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Aldermen asked to make cuts to balance new city budget

Hoopeston aldermen are being asked to “come with sharp pencils” to a budget meeting Thursday.

Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, told the council at Tuesday night’s meeting that \$169,822 has to be cut from proposed expenditures to balance the budget.

Comparing the city’s budget to that of the federal government, Goodwine said if the city cut its budget by the same percentage as that requested by President Obama, “we’d have to cut our budget not by \$169,822 but by \$62.”

The budget meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at city hall.

In other business, the council unanimously approved a resolution for \$125,000 for this year’s Motor Fuel Tax projects. Streets scheduled for repair include:

Seal coat on Tenth Ave. between Seminary and Honeywell, Lincoln, east of Sixth Ave. and west to Fifth Ave.; an alley north of Parkview Court; First Ave. between Orange and Maple; Chestnut between Fifth and Sixth St.; Sixth St. between Washington and Lincoln and Washington and Penn; and alleys between Euclid and Seventh St., from Main to Honeywell and Young to McNeil.

A-3 Seal coat and base repair will be done on Sixth St., between Seminary and Young and near the railroad tracks west of Bank between Main and Penn.

A-2 seal coat and base repair is planned for Maple, between Second and Third Ave.; Fourth Ave., between Washington and Penn; Trego Dr. and its offshoots; McNeil from Ninth St. west to the alley and south down the alley to Wyman; Fifth St. from Main to Seminary and again from Wyman to McNeil.

The project does not include a request from an unidentified resident to move part of North Fifth St. seven feet, said engineer Ellen Hedrick of Sodemann & Associates.

The resident made the request because his property is one in the city with two houses on one lot, cutting back the amount of his yard.

By moving the street, a neighbor across the street would lose seven feet of his property. That neighbor, also unidentified, does not want the street moved.

City attorney Paul Manion said the city is not obligated to move the street because of the request.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Alderman Ed Lotz that the city is “making great headway” on an ordinance allowing golf carts to

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Briefly

Spaghetti dinner

Hoopeston United Methodist Church is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner from 4:30-7 p.m. Saturday. The dinner will feature spaghetti, salad, bread and desserts and is a fundraiser for Appalachian Service Project's youth work week. Freewill offerings will be taken.

The church is located at 403 E. Main St.

Swim team signup

Hoopeston Area StingRays Swim Team is currently accepting registration for the 2009 Summer Swim Team. Any child 18 years of age and younger who has the desire to learn swim strokes and be a part of a team is encouraged to join.

Open registration on Saturday April 25 at the Hoopeston Library from noon to 2 p.m., in the downstairs conference room. Those unable to attend may call Nicole Gregory at (217) 748-6330 and request registration information.

We are also looking for assistant coaches to help our coach, Bricey, through the season during practices and meets. If you are interested please call Nicole Gregory.

Alley cleanup

Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin Monday. This is

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be used as vehicles in the city. Lotz displayed a sample vehicle sticker to be used on the carts, as well as an inspection form to be used prior to licensing. The application form is not finalized and the proposed ordinance has minor details to be worked out, he said, adding the ordinance is expected to be voted on at the May 5 meeting.

Lotz had previously estimated the ordinance would be in effect by April 1.

- Approved blocking Main St. for a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on June 20.
- Heard from Alderwoman Nancy Stipp that city cleanup day will be May 2 from 8 a.m.-noon.
- Heard from Alderman Jeff Johnson that alley cleanup will begin Monday.
- Heard from Alderman Bill McElhaney that the cemetery department purchased a new mower and roller from Rod's Home and Auto for \$1,199. The former mower broke during rolling and would have cost \$600 to repair, he said.

for tree limbs and yard waste only.

Preschool screening

A free preschool screening for all three-, four-, and five-year-olds will be held Thursday, April 30 at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston. The screening determines each child's knowledge of general concepts, speech, language and motor skills.

Birth to three screenings are available the same day.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (217) 283-6668. Please bring child's Social Security number.

Hydrant flushing

The City of Hoopeston will begin hydrant flushing on Friday, May 1.

National Day of Prayer

Everyone is invited to attend a community wide prayer held on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday

Correction

Rossville's general fund expenditures were listed incorrectly in Wednesday's issue. The correct amount is \$276,320.

- Heard from Economic Developer Dana Goodrum that she will be in Springfield Wednesday to lobby against a bill changing state Tax Increment Financing laws. While in Springfield, she will also deliver the corrected action completion report to the EPA. The city should receive a No Further Remediation letter from the EPA within 45 days from Wednesday, she said. The letter will allow construction to begin on a motel at Rtes. 1 and 9.
- Heard from Rich Thompson about an empty house at 617 E. Washington.
- Heard from Mrs. Ollie Oakley about the condition of a house at 613 E. Chestnut.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 72. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 57. Tomorrow, breezy. High 82, low 58.
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

May 7, 2009. We will meet at 7 p.m. at the Prairie Green Church of Christ. Focus will be on our schools, our community and our nation.

Please contact the Prairie Green Church of Christ for information or direction at (815) 984-3910.

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