

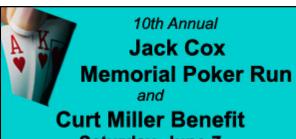


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Council approves increasing fees at Floral Hill Cemetery

Having an eternal resting place will cost more beginning July 1.

At its meeting Tuesday night, the Hoopeston City Council unanimously approved increasing cemetery

Alderman Chuck Davis, cemetery committee chairman, said new rates reflect increased costs. He added that while the city subsidized Floral Hill greatly, the cemetery needs to generate more income both to help pay for itself and to allow new work to be done, such as creating a new section and creating a road in that sec-

One adult grave space will increase from \$250 to \$300, while a baby grave in designated areas will go from \$125 to \$150. The cost of opening a grave will be \$350 on weekdays, up from \$300. Saturday openings will cost \$525, up from \$450. Sunday and holiday openings, which had been at \$750, will increase to \$875.

Openings for interment of ashes and for opening baby graves will go from \$150 to \$175 on weekdays; from \$225 to \$265 on Saturdays and from \$375 to \$440 on Sundays and holidays.

Prices include seeding of graves but sodding will increase from \$50 to \$75.



In other action, the council approved an amended agreement with Terry Buhrmester that calls for the city to pay him \$3,100 to connect water lines to his home and garage by June 30 and that once the lines are connected, the city may immediately cap a well on the prop-

Buhrmester had held out for copper pipe, rather than plastic, but the city has agreed to repair any leak which may occur in the water lines at no cost to Buhrmester, as long as he owns or occupies the residence, located at 1127 W. Orange.

While the city has signed off on the amendment, Buhrmester has not. Economic developer Shannon Ruh said he verbally agreed to the changes but that she has not been able to contact him to sign the amendment.

Once Buhrmester signs and the well is capped, officials can move forward in getting a No Further Remediation letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The letter is necessary to entice a developer to build a motel on the former Baer's Trailer Park property.

In other discussion, Alderman Bill Crusinberry, water/ sewer committee chairman, thanked his department, along with the street and alley and police departments for the manner in which they responded to a water crisis Friday night.

It is believed that lightening struck a computer system which controls water flow, causing pressure to drop. The drop caused air to flow into water lines. Employees had to bleed air from the lines and slowly allow water to flow again so as not to rupture the infrastructure, Crusinberry said.

Because pressure dropped below 20 lbs., a boil order was issued for the entire community and water had to be tested before the EPA would allow the boil order to be lifted.

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Police News

A woman reported at 7:38 p.m. Monday that someone took several items from her vehicle which was parked in the 300 block of North Ninth Ave.

Nora L. Guardiola, 30, of Milford was arrested at 8:11 p.m. Tuesday in the 500 block of South Sixth Ave. She was charged with breach of peace under city ordinance for allegedly playing her vehicle ste-

reo at a level that disturbed area residents.

She was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Justin W. Lewis, 18, of Hoopeston was arrested after an incident at 10 p.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of East Washington. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 19-year-old Welling-

Obituaries

BRIDGMAN - Daniel "Danny" Wayne Bridgman, 42, of Fairmount died at 12:10 a.m. Monday, June 2, 2008 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Anderson

Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Council continued from other side

Water superintendent Steve Baker also thanked Aqua Illinois, Danville's water supplier, for testing the water on a weekend, allowing the boil order to be lifted Sunday morning. Had the city had to wait to get the seven samples to the EPA, the boil order would have remained effective until midweek, he said.

In related business, Crusinberry reminded residents not to mow grass clippings into the street. After recent heavy rains, Crusinberry said he traveled around the city to sites where water collects and what he found was clippings on storm sewer drains.

While clippings are not the only cause of sewer backup, clogging the system with clippings does not help the situation. "We're creating part of our own problem," he said. "Do something with them but don't put them in the gutters."

In other discussion, the council:

• Heard from parks committee chairman Alderman Carl Ankenbrand that a new civic center, with combination auditorium/banquet room, stage, restrooms, dressing rooms and other amenities, would cost \$1.2 to \$1.6 million to seat 200 people in the auditorium and \$1.5 to \$2 million to seat 400 people.

At the May 20 meeting, Ankenbrand said an architect's estimate to expand the existing civic center and remodel the kitchen and restroom areas was approximately \$706,000. Questioned about that cost, Ankenbrand said he would look into the cost of a new building.

• Heard from Alderman Ed Lotz that Officer Chad Smith will leave the police department on June 15. Smith and his wife are moving to Georgia.

- Also heard from Lotz that the city will purchase a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado truck for the humane officer. The truck retails for \$14,375 but will be purchased for \$11,978 from Anthem Chevrolet.
- Lotz also said the city has been awarded a vehicle grant that will pay about \$17,000 towards the cost of a new police car. Chief Mark Drollinger applied for the grant in October 2007.
- Heard details on a Paint Hoopeston program which would allow residents to be reimbursed for half the cost of painting the exterior of their homes, up to \$250. Residents who apply for and are accepted into the program would be reimbursed for paint purchased locally, as long as the chosen color meets with the approval of the civic improvement committee.

Approval of the program was tabled to allow the council to familiarize themselves with proposed guidelines and make recommendations.

Weather



Breezy today. High 91. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 72. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 90, low 68.

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