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**Hoopeston contractors request city impose new license, fee**

Representatives of Hoopeston's three main contractors attended the Hoopeston City Council meeting Tuesday to request that officials impose a licensing fee on contractors doing work in the city.

"We feel it's for the benefit of the city to have this policy," said electrician Kenny McVicker, representing his business, along with Ervin Construction and Silver Brothers Construction.

The contractors hope the city will adopt a license fee similar to one in Danville. There, contractors must register with the city and pay a \$50 fee for the first classification of license and \$25 for each additional license.

Classifications include general, HVAC, Class A electrical, refrigeration and fire suppression; Class B and Class M electrical; and plumbing.

Contractors must also provide documentation under the Danville ordinance, including proof of liability insurance and a \$5,000 surety bond or state license.

"It's not really expensive to have this license,"

McVicker said, adding a city license would generate some income for the city and protect residents from unscrupulous contractors.

The council took no action on the contractors' request but will discuss the matter.

In unrelated discussion, aldermen heard from engineer Ellen Hedrick of Sodemann and Associates on the 2005 Motor Fuel Tax maintenance program.

If approved, the project will total "very close to \$140,000" with "a rather large base program and oil and chip," Hedrick said.

The program calls for a seal coat on North Market from Judson to the city limits which will piggy-back with a township program, Hedrick said. Seal coating is also planned for Third Ave. and McKinley, south of Rt. 9.

Base repair and seal coat are scheduled for various locations in the city including Judson from Fourth St. to Seventh St., Wyman from Seventh St. to Ninth St., Seventh St. from McNeil to Judson, East

**Grant officials to delay truck purchase on funding concerns**

A request from Hoopeston Fire Chief Greg Shipman to have Grant Township pay for a brush truck for the department will not be made until township officials are sure of their funding status.

At Tuesday's township meeting, township Supervisor Bill Boose said he has learned reductions in the equalized assessed valuation at Hoopeston Foods and ADM will cause decreases in funding for all taxing bodies.

Also, increases in property tax exemptions for owner-occupied and senior citizens will also lower the amount of money the township receives. "I'm hesitant to bite off any more until we know a little more about these

changes," Boose said.

Trustee Dale Lithgow agreed. "We need to take a more in-depth look at this," he said.

Boose said Shipman suggested Hoopeston could pay for the truck if the township agreed to repay the cost over time but Boose suggested waiting. "When we get this budget done, maybe things will look a little better," he said.

In unrelated action, the board approved meeting dates for the coming year. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month except October and November when meetings are the third Tuesday.

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## Police News



**Eulalio L. Martinez**, 31, of 307 N. Sixth Ave. turned himself in to police at 4 p.m. Tuesday. Martinez, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/rule to show cause, was released on \$84 cash bond.

**Myrna J. Moore**, 25, of 503 N. Seventh Ave. turned herself in to police at 4:49 p.m. Tuesday.

Moore, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/rule to show cause, was released on \$300 cash bond.

**Richard L. Smith**, 36, of 631 E. McCracken was arrested at 4:37 p.m. Tuesday in the 600 block of East McCracken.

He was charged with aggravated battery and domestic battery on a complaint from a 24-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Smith stuck him in the head with a pool cue and stabbed him in the hand.

Both Smith and the complainant were treated at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Smith was then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Marcus A. Burke**, 21, of 1225 E. Williams, Danville, was arrested at 11:33 p.m. Tuesday at Park-McCracken from Sixth Ave. to Tenth Ave., Ninth and Tenth Ave. from

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Thompson to Honeywell, Maple between Third Ave. and Fourth Ave., Fourth Ave. between Washington and Rt. 9, a section of Eighth Ave. just north of Honeywell; Dice west of Second Ave.; and Third Ave. for about one block south of Rt. 9

In unrelated business, the council:  
• will have a budget meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 5. "It's going to be a tough budget to balance," said Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, "but we have every year so there's no need to make an exception.

• heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand about complaints of dogs defecating in Floral Hill Cemetery.

• heard from Ankenbrand about local youth sports groups which may want new equipment or existing equipment replaced. The city will try to help with

view Court.

He was charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 29-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Burke was beating on the doors and windows of her home, trying to get in.

Burke was released on a notice to appear.

## Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:20 a.m. Wednesday for a fire alarm at Country Terrace Apartments, 705 E. Orange. Food burning in a microwave set off the alarm.

## Obituaries

**GOSS** - Dorothy Lucille Goss, 78, of Ross-ville died Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Wolfe Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

that. Requests must be in by Friday.

• learned some interest has been shown in the FMC building but little in the Willdon Building. Some suggested finding a local owner for the building but Goodwine said the city took the building with the hope of creating jobs. "If we don't create jobs, we probably shouldn't have taken it to begin with," he said.

Alderman Ed Lotz said the city was pressured by residents to take the building because of its historical value. "We haven't heard squat from anybody since we got it," he said.

• learned a special meeting will be held at 7 p.m.

## Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 51. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 32. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 51, low 36.

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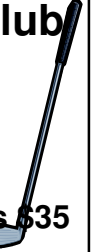
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