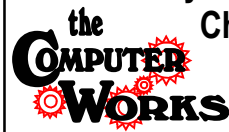


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## Hoopeston City Council moves forward on proposed motel

Construction on a motel in Hoopeston is set to begin next April under a redevelopment agreement approved by the Hoopeston City Council.

At Tuesday's regular meeting, the council unanimously approved an agreement with Danville motel owner Bhupendra Naik which calls for an April 30, 2007 start date if other conditions in the document are met.

On the city's side, it must receive a No Further Remediation (NFR) letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency stating that the property at Rtes. 1 and 9 is ecologically sound. According to the agreement, the NFR letter must be in hand by Nov. 30, said Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman.

On the other side, Naik must find conventional financing for the project by Nov. 30, he said.

The agreement calls for Naik to build a 20- 25-room motel. Failing to do so would result in the property reverting back to the city, Goodwine said.

Also under the agreement, Naik will be reimbursed for 70 percent of eligible Tax Increment Financing costs or \$80,000, whichever is less. The money will be paid over 20 years.

One change is that Naik now wants to keep the entire

parcel. Naik had told the council he would not require the entire parcel and the council mentioned assigning the unused portion to Lee Cox, owner of Hoopeston Memorials. Goodwine said Monday night that Naik now wants the entire piece.

In unrelated business, the council heard from Maryann Kaufmann, president of Hoopeston Business Development Group, Inc., newly-formed to acquire the Willdon Building.

HBDG plans for the building include a copy and shipping center, online trading post, coffee bar and fifth floor housing project. It would also serve as home for Telepathic Media and incubator for other ventures including Ferrell Computer Development Group, Mitchell's Collectibles and Strawser Pawn Shop.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Kaufmann said a new proposal will be submitted at the May 16 meeting because more people have inquired about moving in the building, including a stock market investor.

In the initial phase, organizers expect 25-30 full and part time jobs will be created. The company, which includes Witcheschool, Telepathic Media and an e-bay online auction business, employs nine full and part time

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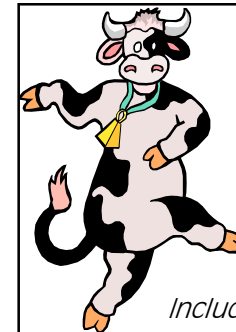
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## Police News



A 32-year-old woman reported Tuesday that a bicycle was taken from Parkview Court.

A 17-year-old Hoopeston youth reported Tuesday that items are missing from his home in the 200 block of East Main.

Raquel Torres, 36, of 725 E. McNeil, Apt. 6, was arrested at 10:35 p.m. Tuesday at her home. She was charged with battery under city ordinance on a complaint from a 25-year-old man.

Torres was released on a notice to appear.

Kevin M. Kaufman, 37, of 725 E. McNeil, Apt. 6, was arrested at 11:25 p.m. Tuesday at Third St. and

## Council continued from other side

people, Kaufmann said. "There's a lot of stuff up in the air but I really, really want to make this work," she said.

According to materials prepared for the council, the Illinois Chapter C corporation was formed May 1, 2006. It's primary goal is "to provide space to businesses that will create jobs for the Greater Hoopeston Area," according to the materials.

The corporation board consists of Kaufmann, vice president Carol Matthews; treasurer Virginia Powell; and directors Jason Matthews, Ed Hubbard and Michael Ferrell.

In unrelated action, the council:

- Approved increasing grave lot and grave opening charges. Prices for lots range from \$250 for one adult space to \$950 for eight adult spaces.

Labor charges went up about 20 percent, said Alderwoman Gail Lane, cemetery committee chairman. Weekday openings for adult graves will cost \$250, \$325

East Seminary. He was charged with disorderly conduct under city ordinance on a complaint from a 25-year-old Hoopeston man.

Kaufman was released on a notice to appear.

Two people were arrested at 10:18 p.m. Tuesday at Main and Bank.

John T. Morgenroth, 17, of 318 E. Washington, was charged with possession of alcohol by person under 21. He was released on a notice to appear.

Also arrested was Michael A. Rogers, 19, of 311 E. Lincoln, who was charged with possession of cannabis.

on Saturdays.

Despite the increase, Floral Hill prices are "still low compared to surrounding cemeteries," she said.

- Learned the pool will open with Memorial Day as a free swim day and 20 percent discount on passes. Undiscounted costs range from \$80 for one person to \$145 for five people.

- Heard from Alderman Bill Crusinberry that cleaning and inspection of the water tower is set to begin Monday and take most of the week.

Residents are advised that rusty water may result.

- Tabled approval of a plan commission recommendation for a bed and breakfast owned by Tony and Phyllis Freeland.

- Accepted a \$4,695 bid from T&L Lawn Care for weed control in city parks.

- Accepted a \$1,001.51 bid from Lancaster Construction of Westville for a 1988 dump truck.

- Waived bids for a dump truck for the cemetery department, which will purchase a 2005 truck for \$29,189.45; \$35,000 had been budgeted for the truck

- Approved Carl Steiner of East Lynn and Adrian Wood of Hoopeston as new auxiliary police officers

## Weather



Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 71, low 47. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 66, low 43.

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He was released on a notice to appear.



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### RUMMAGE SALES

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