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Hoopeston council considers ongoing water tower proposal

The company that did the recent water tower inspection want city officials to sign up for an ongoing repair and maintenance program for the city's water storage

Bill Murphee of Utility Service Co., told the council that both the city's 500,000 gallon ground storage tank and 150,000 gallon water tower need work, estimating the cost at \$350,000. If city officials choose to go with the company, the amount will be spread over three years. Murphee then hopes the council will approve an ongoing maintenance program that will allow the city to budget an equal amount each year. "It's like driving a Cadillac for the price of a Chevy," he said.

Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chair-

man, asked if USC would be willing to write specifications so the city could bid out the work. Murphee said the company would but said the move would be less cost-effective than using USC's services. Officials do not need to seek bids if they privatize water storage similar to utilities, he said.

The council took no action on the presentation, referring it to the water/sewer committee.

In other action, the council have the green light to let downtown businesses to tell motorists where to go.

In a 6-1 vote, the council approved paying for materials for a business directory sign to be put on Hoopeston Industrial Corporation property on Rt. 9. The sign will

See COUNCIL on other side

Hoopeston Rotary Club welcomes German exchange student

Hoopeston's population grew by one Tuesday with the arrival of Felicitas Dopatka, Hoopeston Rotary Club's newest exchange student.

Dopatka, 16, arrived at Rotary Park in downtown Hoopeston escorted by Hoopeston Police Officer Ephriam Bolin. At the park, she met Rotarians and other Hoopeston citizens and presented gifts, including a flag from her home Rotary chapter.

In return, she was feted with cake, flowers and a welcome basket from youth exchange counselor Katie Clayton and youth exchange officer Brian Manion.

Both Clayton and Manion took part in Rotary Youth Exchange, she going to France in 1990-91 and he to Belgium in 1995-96.

Dopatka, called "Feli," comes from Kierspe,



Felicitas Dopatka, left, Rotary Exchange student from Germany, visits with Brian, Bonnie and Paul Manion Tuesday at a welcome See STUDENT on other side party in her honor.

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list available services in the downtown, said Rod Gaddis, who has been working on the project for several

The sign will be vinyl on white aluminum. Two signs were planned, including one on Rt. 1, but the Illinois Department of Transportation has not yet given location approval for the second sign. Costs for both is \$1,000.

Alderman Brandon Hamilton voted no on the issue.

saying after the meeting that the signs are not fair to all city businesses.

In other action, alderman:

- Voted 6-1 vote to approve John Holt as zoning administrator. Hamilton was the sole dissenting vote, saying he would have liked more information and advance notice. Holt replaces Truman Page who will resign Sept. 1.
- Unanimously approved ad hoc committees reporting

• Learned a new ambulance will be delivered this week.

to appropriate city council committees. The action

stemmed from concrete work done by an out-of-town

• Learned animal traps will come from the Department of

Animal Regulation to catch skunks in the FMC subdivi-

company at the request of the beautification committee.

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Germany, a town of 20,000 approximately people. The youngest of three children, she has two sisters, ages 19 and 20. Her mother works at a youth welfare department. Her father is deceased.

While here, Dopatka will attend Hoopeston Area High School as a senior. "I would like to get to know school life and family life," she said.

School interests include English, German and mu-



DOPATKA

sic; she plays guitar, piano, flute and recorder. She also enjoys jogging and travel and has one big goal while here. "I would like to see Chicago."

Ray and Julie Stump will be her initial host family but Dopatka will stay with at least one, possibly two other families.

Dopatka admitted her mother was apprehensive about sending her daughter so far away but finally "she said I could go to the USA and see more than Germany."

When she returns to Germany, Dopatka will finish her higher education, then attend university where she hopes to study psychology.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 84. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 63. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 90, low 68.

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

Dopatka is one in a line of inbound Rotary Exchange students. Since 1985, Hoopeston has hosted 25 inbound students and has sent 51 youngsters to other countries, said club president Jim Bowers. In the district, Hoopeston has "always been known as the epic as far as youth exchange," he said. In the last few years, the club has been "fluttering a little bit" but with Manion and Clayton and inbound coordinator Georgia Hoskins, "we can try to get back in sync."

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