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**Council approves amended agreement with property owner**

The Hoopeston City Council approved an amended agreement with property owner Allen Decker that will allow city water on his property at Rtes. 1 and 9. The council, at its regular meeting Tuesday, voted 7-0 to approve the document. Alderman Ed Lotz did not attend the meeting and so was not present for the vote. The agreement, part of the brownfields project at the former Baer's Trailer Park property, calls for a two inch water line to be run from the existing main to Decker's property. The original agreement had called for a one inch line but Decker requested the larger size and agreed to pay

the city for the difference. Decker also offered to dig to run the line on his property and supply plumbing needs for the main. Both Alderman Bill Crusinberry, water committee chairman, and city attorney Paul Manion praised Decker for his willingness to work with the city on the project. "Mr. Decker bent over backwards to be helpful and cooperative," Manion said. The work is being done to meet Illinois Environmental Protection Agency rules that must be met before the former trailer park site receives a No Further Remediation letter from the EPA. Once the letter is received, city officials hope a motel will be built on the land. In unrelated issues, the council:

- Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand that applications are being taken for pool manager and assistant manager. Candidates may apply at city hall.
  - Heard from Alderman Bill Crusinberry that work on Well 5 is complete. The pump was pulled from the well, the screen cleaned and a refurbished pump put in. The well will not go online until water from it has been tested and meets standards.
  - Learned city hall will get new carpeting. Especially-worn areas are slated for commercial grade tile, said Alderman Bill Goodwine.
  - Also heard from Goodwine that the council continues to look at offering disability insurance to employees. Such insurance could only be used when employees are ill and not for such things as taking care of a sick child, he said.
  - Heard from Alderman Brandon Hamilton that work on the Market Street fire station will be more extensive than originally thought. Firemen hoped to make bathrooms handicapped accessible and create storage space. However, a wall that was going to be shortened turned
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**Briefly**

**Correction**

Megan Bertram was incorrectly identified as Hannah Gregory in Wednesday's issue in a photo of students coloring shoe cutouts for a used shoe collection.

Just the Facts regrets the error.

**High school performance**

Hoopeston Area High School's fine arts and drama departments will present "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the high school auditorium.

**Blood drive**

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday, April 21. To schedule an appointment, call Diane Rankin, (217) 283-8254.

**Pitching camp**

The Elite Softball Pitching Academy will hold its 2008 spring pitching camp. Camp is for girls in second through eighth grades and is taught at three levels: be-

ginner, intermediate, and advanced. For information on dates and times, contact Coach John Hardcastle at (217) 283-7456.

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out to be too deteriorated and will have to be entirely replaced. Money for the project is coming from this year's budget plus an insurance settlement received when winds damaged the Main Street station.

- Heard from Alderwoman Nancy Stipp that a decorative wall in the parking lot next to Unger's Jewelry will be repaired. The wall, part of last year's city beautification program, has been struck by vehicles three times. Officials plan to put a metal pole in front of the wall to protect it.
- Stipp also said she is looking for an organization to take care of 30 planters that go in the downtown area. She said she hopes planting of the containers is done by Mother's Day.

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**Police News**

A **25-year-old** Indiana man reported at 8:34 a.m. Tuesday that someone broke a window of his vehicle while it was parked in the 300 block of North Eighth Ave. A stereo was stolen from the vehicle.

A **49-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 10:07 a.m. Tuesday that someone damaged an air condi-

tioning unit on his property in the 200 block of North Market.

**Jon L. Rayls**, 39, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after an accident at 12 a.m. Wednesday in the 300 block of East Main.

Police allege that Rayls, in a 1997 Chevrolet Silverado, was eastbound and hit a parked 2006 Ford Mustang owned by Tosha Piper of Hoopeston, then left the scene.

Rayls was later found at his home and was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid a vehicle damage accident and leaving the scene of a vehicle damage accident. He was released on tickets for the charges.

Piper's vehicle was towed from the scene.

**Obituaries**

**BELL** - Graveside memorial service for Marjorie "Jody" Bell, 74, of Wheaton, Mo., formerly of Hoopeston, will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Mrs. Bell died March 25, 2008 in Missouri. Cremation rites were accorded. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

**GERNAND** - Lillian Jane Gernand, 50, of Hoopeston died at 3:33 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery, Rossville. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**Weather**

Mostly sunny today. High 68. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 48. Tomorrow, thunderstorms likely. High 62, low 51.

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