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Hoopeston Council sees higher bid for garbage removal

The cost of picking up coffee grounds, dirty diapers and other trash will soon go up for Hoopeston residents.

The Hoopeston City Council discussed the sole bid for garbage pickup at its meeting Tuesday night.

Allied Waste was the sole bidder, with a three-year proposal that would increase the fee from its current $7.66 per home to $11.25 the first year, $11.75 the second year and $12.25 the third year.

Alderman Bill Goodwine said the city conducted a survey of neighboring communities' garbage rates about two years a go and found that many then were in the $12-$15 per month range. "I think it's a very competitive bid," he said.

City attorney Paul Manion was concerned about part of the bid related to rising or decreasing fuel costs.

The document states that Allied and the city could renegotiate if fuel prices went over $3.75 per gallon or under $2.75 but Manion said the wording indicates the entire contract would be open to renegotiation and that the agreement should contain wording reflective of increases or decreases.

Alderman Jerry Yonkers wondered about that part of the agreement saying he has seen diesel prices over $4 per gallon and resident Stan Steiner suggested the company might have locked in their fuel price for a year.

Because of the questions, the issue was tabled until the April 1 meeting, which is the date the new contract was set to take effect.

Hoopeston's garbage pickup rates were frozen for 10 years because of the host agreement renegotiated in about 1998, Goodwine said. Under the agreement, the city also got free dumping of garbage at the landfill for 20 years.

In unrelated business, the council:

Heard from Alderman Brandon Hamilton that, due to a recent survey by the International Standards Organization, Hoopeston Fire Department's rating will improve

See COUNCIL on other side

Hoopeston Mayor Bill DeWitt accepts the 2008 Vision to Action Award for Community Teamwork from Gisele Hamm, Manager of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs MAPPING program at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting. The award was given to the Mayor's Youth Council and was announced at the recent IIRA Conference for Rural Community Economic Development. Hoopeston resident Jean Minick was also an award-winner, receiving the 2008 Vision to Action Community Champion Award.

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Police News

Jodi L. Tyszko, 36, of Hoopeston was arrested at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at Seventh St. and Wyman. She was charged with criminal damage to property in connection with an incident reported by a 42-year-old Hoopeston woman on March 15. She was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Justin B. Baker, 20, of Hoopeston was arrested at 3:12 p.m. Tuesday at Hoopeston Area High School. He was charged with aggravated assault, intimidation and criminal trespass to state supported property on a complaint from a 39-year-old Hoopeston man.

Baker was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await a bond hearing.

Christopher M. Howe, 26, of Hoopeston was arrested at 6:46 p.m. Tuesday in the 100 block of North Fourth St. Wanted on Vermilion County traffic warrants, he was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, in lieu of bond.

Isabel R. Amador, 30, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 9:48 p.m. Tuesday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, she was released on $200 cash bond.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

An Easter egg hunt will be held at this week's Tiny Tots at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children may bring a flashlight for the hunt, which will be held in the dark.

Hydrant flushing

The Hoopeston Water Department will flush fire hydrants beginning Friday, March 28. Hydrants will be flushed on Fridays, weather permitting.

Grave decorations

The Ross/South Ross Cemetery District is removing winter decorations this week.

Danville trips

The Hoopeston Multi Agency van goes to Danville on Wednesdays and Fridays. To have your name put on the list, call 283-5544.

We must have at least five riders or the van will not be able to go.

Easter presentation

Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene at 402 E Honeywell, Hoopeston, will present an Easter musical, Redeemed, at 7 p.m. Friday, March 21 Saturday, March 22.

Come and enjoy music that focuses on the cross and help prepare yourself for Easter. All are welcome!

Housing survey results

A Town Hall meeting to inform the public the results of the Hoopeston Housing Needs Assessment Survey discuss possible future development will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

Council continued from other side

from a five to a four. Only eight percent of fire departments in the U.S - mostly full-time departments - achieve that rating, he said, adding the rate will save homeowners money on home insurance.

Hamilton also reported that renovations will be made to the Market St. station, making restrooms handicapped accessible to accommodate elections, gatherings and other events held there.

Heard from Alderman Ed Lotz that a new black and white police car is now in service.

Heard from Shawn Swartzentruber, Hoopeston Area High School industrial technology teacher, about heavy-duty picnic tables which could be made for city parks, at about $200 per bench.

Some students are using the project as a fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project. Residential picnic tables are also available.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 50. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 37. Tomorrow, rain likely. High 46, low 30.

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

Jaycees set egg hunt

The Hoopeston Jaycees will hold the annual Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Jaycee Shelter at McFerren Park.

The hunt will be divided into three age groups, 0-3, 4-7 and 8-10.

Eggs will contain candy, tickets for prizes and coupons good at local businesses.

In case of rain, the event will be held in the Hoopeston Civic Center.

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Countryside Mall & Flea Market - new this weekend: Ladies Fun Fashion Apparel's "Popcorn" tops & hand-crafted soap; Soy Candles. Open Fri, 10-5, Sat., 10-3 (?). 217 E. Main, Hoopeston. Worth your time to stop, look & listen!

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