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## Hoopeston City Council passes budget with a \$66 surplus

Hoopeston officials unanimously passed a balanced budget Tuesday night after trimming more than \$169,000 from proposed department budgets.

The budget has \$2,429,223 in income and 2,429,157 in expenses, leaving a \$66 surplus, said Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman. Included in the budget are a 3.25 percent raise for employees, \$30,000 for emergency sirens, and \$6,000 to recruit Chicago retirees to the city.

Cuts included axing about 75 percent of requests for one-time expenses, along with a requested pickup truck for the cemetery, mower, new computer for the mayor's office and yearly accrual for a new police car, he said.

Other expenses were kept, but tightly trimmed. For example, a fence was requested at the soccer field on South Sixth Ave. Estimated at \$12,000, the city budgeted only \$2,000.

The category of "surprises," - money needed for emer-



New Hoopeston Mayor Bill Crusinberry, left, is sworn in by Vermilion County Circuit Judge Gordon Stipp at Tuesday's council meeting

gencies—was cut from \$20,000. "We all pledged to  
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**Budget** continued from other side

strive to do true emergencies and cut that to \$10,000," Goodwine said.

The water/sewer budget had no excess money, with \$1,319,490 in both income, including money taken from reserves, and expenses. "Water/sewer reserves are declining, so we'll probably be looking at ways of increasing revenue," Goodwine said.

In other action, the council unanimously approved an ordinance allowing residents to tool around town in electric or gas golf carts.

Licensed drivers may operate carts that have such equipment as headlights, tail lights, rearview mirror and "slow moving vehicle" emblems, among others.

Currently, Neal Tire and Auto is doing equipment inspections and will provide certification to owners, allowing them to receive a permit sticker from the city. Cost of the inspection is \$5, said Chuck Wallace, manager of Neal Tire. Cost of the permit is \$30 per cart, renewable annually.

All carts must be licensed and will not be allowed on streets during inclement weather or during the months of

December-March.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Saw Aldermen Carl Ankenbrand, Bill Goodwine, Jeff Johnson and Bill McElhaney and newly-elected Mayor Bill Crusinberry were sworn in by Judge Gordon Stipp of Hoopeston.

- Heard from Ankenbrand that the city needs more lifeguards for the pool. Anyone interested in working as a lifeguard but is not certified, may take a lifeguard class in Watseka the end of May. The city will reimburse lifeguards for the cost of the class after the pool season.

- Heard from Ankenbrand that the city is taking bids to replace the Girl Scout House roof. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. June 1.

- Approved allowing downtown restaurants to have tables on sidewalks outside their eateries. L & M Lunch owner Greg Mullen made the initial request, which was unanimously approved. Requests will be approved on a case-by-case basis.


- Approved giving the Willdon Building to Tad Ballantyne, CEO of Hoopeston Foods, Inc. Under a development agreement, Ballantyne has until December to create a condo that is at least 600 sq. ft., at a cost of not less than \$60,000. Additionally, the agreement forbids gutting the building of its marble and other assets, said economic developer Dana Goodrum.

## Weather



Thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 74, low 53. Tomorrow, high 74, low 50.

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