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City, motel developer reach tentative terms on agreement

Construction on a new motel could begin September 1 if the Hoopeston City Council approves a redevelopment agreement later this month.

At Tuesday night's regular Hoopeston City Council meeting, city attorney Brian Manion reviewed the agreement between the city and Bhupendra Naik of Danville, who hopes to build a 22-room motel at Rtes. 1 and 9.

Naik owns a Best Western motel in Danville but said last year that Hoopeston's motel would not be part of the national chain.

According to the proposed agreement, Naik will be paid for 70 percent of eligible costs from the city's Tax Increment Financing fund. He had hoped to receive 100 percent of all costs but agreed to the lesser amount, Manion said.

Also, the city must furnish Naik with a letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency stating that no further remediation is needed on the site which was the former Baer's Trailer Court.

Officials had expected a letter by March 31 but Peace Corps Fellow Shannon Ruh told the council Tuesday that a new sampling of the area will be taken in the next two weeks. Those samples will be submitted to the IEPA and if remediation is necessary, it must be done before a letter is issued. The new target date for the letter is May 31, and if it is received in time, construction is expected to begin Sept. 1, Manion said.

Additionally, Naik agreed to a 10' easement on each side of the city's sewer line and has assigned his rights for 200' of property in the back corner of the lot.

Manion said the city has talked informally with Lee Cox, owner of Cox Memorials, about the property.

The redevelopment agreement is contingent upon Naik receiving financing and the city approving the agreement. Manion called the document a "good final draft," but Alderman Bill Goodwine suggested the council take time to review the agreement and vote on it at

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Junior Women's Club bring carnival to McFerren Park

Area youngsters - and their parents - can have a great time and benefit local youth organizations at Sunday's Carnival Fun Day.

The Hoopeston Junior Women's Club is sponsoring the event, from noon-3 p.m. at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

Carnival games, a bounce house, pie-throwing, cookie walk, tattoos and treasure hunt are among the activities planned for the day. The first 300 children ages 2-12 will receive a free goody bag. Hot dogs, nachos, drinks and chips will be sold and Maui Club will provide music.

Each activity requires from one to eight tickets, which are 25 cents each. One free game ticket will

be given for each can of food donated, with a maximum of eight free tickets.

All canned items will be donated to the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

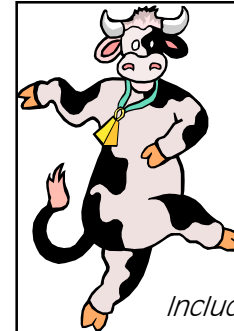
A raffle will also be held, with a drawing at 3 p.m. Items for the raffle include a picture with Hoopeston Area's Jerky, a Care Bear and a visit and picture with Ashley Chezem, Miss Hoopeston 2006. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Winners must be present to claim their prizes

Proceeds from the event will be dividing among Girls Softball Association, Midget Football, Music Boosters and youth mission groups at St. Anthony's and the United Methodist Church.

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Hours to apply are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. HRHC offers a full range of benefits and a great working environment.

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the April 18 meeting.

In unrelated business, Goodwine scheduled a budget meeting for 5 p.m. April 11 and told the council "it's going to be a difficult budget."

The current budget is expected to show \$3,000 more than anticipated in income but several big income items will decrease, he said.

Included in that decrease is an estimated \$18,000 loss in property taxes based on two local companies receiving lowered assessments. Income in that category was estimated at \$472,000 "but it looks more like it's going to be \$432,000," Goodwine said.

Also, the city expects to lose an estimated \$60,000 from the telecommunications tax after a court ruled last year that cell phones are exempt, he said.

Goodwine asked aldermen to be conservative in preparing budgets for next year, reiterating "it's going to be a difficult tax year."

In other action, the council:

- Learned the city is expected to receive a \$48,000 grant from Southern Illinois University. The money will go towards a new ambulance. The city had applied for about \$130,000, said Alderman Brandon Hamilton.

- Approved a street light for Lockhart St., which will be installed free but cost the city \$13.35 per month.

- Is accepting bids on a 1988 Chevrolet dump truck. The truck may be seen at the city slab. Bids will be opened at noon April 21.

- Approved accepting a deed to 204 E. Young to demolish a house there.

- Heard from residents in the 600 block of Sycamore about a neighbor who breeds dogs there. The residents said dog-breeding is a violation of the subdivision covenant. The residents were advised to see an attorney about the covenant but that barking dogs are covered under city ordinance and they may call the police department and file complaints against the owners.

Obituaries

BETKA—E. Kenneth Betka, 87, of Hoopeston died at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery with military rites by Cissna Park American Legion post. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

FOSTER—Emma Foster, 88, of Danville, formerly of Cheneyville, died at 6:40 p.m. Monday,

April 3, 2006 at ManorCare Health Services of Champaign. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

REETZ—Harold Frank Reetz Sr., 91, of Milford died at 9:04 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Amity Cemetery, Goodwine. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday, with Masonic service at 7 p.m., and one hour before services Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Home Care, Volunteer Services or a charity of the donor's choice.

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