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Jeff Johnson is mayor's choice for Ward 2 alderman seat

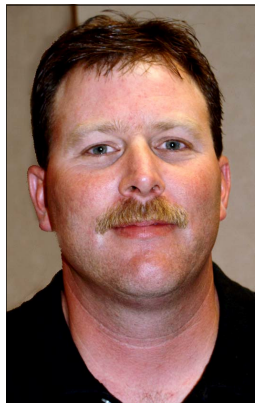
A 38-year-old Hoopeston man is Mayor Bill DeWitt's pick for Ward II alderman.

DeWitt told the council at Tuesday night's meeting that he would like them to approve Jeff Johnson to the position formerly held by Jerry Yonkers.

Mr. Yonkers died in June.

Johnson, son of Ross and Midge Johnson and Wayne and Sue King, grew up in Hoopeston, then spent six years in the Navy. He and his wife, Melissa, lived in Peoria until the couple had children, when they returned to Hoopeston to raise their sons, Joshua, 13 and Jacob, 10.

He is employed by Fairbanks Scales, based in Woodridge, servicing existing scales and installing new ones.



JOHNSON

Johnson said he accepted a request to join the council because "everybody has a community obligation to fulfill. I hope I have something positive to add."

In suggesting Johnson for the seat, DeWitt said he is "a very fine young man. He comes from a good family. I look forward to his service."

The council is expected to vote on the appointment at the Aug. 5 meeting. If his appointment is approved, Johnson will become head of the street and alley committee and will serve on the finance and water/sewer committees.

In other business, a straw vote showed the council favors hiring another economic developer for
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Rossville sets public session on downtown building project

ROSSVILLE—A public meeting will allow residents to learn what village officials have in mind for downtown buildings and provide input into the plan.

At its meeting Monday evening, the Rossville Village Board set a public question and answer session on the proposed project for 6 p.m. Thursday, July 31 in the Rossville-Alvin Grade School gym.

The village has taken ownership of vacant buildings downtown and plans to repair and sell them. An engineer has examined the buildings and reported they are structurally sound, Mayor Terry Prillaman said after the meeting.

In unrelated discussion, trustees Prillaman said the village will move forward with plans for a new water treatment plant following a public hearing on July 7.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency wants

to go out for bids in August, but there was some question whether doing so would jeopardize a requested grant for the project. Prillaman said both EPA and Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity representatives agreed that it would not.

If the grant is not received, the village will take out a low-interest loan for the project, which must be completed for the village to be in line with lowered EPA standards for arsenic in the water.

Prillaman said he hopes construction will begin in November.

In other action, the board:

• Approved tire recycling days for Aug. 22-23. Residents may put used tires street side, where village employees are able to pick them up. Tires will be taken to

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Alderman continued from other side


the city to replace Shannon Ruh, who accepted a position in Peoria.
Alderman Bill Goodwine led discussion on the issue, saying Ruh’s departure left “a lot of projects up in the air.” Both the city finance committee and the ad hoc economic development steering committee believe “the job has more than paid for itself,” he said.
With the council’s blessing, the finance committee will select a candidate. DeWitt will recommend the candidate to the council, which will have final approval.
In other business, the council:
•Unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement with Rankin that will allow the village to use Hoopeston City Court for its ordinance violations.
•Soundly defeated a recommendation by Goodwine the city wage ordinance include a provision for paying mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate. Currently, employees who use their vehicles for city business are reimbursed at 48.5 cents per mile. The change would have boosted it to 58.5 cents.
Goodwine, along with Brandon Hamilton and Nancy Stipp, voted in favor of the change. Voting against were Ed Lotz, Carl Ankenbrand, Chuck Davis and Bill Crusinberry.
•Amended the curfew ordinance to include daytime

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hours when youngsters should be in school. Under the provision, students who are ill or on suspension will violate the ordinance if they do not stay home. The law is inclusive for youngsters ages seven to 16.
•Heard a request from Lotz to consider allowing residents to drive golf carts in town to save on gas. Lotz said other small towns allow golf carts to be used and will research the issue and report back to the group.
Hoopeston Police Sgt. James Goodrum said some elderly residents have asked about golf carts as a means


Police News


A **20-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 3:14 p.m. Tuesday that someone took items from his vehicle while it was parked in the 300 block of South Third Ave.
One of the bicycles reported stolen Monday was recovered by its owner Tuesday. The theft was from the 600 block of West Main.

New Books at the Library


Fiction
Queen of Babble in the Big City by Meg Cabot
The Home-Maker by Dorothy Canfield (large print)

allow tractors into and out of a neighboring field.
•Approved a request from Rossville Community Organization to close Attica Street from 6 p.m. Aug. 29-6 p.m. Sept. 1 for the annual Labor Day bazaar.
•Heard from Prillaman, reporting for Trustee Dick Queen, that natural gas prices are expected to increase 30-50 percent this winter and recommending residents take advantage of the village budget billing program.
•Heard from police Chief Bill Shannon that a 2008 Dodge Durango police vehicle is being readied and will soon be in use.

Weather


Mostly sunny today. High 83. Tonight, storms likely. Low 65. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 83, low 68.
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to get around the city because they do not have vehicles but do have access to golf carts.
•Heard from Crusinberry reminding residents that bicycle riding is prohibited on sidewalks downtown.
•Approved the annual appropriations ordinance, which Goodwine said is the budget plus five percent contingencies.

Classifieds

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Pizza King . Kitchen help wanted. Daytime 11 a.m.-2 p.m., delivery for night and person with truck or van to pick up supplies on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please apply in person at 111 E. Main St., Hoopeston.

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711 E. Seminary, Hoopeston. Sat., 8-? Multifamily sale. Baby, kids’, boy’, girls’ clothes & items too numerous to mention!
Southgate Subdivision, Hoopeston. Multi-house sale Fri. 4-?, Sat., 8-?
208 W. Elm, Hoopeston. Large family sale Sat., 8-2.
Corner of Elm & Fifth St., Hoopeston. Sat., 9-4. Small appliances, leather coats, lots of stuff! Cash only.
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