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'Meat' Mr. Maire

Tom Maire, former owner of Price-Less Foods, has returned to the store, renamed Sav-U-Mor, as head of the meat department. Maire, who built his reputation, in large part on the quality of meat the store sold, invites residents to visit him Sav-U-Mor, where the owners are new but the quality is what people have come to expect from the store.

Hoopeston city council passes budget with small surplus

What could you buy with \$202?

In today's economy, not much, but that is the surplus left in the 2008-09 Hoopeston city budget.

The council, in a 6-1 vote, passed a budget with \$2,308,188 in revenue and \$2,307,986 in expenses. The action was taken at a special meeting Tuesday night.

The budget was balanced on the back of landfill fees paid to the city, said Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman. The council approved using more than \$56,000 from the landfill fund to balance the water/sewer department budget

Using landfill funds to make up shortfalls in the budget was not what the council intended to do with the money when the fund started about 10 years ago. "Our intent was that the landfill money would be accumulated so we could do something really nice for the city, like build a new swimming pool," Goodwine said.

The city has balanced the water/sewer budget using landfill funds for the past two or three years. Goodwine said the trend will continue and suggested the city look at increasing water rates because part of the reason landfill money is used is to repay the department's bonds. When the bond issue was approved many years ago, officials decided to pay the bonds from city revenue rather than increase water fees enough to cover the cost.

Of the total, \$148,000 is earmarked for one-time expenses, including the second half of a new computer system, estimated at \$25,000; \$7,500 for a sound system in the council chambers/municipal courtroom; \$18,000 for new fencing at McFerren Park; \$20,000 for a new police car; \$15,000 for fencing for a dog pound fence; \$26,000 for an excavator and tamper at the cemetery and \$16,500 for a cemetery department truck and

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Budget continued from other side

\$20,000 for "surprises" - unanticipated expenses.

The new budget calls for a 10 percent increase in money set aside for major purchases, such as trucks, police cars.

One alderman was not happy that the money his department has accrued so far could not be used to make a large purchase.

Alderman Jerry Yonkers, street/alley committee chairman, voted against approving the budget because a street sweeper he requested was not approved. "We

damn sure need it," he said after the meeting. "The one we have is trash."

Yonkers said the current sweeper is 13 years old, far older than the normal three to five year lifespan and that the undercarriage is rusted, making it hard for welding repairs to be made. Repairing the sweeper has cost \$45,000-\$50,000 over the last two years. "That's a third of (the cost of a new) sweeper," he said.

A new sweeper is estimated at \$145,000, with up to \$15,000 for trade-in on the existing one if it is in work-

ing order.

At a budget meeting April 22, which Yonkers did not attend, the council discussed not purchasing a sweeper while suggesting a \$15,000 increase in the street/alley budget for repairs to the existing sweeper. That was approved when the budget was passed Tuesday.

The budget also calls for a 3.5 percent salary increase for non-union employees, Goodwine said. The increase will affect all workers except police officers, who are covered by a union contract.

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Court Dispositions



April 17

Maria Torres, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing May 15.

Justin B. Baker, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis, fined \$280; status hearing June 19.

Darren M. Wood, Hoopeston, failed to appear, found guilty by default; sentencing May 15.

Ronald Thorn, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to two

counts of general nuisance, fined \$180 for each; status hearing June 19.

Ronald Thorn, Hoopeston, general nuisance violation dismissed by city attorney.

Apolinar Solis Jr., Williamsport, Ind., pleaded guilty to possession/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, fined \$330; status hearing June 19.

Dylin J.E. Deline, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to possession/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, fined \$180; to do 24 hours of public service in lieu of fine. Status hearing June 19.

Ashley N. Thompson, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct, requested trial set for June 5.

Adena Rossolille, Hoopeston, general nuisance and sentencing case continued to May 15.

Krystal M. Waters, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, fined \$180; to do 24 hours of public service in lieu of fine. Status hearing June 19.

Jonathan D. Russell, Hoopeston, failed to appear for possession/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, found guilty by default; sentencing June 5.

Kurtis Simpson, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to battery and two counts of assault; requested trial set for May 1.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 73. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 59. Tomorrow, thunderstorms likely. High 74, low 51.

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