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Lack of quorum stalls action by Hoopeston City Council

Several things were slated for action by the Hoopeston City Council at its regular meeting Tuesday night but not enough members attended to act.

Four of the eight aldermen - Ed Lotz, Gail Lane, Bill Crusinberry and Bill Goodwine - were absent.

Issues not voted on include awarding bids for spraying weeds in city parks, erecting a fence around the swimming pool, agreement for capping and drilling of wells and bids for the work, as well as the 2007-08 budget.

While no votes were taken, several issues were discussed, including the Mapping the Health of the Community meeting last Thursday.

Committee member Jean Minick recounted events of the meeting, including the committee's decision to rank infrastructure improvements, job retention and expansion and housing as the group's top concerns.

Mayor Bill DeWitt, who attended the meeting, said he was impressed with the turnout of more than 40 people. "If you get the public support into it, then you can make some big tracks," he said. Acting on the plan might take some time but he urged the committee to "be patient and keep making your contribution. Make your noise."

Another mapping committee member. Lourdine Florek, urged the council to attend the second session on May 7. "In order for us to accomplish our goals for the infrastructure, job retention and housing, we're going to need council support," she said. "If you're involved

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Briefly

National Day of Prayer

Residents are asked to observe National Day of Prayer at 5 p.m. Thursday. A gathering will be held at McFerren Park. Watch for signs. Everyone is invited.

Cigarette butt scavenger hunt

Hoopeston residents are invited to come out Saturday to take part in a different kind of beautification effort.

A cigarette butt scavenger hunt will be held from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday. Registration will be held from 7:30 to 8 a.m. at the Hoopeston Civic Center.

Prizes will be awarded to youngsters and adults who collect the most cigarette butts from around the city. The hunt will take place, rain or shine.

For more information, call Kristi Hudson at (217) 772-1064.



Off the tracks

Cranemasters employees work to right a derailed train car Monday morning on the CSX track north of the Main St. crossing. Train traffic was halted while the car was taken off the track.

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from the beginning, I think it will make the process go more smoothly."

DeWitt said Hoopeston is in the same shape as many other communities. "We're not in this little boat alone," he said. "We have to work at it together and see what we can do."

The next mapping meeting will be held from 3:30-6:30 Monday at St. Anthony parish hall. All interested residents are urged to attend.

In other discussion, the council:

- Learned bids will be accepted on a 1995 John Deere tractor, a 1993 Chevrolet truck and a 1994 Ford Ranger. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. May 21.
- Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand that an architect friend said a skate park might be built in the city for as little as \$2,000. Estimates from skate park dealers put the price at about \$60,000.
- Also heard from Ankenbrand that Alvin Fence Co. was the sole bidder on the fence at the pool, at \$12,500. He added that two bids were received for spraying park

Obituaries

MORGESON - Russell Morgeson, 72, of Hoopeston died at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at home. Arrangements are pending at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather



Thunderstorms likely today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 67, low 54. Tomorrow, high 73, low 55.

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

American Legion Post 384

Pancake Day

Saturday, May 5

6 a.m.-1 p.m.

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston

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weeds, one from Hamilton Lawn Care for \$5,098 and another from T&L Lawn Care for \$5,245.

Bids are expected to be approved at the May 15 meeting.

• Ankenbrand also asked that residents clean up after their dogs, either while walking along city streets or at the park. Holding a plastic bag from a local store, he demonstrated the ease of cleaning up after pets.



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RUMMAGE SALES

Wellington's Maxwell Street Days. Saturday, May 12, 2007 8-? The Methodist Church will serve breakfast/lunch. They will also have a bake sale and rummage sales. Sales all over town. Come and enjoy the day with us!

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