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## Finance committee recommends guidelines for TIF payouts

### Tie may be to jobs, tax increases

Companies that want money from Hoopeston's TIF (tax increment financing) fund may have to prove they've created more jobs or property tax revenue for the city.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, finance committee chairman Alderman Bill Goodwine outlined suggested guidelines to distribute TIF funds.

Under the committee's proposal, a business would have to prove it either created or kept jobs, or that it increased its property value.

The proposal calls for a maximum payment of 75 percent of an actual TIF tax increase for up to seven years or up to 10 percent of new payroll for seven years.

Under the guidelines, a business that pays higher wages would be eligible for more TIF reimbursement. A business creating five new jobs at \$6.50 per hour could request a maximum of \$6,760 per year or \$47,000 in a seven year period, Goodwine said. A business paying employees \$15 per hour could request a maximum of \$15,600 in a year and \$109,000 in seven years.

To be considered under the suggested guidelines, a company would have to provide full time jobs with benefits. Salaries of the owner and owner's relatives would not be included under the proposal.

Citing an example for the second guideline, Goodwine said that using a total tax rate of eight percent, a business which increases its assessed value by \$100,000 would be eligible to receive 75 percent or \$6,000 in one year and \$42,000 over seven years.

In no case would city reimbursement of eligible TIF expenses exceed 33 percent of TIF funds.

The city's TIF fund gets money from increases in the assessed valuation of property. Using Goodwine's eight percent total tax rate, the owner of a property with an

assessed value of \$100,000 would pay \$8,000 in taxes. As the value - and taxes - increase, the difference between the base tax of \$8,000 and the new taxes goes to the city's TIF fund. The money collected is then be used to pay eligible TIF-related expenses.

While the committee is suggesting that maximum reimbursement be tied to jobs, Goodwine said TIF laws don't allow the city to pay for jobs. "Jobs become the criteria for the amount but we can't pay for jobs," he said.

Currently, the city has no guidelines for distributing TIF money. "Without guidelines, we have a first come, first served criteria which isn't good at all," he said.

Creating guidelines doesn't mean any business that asks for TIF money will receive it. "This doesn't create a right of some business coming to town or some organization coming to town," Goodwine said.

Mayor Chalmers Flint said he reviewed the proposal with TIF attorney Tom Jacobs, who liked the plan. The finance committee is expected to meet with Jacobs to go over other options before making a final recommendation to the full council.

In related TIF discussion, Alderman Kevin Davis questioned when the city will move forward with a planned housing development on land east of Euclid. The planned development kick-started the city's TIF program more than three years ago.


Davis suggested the city concentrate more on the housing development and less on hoped-for development at the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9. That land, including Baer's Motel and Trailer Park has not yet been included in the TIF district and is tied up in the courts pending the outcome of a bankruptcy hearing, he said.

Flint said a hearing is scheduled on Sept. 8 and that after that date, city officials will have to consider whether it will keep pursuing a TIF project there.

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## Briefly

### Trash Walkers

Trash Walkers, a weekly volunteer clean-up group, will meet from 9 -10 a.m. Saturday at the north entrance of McFerren Park. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is welcome.

### Preschool screening

A free preschool screening for all three-, four- and five-year-olds will be held Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. The test will determine each child's knowledge of general concept, hearing and vision, speech and language skills and motor skills.

To schedule an appointment, call (217) 283-6668. Parents should bring their child's Social Security number, updated shot record and birth certificate to the appointment.

Gratis exámenes para niños de edades pre-escolar 3,4, y 5 años Tuesday 16, September por foavor triage a sus niños a Hoopeston First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. Examen de la vista y oído, desarrollo de sus habilidades musculares, concepto de entendimiento en general, del idioma y comunicación oral.

Favor de llamar al teléfono, (217) 283-6668 para hacer una cita. Favor de traer prueba de vacunas (immunizations), y número de seguro social.

### GED review classes

GED review classes will start Sept. 15 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Classes will meet from 4-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays for 12 weeks. Classes are also offered at Hoopeston Area High School on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m. Classes are free. Registration may be done at the Multi Agency up to the night of class.

For more information, call the Multi Agency, (217)




## Police News



**A-46-year-old** woman reported Tuesday that someone damaged a window in her home, possibly with a bb gun. The damage occurred in the 700 block of East Honeywell.

**Jackie E. Winchester**, 26, of 303 Henderson, Rossville, was arrested at 3:50 a.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of East McCracken. Winchester, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear on a charge of resisting a police officer, was released on bond.

## Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 2:47 p.m. Tuesday to a vehicle on fire in the 500 block of East Wyman. Police also responded.

## Volleyball Standings



- ### Wednesday Night League

#### Final

  - 101 Country
  - Pla-Mor South
  - Pla-Mor Lanes

4/5 Nard Construction and Moon Fry Farms

## Weather



Partly cloudy today. High74. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 48. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 77, low 50.

For current weather conditions, (217) 283-6221.

283-5544 or Gene Hanson, 283-5785.

## Classifieds

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Having out of town visitors? We have two 1 bedroom furnished apartments available by the night or by the week. TV, phone, utilities included. (217) 283-7996.

### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

2 bedroom upstairs apt. \$300/mo. Deposit, lease required. (217) 283-7698.

### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is accepting applications for our programs in Wellington and Ludlow. Applicants must have a bachelor's or associate's degree in Early Childhood or associated field, with 18 hours in Early Childhood. Salary range is \$11.49-\$18.31. Please fax resume, with references, to (815) 984-4500 or call (815) 984-3706. EOE

### HOUSES FOR SALE

Hoopeston, willing to sell on contract. 2 story, 4 bedroom, 1.5 baths, garage, fenced back yard. Newer roof & furnace. Owner is Real Estate Licensee. Illiana Real Estate, (217) 283-4644.

### MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

2 brown swivel rockers, \$60 ea.; hide-a-bed couch, \$75; floral loveseat, \$100; treadmill, \$75; 4 pc. bedroom set, \$200. (217) 283-6917.

### RUMMAGE SALES

Moving sale. 883 E. Honeywell, Hoopeston. Sept. 4-5-6. 9-1. 6 pc. White French provincial bedroom set w/mattress, springs; hide-a-bed, sofa, recliners, chairs, table w/4 chairs, double 4 poster bed w/vanity dresser, general household; tools, some very old; more items added daily.

477 E. Second North St., Wellington (old high school). Sat., 8-noon. 4 families. Almost everything \$1 except appliances & furniture.

### VEHICLES FOR SALE

1986 Chevrolet Celebrity, 2 door. Great shape; runs great. Power locks, windows, seats, cruise, a/c. New tires, alternator, battery, muffler. \$1600. (217) 283-9540. Can be seen at 805 E. Main, Hoopeston.

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