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Hoopeston City Council approves annexing Petry land

Hoopeston will grow by about 83 acres, following action taken by the city council Tuesday night.

Aldermen unanimously approved annexing about 83 acres of land owned by Larry Petry and a tract of land owned by Bud and Sharon Johnson. The property is located east of Euclid.

Of Petry's land, 63 acres is earmarked for residential development as part of the city's tax increment financing (TIF) district.

A public hearing on the annexation was held prior to

the council meeting.

At the hearing, city attorney Bill Nelson outlined highlights of an annexation agreement between Petry and the city, including the need for the property to be zoned R-1 single family residential; the city must guarantee the

See ANNEXATION on other side

Mark Catron is new trustee

ROSSVILLE—A 28-year-old Rossville man was named to the village board Monday night.

Mark Catron was appointed to fill the remaining term of Dale Tweedy who resigned last month. The term expires in April 2003.

Catron, formerly of Hoopeston, has lived in the village for approximately two years. He is employed by the University of Illinois operations and maintenance department.

In other business, Larry Bartley of Allied Waste talked about a possible contract with the village to provide trash collection for the village's 670 homes.

After the meeting, Prillaman said the board had not considered the possibility until approached by Hartley. "I don't think anyone's ever contacted us before," he said.

Currently residents choose their own trash service providers. Many have complained about the cost of the service, Prillaman added.

In other business, trustees:

- approved keeping Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance for five employees at a cost of \$1,414.85 per month. The amount is up from \$1,148 monthly last year.
- will spend \$250 to join the Illinois Municipal Gas Agency.
- approved updated penalties for ordinance violations with fines of \$75-\$500.

Miss America expected here

The reigning Miss America, Katie Marie Harman, is expected to attend the National Sweetcorn Festival on Labor Day weekend.

She will be featured in the parade and will perform all three nights of this year's pageant, said pageant executive director Dolores Crabtree.

Harman, Miss Oregon 2000, did not win the National Sweetheart title but the experience helped her on the road to becoming Miss America. The trip is a thank-you to the Hoopeston Jaycees, who sponsor the festival, and the community. "She credits this pageant with giving her the knowledge and determination to go on," Crabtree said.

The trip, not sanctioned by the Miss America organization, is being done during Harman's free time. "This was strictly her idea," Crabtree said, adding the Jaycees are not paying Harman for her appearance.

While here, Harman will have police security at her appearances, Crabtree said.



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Briefly

Going away party

A going away party for Josh Bruens will be held from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturday at Pla-Mor Lanes. Entertainment will be provided by a DJ.

Bruens will be leaving on a four-year tour of duty overseas.

Cars must be moved

Hoopeston residents who live on East Main from

Annexation continued from other side

city's water and sewer system are adequate to meet the needs of the development; the city must assume responsibility for public improvements, such as sidewalks, made in the development; and officials must agree to a development contract with developer Jack Piper of Development Coordination Corporation.

The annexation agreement also calls for the city to reimburse Piper for eligible development costs at a rate of 75 percent of TIF funds generated by the development.

A two-thirds vote was needed to pass the annexation agreement. Only aldermen Bill Goodwine and Don York voted against the agreement.

In discussion before the vote, Goodwine urged aldermen to consider the ramifications of the agreement, which calls for the city to issue TIF revenue bonds to help fund the project. Goodwine said that although the city will not be liable for the bonds, if the project is unsuccessful and the city defaults on the bonds, it must report that action on future bond issues and may face a higher interest rate. A two percent increase in interest could result in the city paying as much as an additional \$450,000 over the 15-year life of a future bond project.

Goodwine also suggested the city negotiate to pay a lower percentage of allowable costs. "Are we just going to say 'tell us what you want Mr. Piper, our checkbook is open,'" he asked.

By negotiating a lower rate, the city would retain more money to help the school district and improve things within the city, like the infrastructure.

The 75/25 split means the city will only have 15 percent of TIF revenues for those projects since about 10 percent will go to TIF attorney Tom Jacobs of Bloomington, Goodwine said.

Fourth St. east are asked to park their cars off the street so that workers may repair the road. Cars on the street will be towed at the owner's expense.

Bowling meetings

- Wednesday Night Men's League, 7 p.m. Wednesday.
- Thursday night Men's City League, 7 p.m. Thursday. Two 5-man teams are still needed.
- Friday Night Mixed League, 7 p.m. Friday. Complete

"There seems to be so many questions that I don't see how we, in good conscience, could vote for it," Goodwine said. "There's a lot at stake here."

Jacobs countered Goodwine's questions saying he knows of no case where a city paid higher interest after defaulting on TIF bonds that are not general obligation bonds.

With the annexation agreement passed and the annexation approved, the council must now work with Piper on a redevelopment agreement. If one is not devised within 90 days, Piper may ask to have the property de-annexed.

In other business, the council was divided on whether the city should spray for mosquitoes in the wake of cases of West Nile Virus in Illinois.

Mayor Chalmers Flint said Jerry Pugh of Wellington could spray at a cost of \$45 per hour. Spraying is estimated to take 2.5 to three hours, he said.

Aldermen Rod Kaag and Don York do not favor spraying. "I don't think it does much good," said Kaag, adding there seem to be fewer mosquitoes this year.

York said the spray could harm people as much as mosquito bites.

Mike Eckersley disagreed. "I think we ought to spray even if it doesn't do much good," he said.

The issue is expected to be decided at the Sept. 3 meeting.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 88. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 70. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 88, low 68.

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

team roster information must be provided at this meeting.

All meetings are at Pla-Mor Lanes.

Winners

August winners in the Hoopeston Women Making a Difference drawing are Rose Cress, \$25; Louise Reece, \$15; and Sharon Prillaman, \$10.

Police News



A woman reported Monday that her diamond ring disappeared from her home in the 500 block of East Main. The ring is valued at more than \$10,000.

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