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Plan for engineered barrier goes back to the drawing board

The Hoopeston City Council put on hold again action to place an engineered barrier at the site of a planned motel.

Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said at Tuesday night's council meeting that the issue has been handled wrongly from the start and, rather than continue, needs to be started over.

In October, economic developer Dana Goodrum requested bids for the planned asphalt barrier be waived to get it moving. Goodwine declined the request, saying he preferred seeking bids with a short bid time.

Bids were received, but, because of the lateness of the

season, work had to be done within a week, before asphalt plants closed. However, there was confusion about where the barrier needs to be placed and the area was not marked. The timeframe was not met so the council opted to use a concrete barrier and sought bids again. This time, only one bid was submitted.

Rather than accept the bid, Goodwine is taking the project back to the beginning, saying specifications need to be tightened. Because of that decision, details of the one bid received will be kept private.

"It's been rather confusing," Goodwine said. Companies that bid on the asphalt project thought there was no need to submit a second bid, not realizing the city was seeking bids for a concrete barrier.

"I believe, even though it's important to get it done, we need to do it right or not do it at all," he said.

Mayor Bill DeWitt agreed with the delay. "It can't be done until early spring now so no need to be in a big rush," he said.

Once the barrier is put in, the city will apply to the Illinois EPA for a "No Further Remediation" letter for the site, at Rtes. 1 and 9. With that assurance, motel developer Shailesh Patel may begin construction on the motel.

The delay didn't sit well with Jean Minick, VISTA volunteer for housing, who has worked with Goodrum, and previous economic developer Shannon Ruh on the motel project.

Minick vented her frustration saying the city has known of the need for a barrier since at least August 2007. "It's 15 months later and we still don't have a barrier in," she said. "We're not getting anywhere."

Minick also complained about lack of progress for a workforce housing project. At the December 16 meeting, she presented a petition to the council, asking the

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moving in a new direction



Plan continued from other side

city to purchase the 30-acre Hoopeston Industrial Corporation site on Rt. 9, then sell it off - about 10 acres at a time - for each of the three phases of the planned housing development.

At Tuesday's meeting, Alderman Bill Crusinberry asked if other sites had been considered for the development that would not involve the city in buying property.

Minick replied that the HIC land was one of three sites considered. The other two were discounted because one would have had high infrastructure costs because utilities were not located on the property and owners of the second site wanted to retain ownership of the property.

While the state is getting ready to set up the limited partnership and management company for the housing development but still has no place to put it, she said. "I'm in limbo. I'm not getting cooperation from anybody. I'm backing in a corner.

"I'm really getting frustrated with our lack of moving ahead or progressing in these projects. Sorry."

Goodwine responded to her by reiterating the history

Briefly

Card shower

Viola Voyles is ill and would enjoy hearing from friends. Cards may be sent to:

Okeechobee Health Care Facility

Viola Voyles - Room, 326

1646 US HWY 441 N

Okeechobee, FL 34972

Men's basketball

First Baptist Church has open men's basketball from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. All area men are invited.

Obituaries

HARPER - Marion "Wilbur" Harper, 74, of Hoopeston, died at 9:20 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2008, at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorials are suggested to Carle Cancer Center, 602 W. University Ave., Urbana IL 61801-2594 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105.

of the engineered barrier, saying "if it's not done right the first time, things take a long time. When you have to defend what you spend to the public, it has to be done right."

In unrelated discussion, Scott Strawser, Emergency Management Agency director, requested help writing a USDA grant for money to pay at least half the cost of a new siren for the city. The grant has to be written in the next two months for the city to receive 50 to 55 percent of the siren cost, Strawser said, saying what the final cost of the siren will be is currently unknown.

Hoopeston was recently named one of the National Weather Service's *Storm Ready* communities and, as part of that program, the existing two sirens will have to be moved from the water tower and the Will-don Building. Both sirens are having mechanical problems, he added.

In other business, the council:

- Received for review a request from Dixie Business Plaza for \$157,000 in Tax Increment Financing funds to create an indoor paintball/recreational center at the building, the former Essex plant on Rt. 1. Total cost of the project is approximately \$400,000.

- Heard from Alderwoman Nancy Stipp that a resident complained that Vermilion Waste did not pick up trash on Christmas Eve day.

- Heard from Crusinberry that despite last summer's complaints about the way trees under power lines

Police News



Andrew J. Robinson, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 2:59 p.m. Tuesday at First Ave. and Main. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear, he was taken to Iroquois County by Iroquois County authorities.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 28. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 16. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of rain or snow late. High 38, low 27.

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were trimmed, the work stood the city in good stead during the recent ice storm.

- Heard from Grant Township Supervisor Bill Boose about the Republican caucus to be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the township garage.



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