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City has trees taken down, removed; beautification planned

Snow fence blocks off an area where trees once were but Hoopeston's mayor said the area will be pretty again in the future.

At Tuesday night's regular Hoopeston City Council meeting, Alderwoman Gail Lane said she had been questioned about why the trees were removed from the parking lot in the 300 block of East Main.

City crews this week dug up the parking lot to remove stumps from the trees which were cut down last week.

DeWitt said that before his term, city officials decided to take down the trees, which were dying. After the winter "they definitely are dead," DeWitt said, so the city removed them. "It will be beautified at a later time," he added.

Alderman Bill Goodwine said money for the project

was in the budget but that the work probably should have been discussed before it was done. A plan to landscape the area was submitted to the city but has not been approved, he said.

In unrelated business, the council:

Learned Grant Township will use existing water and sewer lines on the east side of the road from its new garage behind Hoopeston Area High School. Tapping into those lines will save a considerable amount of money for the city, said Alderman Bill Crusinberry. To run new lines to the structure would have cost \$30,000 to \$60,000 but by using existing lines, the city will only have to pay \$2,000 to \$3,000, he said.

• Accepted a \$8,129 bid from Birkey's for an XMark

See CITY on other side



City workers this week took out dead trees from the parking lot in the 300 block of East Main. The area is to be resurfaced, said Mayor Bill DeWitt.

Hoopeston townwide garage sales

Sat. April 1 8am.

to get on garage sale map send or drop in mail SLOT IN FRONT OF BUILDING, name, address, list of items for sale & \$7 to

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City continued from other side

Front Runner riding mower for the cemetery. The price includes trade-in.

- Learned one of the new swings at McFerren Park has a welding failure. The company, Power Play, is expected to send a repair kit, said Alderman Carl Ankenbrand.
- Learned the city sewer treatment plant has no major problems, according to ERH Enterprises.
- Heard from Lana Lage who thanked the council for two additional handicapped parking spaces at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

• Heard from Malley Wallace, sister-in-law of fireman Layton Seggebruch. "I've lost respect for the fire department," she said. "I know I've lost respect for the chief and I don't like the way it was handled."

Wallace was referring to Seggebruch's dismissal from the department after 13 years of service. The reason cited was that he lives outside Grant Township, a violation of a city ordinance.

Seggebruch had planned to ask the city council for a waiver on the ordinance specifying residency but withdrew his request.



Go Buckeyes!

The Tyrrell family of Hoopeston, former Ohio residents, witnessed the Feb. 12 Illini defeat (69-53) at the hands of former Hoopeston resident Thad Matta's Buckeyes. Pictured are, from left, Will Tyrrell, 13, a student at Hoopeston Area Middle School, sister, Haley, eight, who attends Maple Grade School, mother, Eileen and father, Larry, chief financial officer at Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

Briefly

March senior potluck cancelled

The Hoopeston Multi Agency's senior potluck, scheduled for Thursday, March 9, has been cancelled due to family illness and death.

The potluck is scheduled to be held again on April 13.

Weather



Heavy rain today and tonight. High 61, low 41. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 55, low 45.

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