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Hoopeston officials will again try to help low-income residents improve their homes.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved spending \$5,000 to have the Champaign County Planning Commission write a housing rehabilitation grant for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

Alderman Ed Lotz, civic improvement committee chairman, said up to \$400,000 may be awarded in the 2002-03 program.

Several Hoopeston residents have benefited from previous grants. Money is used for such things as new roofs, windows and other repairs to make homes more energy efficient.

In unrelated discussion, parks committee chairman Alderman Mike Eckersley said repairing restrooms at McFerren Park and making them handicapped accessible will be an expensive proposition.

Eckersley received one estimate for \$3,700 for new fixtures, \$3,500 for new partitions and \$1,200 for electrical work. The roof must also be repaired, estimated at nearly \$4,000.

The bathhouse at the pool will get a facelift

this year, with epoxy interior paint and latex exterior paint, estimated at \$3,200, Eckersley said.

In other business, Alderman Rod Kaag proposed that next year, some money used to repair streets be used instead to fix curbs along city streets.

When crews fix Main Street later this year, an effort will be made to do some curb repairs, he said. Additionally, Kaag has received complaints about curbing on Seventh St. from Washington south to Rt. 9. Repairing just one block, from Washington to Lincoln, is estimated at \$9,700, he said.

In unrelated business:

- Eckersley is looking for workers to mow the parks this summer. Applications are available at city hall. Senior citizens are encouraged to apply.
- the council learned Fire Chief Brian Laird will retire April 30. "He will be sorely missed," said Alderman Don York, fire committee chairman. "He's provided some great leadership in the department over the last few years."

Jim Pajor has been named the new chief.

- accepted a bid for perpetual care urns from Schuler's Flower Shop.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Stuffed animals" is the theme of this week's Hoopeston Public Library Tiny Tots story program. Children may bring their favorite stuffed animal. The program meets at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Multi Agency. It is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Concert set

The Rossville Church of Christ will host a concert featuring "Voices in Praise" From Kentucky

Christian College. Performances will be at 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday at the church, 514 E. Attica.

The group's sound technician is Brian DeNeal, son of Dan and Gloria DeNeal of Hoopeston.

Retirement Open House

An open house honoring retiring Hoopeston Police Sgt. Joe Gaffney will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the municipal building. Residents are invited to attend and wish Gaffney well.

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