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New monument company owner to trade cleanup for land

The owner of a planned monument business will trade cleanup costs for property at the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9.

Lee Cox, who plans to open Cox Memorials, was given the green light for his project at Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting when the council voted 5-2 to trade Cox the land he wants in exchange for him cleaning up the property he wants and accepting waste concrete from the entire parcel that was Baer's Trailer Court.

At the July 19 council meeting, Cox asked that land be donated for his business but added that he would be willing to purchase the land, if the cost were within reason.

Alderman Bill Goodwine said at that meeting that he did not favor giving the land away and at Tuesday's meeting, reiterated his stance. He cited four reasons against it, including that the city bought the property for "really important economic development," such as the planned motel; it is unfair to use tax money to subsidize a business; the city must be responsible stewards of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) money, much of which would go to Hoopeston Area schools if it were not for the TIF; and donating the land would subsidize a new business against an existing one.

Aldermwoman Gail Lane countered some of Goodwine's points saying that economic development includes cleaning up property and creating new businesses; using TIF money for the new CVS Pharmacy was subsidizing it against the former Weber's Drug Store and the school district receives money from the state to make up for TIF taxes.

In an effort to convince the council, Cox' father, Lloyd, said his family is the major shareholder in the Hoopeston Industrial Corporation which donated land through the group's property for a road to the land-

fill.

Voting against trading land for labor were Goodwine and Alderman Brandon Hamilton.

In related economic development discussion, Hamilton asked Mayor Bill DeWitt, who campaigned on the possibility of bringing 300 jobs to Hoopeston, about those jobs. "I'm not at liberty to say at this time," DeWitt responded, adding that some companies are still looking at the former FMC Building.

In other action, the council approved two ordinances related to dogs in the city. The first amends an existing ordinance that bans dogs from running loose in city parks and the cemetery. The other is a new ordinance barring dogs from Main St. between Third St. and Third Ave. Seeing-eye dogs are excluded from the ban.

Lane voted against the ordinances because she did not have a copy of them before the meeting.

In other business, the council took no action on a recommendation to fill the vacancy of zoning administrator/building inspector.

DeWitt asked Alderman Jerry Yonkers to make a motion approving Dennis David to the post but the action was criticized by some aldermen and was withdrawn.

"Too many times I come to council and don't know what's going on," said Alderman Carl Ankenbrand.

Hamilton agreed that the council had no foreknowledge, while Goodwine suggested the position be advertised and that the council "go about it in the normal way of hiring someone."

Tom Bookwalter resigned from the position, leaving the city "in a bind," DeWitt said. Two other candidates were interviewed along with David. DeWitt listed David's qualifications for the job including being a retired lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy and

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Roy Makes a Car by Mary Lyons

The Secret Seder by Doreen Rappaport

Show Me Your Smile! A Visit to the Dentist by Christine Ricci

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10 Little Rubber Ducks by Eric Carle

Two Times the Fun by Beverly Cleary

Wiggley Party by Wiggles

Wild About Books by Judy Sierra

Wild and Wooly by Mary Parker

Alice in Blunderland, can Alice Survive Fourth Grade? by Phyllis Naylor

Artemis Fowl: the Opal Deception by Eoin

Police News

Two women were arrested after an altercation at 6:35 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of West Penn.

Holly D. Robinson, 17, of 302 W. Penn #4 and Deanna L. Smithers, 21, of 302 W. Penn #5 were arrested on a complaint from a 19-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Each was charged with battery and released on a notice to appear.

An 18-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone took items from her 1996 Chevrolet while it was parked at McFerren Park.

Fire Calls

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5:08 p.m. Sunday to a report of smoke at 883 E. Honeywell. No injuries were reported.

The department was called at 5:31 a.m. Monday to a truck on fire at First Ave. and West Washington. There were no reported injuries.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 91. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 69. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 85, low 65.

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

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Moving sale. 415 S. Second Ave., Hoopeston. Fri. & Sat., 8-? Collectibles, linens, books, dolls, games, 49 years' accumulation of other stuff.

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Family thankful for benefit

The Bell family would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity that was shown towards Larry. You all know who you are and you are all wonderful people.

We want to send a special thanks to Larry and Jennifer Baughn for donating Ruby Nell's and their DJ service. We also want to thank all the business and individuals for all the donations that were given for the auction and Teresa Lane for the time she took to help us get everything together.

We have wonderful friends and family. Without all of you, this benefit would not have been possible.

Thanks again to everyone.

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