 1, Young and the adjoining alley east of Ninth St., and Elm between Third and Fifth streets.

The project will be funded with Motor Fuel Tax funds and will be let out for bids in the near future, Dingee

said.

In unrelated action, the council unanimously passed the 2001-02 budget. Although expenses outweighed income, the city will use \$163,000 of reserves to cover the shortfall, said city finance committee chairman Alderman Bill Goodwine. Additionally, water/sewer depreciation was reduced from \$60,000 to \$20,000 and no payments will be made on a \$1 million loan from the general fund, he said.

The final budget figures include income of \$2,298,447 in the general fund with expenses of \$280 less than that total, Goodwine said. The water fund will have a \$39 surplus with income of 1,082,939 and expenses of 1,082,900, he said.

In unrelated business, the council:

learned water meters will be read monthly, instead of every other month.

discussed employees wearing uniforms. The cost would be about \$5,200 annually for uniforms for 15 workers.

heard a request from Mayor Chalmers Flint that residents contact the city with addresses of vacant properties in their neighborhoods. The city will compile a list and put the properties up for bids.

Beta Sigma Phi holds info meeting on playground changes

Project Playground 2001 is off and running.

Members of the Psi Iota chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held an informational meeting Monday night. Approximately 15 people, representing the city and civic organizations, attended.

The sorority hopes to raise an estimated \$50,000 for new playground equipment at McFerren Park. The money will cover equipment, resurfacing the play area and landscaping. Improvements will be made in the infant and toddler areas

and new equipment will replace original toys put in more than 20 years ago.

The sorority is working with KaBOOM, an agency which works with nonprofit groups and playground equipment manufacturers to build community play areas.

Although barely underway, the group already has \$1,200 towards its goal. "So we've got \$48,800 to go," said Leslie Shore, one of the project's organizers.

See **PLAYGROUND** on other side

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Additionally, the women's group will seek grant dollars and plan to approach local businesses. "We're not going to be bashful," said co-organizer Suzi Root.

Other donations are needed besides money. The group is hoping contractors, bricklayers and others will make in-kind donations of materials or labor to assemble the equipment or food and drink for the community build day tentatively scheduled for June 2, 2002 at the park.

Organizers hope the people of Hoopeston will get be-

Briefly

Rules of the Road

A Rules of the Road review class will be held from 1-3 p.m. Friday, June 8 at the Hoopeston city hall. For more information, call (217) 283-5833.

Bloodmobile

An American Red Cross bloodmobile will be held from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday at the Milford fire station. Walk-ins are welcome.

Survey meeting

The Hoopeston Visioning For the Future committee will announce the results of a community survey at 6:30 p.m. June 18 at the Hoopeston Area High School auditorium. The community is invited to attend.

Police News

Earl W. Clark Jr., 51, of 108 E. Elm, Ambia, Ind., was arrested at 2:40 p.m. Monday at city hall. Clark, wanted on a warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$73 cash bond.

Charlene Clark, 47, of 108 E. Elm, Ambia, Ind., was arrested at 3:48 p.m. Monday at city hall. She was also wanted on a failure to appear warrant and was released on \$73 cash bond.

A **65-year-old** man reported Monday that someone broke the side mirror of his vehicle while it was parked in the 300 block of South Market.

hind the project. "We don't want ti to be the playground that Beta Sigma Phi built," said organizer Kathy Watson. "We want it to be the playground that the community of Hoopeston built."

A Community Playground Fund account has been set up at Kankakee Federal Savings and Loan where residents may make donations.

New Books at the Library

Non-fiction:

Quick Home-Cooked Meals by Maryann Zepp

Secrets of the Baby Whisperer by Tracy Hogg

Reader's Digest Complete Photography Manual by Ailsa McWhinnie

Sports Quotations

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

June 4

Admitted: Carl Dixon, Marie Webber, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Dora Lyons, William Green, Fred Edwards.

Weather

Mostly cloudy, chance of showers, thunderstorms today and tonight. High 74, low 57. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 72, low 58.

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A drawing shows the planned playground layout at McFerren Park.

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