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## Hoopeston Council approves water, sewer, garbage hikes

Residents will see increases in their water, sewer and garbage rates.

The Hoopeston City Council, at its regular meeting Tuesday night, approved 7-0 a 7.5 percent increase in water and sewer rates and a 50 percent increase in trash pickup.

The increases mean a citizen using 2,000 gallons of water per month will see a 72 cent combined increase for water and sewer on his bill. A customer using 8,000 gallons will see a \$2.88 per-month hike.

As for garbage costs, the fee is increasing from \$8 to \$12 per month.

Alderman Bill Crusinberry, water/sewer committee chairman, said increases are necessary to put the funds back in the black. For seven of the last eight years, the water and sewer funds have run deficits that were offset by reserve funds.

At the May 15 meeting, Crusinberry estimate the increases to generate about \$155,000. The money will be used not only for routine expenses but also to help maintain infrastructure, such as repairing water storage tanks, estimated to cost about \$500,000, he said.

When the city installed radio-read meters several years ago, officials predicted the more accurate form of meter reading would increase income but, in fact, Crusinberry said, the opposite was true and revenue decreased.



Newly-sworn Clerk Gail Lane swears in Charles Davis, her replacement as Ward I Alderman at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Also, residents have paid less for water and sewer costs than many other communities. A rate survey of 56 communities done by Berns, Clancy & Associates, a Champaign engineering firm, showed only seven communities had lower rates than Hoopeston, he said.

In other business, the council heard from Lee Curry of the Youth Sports Association, requesting that smokers be asked to move away from youngsters at sporting events.

Curry said association officials had posted "no smoking" signs at parks where youngsters play and had asked  
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**Fish Fry**  
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**Council** continued from other side

smokers to move away from athletes but were told they had no right to either post the signs or ask smokers to move.

Curry asked the council to act on the issue, saying he was “definitely not asking them not to smoke, just to not smoke around the kids.”

Alderman Carl Ankenbrand, parks committee chairman, set a meeting for 4 p.m. Monday and asked youth sports representatives to attend to discuss the matter.

In other parks-related business, Ankenbrand said a ma-

ple tree at the Girls Softball Park was stripped of its bark from the ground up and new bushes have been broken. “It’s uncalled for,” he said, asking area residents to keep an eye out for people damaging city property.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Approved Louise Barten’s resignation as city clerk and Gail Lane’s as Ward I alderwoman. Lane was then appointed city clerk and Charles Davis was named to represent Ward I. “I’m going to start out keeping my mouth shut and my ears open,” Davis said, adding he looks forward to working with other council members “for the good of Hoopeston.”

- Heard from resident Sharon Polson about a dog shot by police Memorial Day weekend that lay in her neighbor’s yard for 24 hours.

- Heard from resident Doug Musk about inappropriate behavior by lifeguards at the swimming pool and the need for stepped-up safety measures in the alley next to the post office. People “take off like jack rabbits” after dropping off mail, he said.

- Musk also asked whether the emergency siren atop the

Willdon Building was fixed. Alderman Ed Lotz, police committee chairman, said he believes it was repaired.

- Accepted at \$250 bid from Mark Donley for a 1993 Chevrolet truck and a \$1,275 bid from Paul Vest Equipment of Cisne for a 1994 Ford Ranger.

- Heard from Alderman Jerry Yonkers that the city’s Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk plan had been approved and that a grant application for the program must be submitted by June 30.

City Economic Developer Shannon Ruh said the city’s plan would cost more than the \$400,000 grant maximum so officials are re-prioritizing what they will do if the grant is received.

- Accepted a \$3,230 bid from T&L Lawn Care for a fence at the downtown park next to the State Farm office. The fence will be similar to that at the hospital, said Alderwoman Nancy Stipp.

- Approved an inducement resolution to create a new Tax Increment Financing district to include Vermilion Iron Works on North Sixth Ave.

The city will try to work out boundaries of a new TIF

district, which will allow company owners to recoup some TIF eligible costs, Ruh said.

The company did not request assistance from the city prior to purchasing the company, she said.

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613 E. McCracken, Hoopeston. Fri. & Sat., 8-2. Clothes (all sizes) household, printer, lawnmower parts, misc, 1991 Chevy Caprice Classic, \$1700 OBO.

111 W. Attica, Rossville, Fri. & Sat., 8-? Nice kids & adult clothes, computer desk, bunk beds, misc., kitchen & household

506 W. Chestnut, Hoopeston. Sat., 7-? Huge multi family sale. Furniture, microwave & cart, household & kitchen, twin beds, Dora kitchen, baby boy clothes, girls jr. & adult clothing, misc.

704 S. Fifth St., Hoopeston. Sat., 7:30-11 a.m. Lots of girls clothing, all name brand summer & winter, all sizes. Shoes, purses, exercise glider, knickknacks for house.

618 S. Second Ave., Hoopeston., Fri., 8-1, Sat., 8-12. Adult clothing, girls baby clothes-18 mos., stroller, car seat, high chair, dishes, outdoor Christmas decorations, misc.

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★Police News★

A Hoopeston girl was injured in a car bicycle accident at 5:12 p.m. Tuesday.

Police said Katelin N. Crabtree of Hoopeston was injured when her bicycle collided with a 2002 Chevrolet driven by Renee L. Shipman, also of Hoopeston.

Shipman was westbound on East Thompson at Fourth St., when she saw a girl on a bicycle cross the intersection about 50 feet ahead of her. She slowed down and looked at the girl and when she looked back, saw Crabtree on her bicycle but could not stop in time to avoid

hitting her.

Crabtree was treated at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. She was at fault for failure to yield at a marked intersection.

**Briefly**

**Crossing closed**

The Lincoln St. railroad crossing is closed for repairs until further notice.

**Trash Walkers**

Hoopeston Trash Walkers will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Methodist church to pick up trash in the area. Anyone who wants to volunteer is welcome.

**Weather**



Breezy today. High 91. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 69. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 82, low 56.

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

**Obituaries**

**BROCK**—William “Bill Morris Brock, 76, of Hoopeston died at 5:30 a.m. Monday, June 4, 2007 at VA Illiana Health Care Systems, Danville. Grave-side service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice. Anderson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.