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## Hoopeston City Council looks at restoring pond maintenance

The goldfish may have gotten a reprieve.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Alderman Ed Lotz said the city hopes to work with pond developer Jack Miller on an affordable price for maintaining the pond at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Last month, the council announced it cut an estimated \$9,000, earmarked for pond maintenance, from the budget. The cut "doesn't mean we're actually going to fill in the pond," Lotz said.

Miller was at the April 25 meeting to protest, saying a customer with a similar pond pays \$200 annually for maintenance. He has met with Alderman Bill Crusinberry and Mayor Bill DeWitt about the issue and has submitted a proposal.

In other action, new officials were sworn in by Vermilion County Circuit Judge Gordon Stipp. Seated



Newly-elected Hoopeston Mayor Bill DeWitt, left, is sworn in Tuesday by Vermilion County Circuit Judge Gordon Stipp as outgoing Mayor Chalmers Flint and city attorney Brian Manion look on.

were DeWitt, city clerk Louise Barten, treasurer Edye Bookwalter and council members Gail Lane, Crusinberry and Bill Goodwine. Aldermen unanimously approved Jerry Yonkers to fill the unexpired term of John Haughee, who resigned. He will be sworn in May 17.

The council approved a salary range ordinance covering pay for employees and elected officials. DeWitt and newly-elected aldermen will get an increase from their predecessors, with DeWitt receiving \$750 per month, up from \$300. Aldermen will receive \$125 monthly, up from \$100.

In passing the ordinance, the council approved dropping an attendance requirement. Aldermen who missed more than four meetings were not paid for missed meetings but Alderman Brandon Hamilton called the restriction "unfair" and suggested it be stricken. Goodwine was the sole "no" vote on the issue.

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## Stepping out

Preston Jordan and Emily Overlander, kind and queen of the 2005 Hoopeston Area High School prom, step out together after their coronation last week. Joining Jordan as king candidates were Danny Allen, Nathan Phillips, Rodney Sollars and Branden Stone. Queen candidates included Jordan Hornbeck, Kaylee Reiners, Ashley Stephens and Sarah Verley.



## Police News



A **45-year-old** woman reported Monday that someone shattered the back window of her vehicle while it was parked in the 900 block of East Or-

ange.

A **child's foot** scooter was found Monday at Honeywell School. The owner may identify and claim



## Letters to the Editor



Once while driving through the cemetery w/ my now departed father, I observed a grave site that looked "trashy" with all types of trinkets, flowers stuck in the ground, etc... I looked over at my father and said something about it and he said to me, "Each one of those "trashy" little trinkets and flowers is a show of affection from someone still living. I hope I have the "trashiest" grave in the cemetery." I think he said it all!

As for the pond, I take my grandchildren to visit the pond in hopes that they will not always associate sadness with the cemetery but also life. They enjoy the fish in the pond and running water. I recall as a child the little boy & girl under the umbrella and have fond memories with my grandmothers visiting and talking about other deceased family members I never knew. I'm

sure there is a lot of family history shared around that little pond.

It's a shame the City Fathers are only looking at the finances of operating the cemetery. There is more to life and death than money. Part of the cemetery workers' job is to work around the trinkets and flowers placed on the graves. They might even have to use hand lawn mowers like they did in the old days instead of riding mowers.

The people who bought plots in the Hoopeston Cemetery didn't want buried in the cemetery on the north end of Danville that administers the same rules Hoopeston City Council is trying to enforce. If they wanted that type of cemetery they would have purchased plots in Danville, not Floral Hill.

Sharie Carter-Bane  
Hoopeston

## Briefly

### Teacher request forms

Honeywell and John Greer schools will send teacher request forms home with students on Friday, May 6. Maple school has forms that may be picked up in the office. All forms are due on or before the last day of school, May 26. Those with questions may call the appropriate school office.

### Items needed

Hoopeston Multi Agency is accepting good used furniture, appliances and household items to help with their street sale. No clothing, please. Items can be dropped off by May 12 at 206 S. First Ave.

For information, call 283-5544.

## Weather



Mostly sunny today and tomorrow. High today 64, low 42. High tomorrow 68, low 44

For current weather conditions, call Hoopes-ton Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

## Classifieds

### HOUSES FOR RENT

East Thompson, Hoopeston. Available May 15. 2 BR, basement, garage. \$350/mo. No pets. References (217) 304-3477

### LOST & FOUND

Gold & silver clip on earring lost Sunday at Hoopeston Area High School auditorium. Last gift from late husband. If found, call (217) 283-7289.

### RUMMAGE SALES

330 W. Maple, Hoopeston. Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-noon. Huge sale! Lots of nice glassware, household items.

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