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Alderman finds 'wheat among chaff' of business hopefuls

Of the businesses interested in getting the Willdon Building for free, so far, three are worth courting, according to a Hoopeston alderman.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council, Alderman Bill Goodwine said he has contacted about 10 of the interested businesses. Of those, three "deserve a real good recruiting effort," he said.

Many of the rest seem less than stellar. "As one might expect, there's a lot of chaff among the wheat," Goodwine said. One such business was formed by a man who "claims to invented a machine to do away with the law of perpetual motion," he said.

Others want not only a free building but "free this and free that," Goodwine said. "They don't want to be an asset to the city, they want to sponge off Hoopeston."

A representative of one company interested in the Willdon Building was expected to speak at the meeting. Robert Alcaez is affiliated with a company that does call center work and also works with the Dept. of Homeland Security. He did not attend the meeting for family

reasons, Mayor Chalmers Flint said.

In selecting a company, the city's finance committee is looking for one that will provide well-paying jobs. But other things will have to be considered as well, such as the odds of the company's success. "It's an awful lot of judgment," Goodwine said. "If you stop with the number of jobs and the pay rate, the biggest liar gets the building."

Flint said the city needs to have a degree of skepticism when dealing with companies interested in the building "but I believe something good will come of this," he said.

In unrelated business, the council:

- will sell an old ambulance by sealed bids. Details on the vehicle were not available at the meeting but Alderman Brandon Hamilton said specifications will be available at city hall. Bids will be opened at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2
- set the next council meeting for Wednesday, Nov. 3 so as not to conflict with the election on Nov. 2.



New fire station
 An artist's rendition of the new Rossville Fire Station was presented at Monday's Rossville Village Board meeting. See related story on other side.

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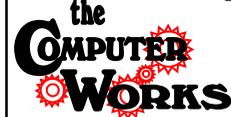
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Bids to be sought for construction after Rossville Village Board approves fire station plans

ROSSVILLE—After three years in the works, the Rossville Fire Department received the go-ahead for a new fire station.

The Rossville Village Board on Tuesday gave unanimous approval to plans for the new station, to be located on the east side of Rt. 1 on the village's northern limits.

An artist rendition of the proposed station, along with floor plans and a topographical drawing were displayed at Tuesday's meeting.

The 70' x 110' station will have seven bays - four in front and three in the back, along with a large training room, restrooms, mechanical room and office space. Future plans include adding a kitchen, said Fire Chief Lloyd Smith.

Although the drawing of the building showed the structure in red, Smith said a color has not yet been selected. A more neutral color is expected to be chosen, he said.

The cost of the new station is unknown. The department will now seek bids for construction of the building

and ingress and egress, Smith said.

In unrelated action, the board:

- voted to have gas department employees trained in carbon monoxide detection and safety procedures. The village has a detection monitor but workers have not been trained in using it, said Mayor Terry Prillaman.
- approved the Ridl and Thomas additions to the village. The property is expected to be used for Tax Increment Financing development.
- unanimously approved a digging/backfill ordinance requiring contractors to contact the village before digging begins.
- unanimously approved tree removal and planting at the park.
- heard from Naomi Freeman about the shortage of vendors at the Labor Day street sale. Twenty-five vendors were scheduled to be there but 19 attended. The others had personal emergencies and equipment failures, Freeman said.
- learned the gas price will remain at 80 cents per therm.
- approved donating \$300 to the Rossville Community

Hoopeston Area announces parent-teacher conference days

Hoopeston Area schools will hold parent-teacher conferences on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday, conferences will be held from 4-7 p.m. and on Friday, parents may meet with teachers from 8 a.m. to noon.

Parents of students in kindergarten through sixth grade need to make an appointment with their child's teacher

to insure time available for their conference. Parents of students in grades 7-12 are urged to make appointments but conferences may be handled during the scheduled times without necessarily making an appointment.

Parents or guardians who cannot arrange to meet during the set hours are urged to call their child's school and arrange and alternate time for their conference.

No report cards will be sent home with any students. They must be picked up by parents at their child's school during the above times. This applies to all grades.

To accommodate the conferences, school will be dismissed early Thursday; at 2:05 p.m. for grades kindergarten-sixth and 2:20 p.m. for grades 7-12.

There will be no school Friday.

Police News



Richard C. Strawser, 42, of 416 N. Eighth Ave., was arrested at 10:15 a.m. Monday in the 400 block of North Eighth Ave. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 33-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Strawser was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Stefanie R. McGee-Staples, 33, of 43 Parkview Court was arrested Monday at Lincoln and Sixth Ave. She was charged with driving while license suspended and was released on a notice to appear.

Weather



Dense fog today. High 62. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 50. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 69, low 55.

For current weather conditions, call **Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.**

Organization for Christmas decorations in the downtown and mini park.

- set trick-or-treat hours as 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 for youngsters in preschool to 12 years. Residents who wish to offer candy are asked to leave their porch lights on.

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