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## City to use stimulus, MFT money for North Market project

Stimulus money will be used to help fund the North Market Street repair project slated for next year.

The Hoopeston City Council approved a \$775,000 bid from Cross Construction of Rantoul for the project, which will include street and sewer work.

Of that total, \$180,000 will be stimulus money, said Alderman Jeff Johnson, street/alley committee chairman. Hoopeston's Motor Fuel Tax money will pay the remainder, using nearly all the city's MFT funds. "Basically, all of 2010's (Motor Fuel Tax money) will be tied up with the project," he said.

The bid, the lowest of several received, is three times higher than the cost of the South Market Street project and is \$95,000 higher than the engineer's estimate, Johnson said.

In other business, the city slab will be open five days this week, then will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays until December 15. Johnson said he tried to find a way to keep the slab open five days each week "but the money just isn't there for it," he said. To hire an employee full time, with benefits, would cost \$52,000 per year. Having a part time person three days a week to oversee dumping "is costing us a considerable portion of money," he added.

Dumping at the slab was curtailed briefly after a surprise Illinois EPA inspection found plastic and other materials at the site, which is for yard waste only. The EPA mandated that unsupervised dumping would not be allowed, resulting in the city having to hire a worker to monitor the site.

Johnson said he hopes to have a committee meeting in the near future to discuss the issue and perhaps impose a dumping fee to cover the cost of the employee.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry asked Johnson to have the employee keep track of how many people and contrac-

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# Proclaiming education

Mayor Bill Crusinberry signed a proclamation claiming this week as American Education week. Present were retired Hoopeston teacher and coach Jim Richards; his daughter Kelly Ankenbrand, her husband, Carl Ankenbrand, elementary art teacher for Hoopeston Area, and their daughter Taylor who is a fourth grader at Honeywell Grade School.

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tors use the slab and where they're from. "We don't know where these loads are coming from and we should," he said.

In unrelated business, Crusinberry told the council he would like to revamp the façade program to make it more inclusive.

Currently the program is only for downtown business owners who want to maintain the historical integrity of their buildings. The city budgets \$10,000 annually for the program, which reimburses an owner for half the costs of modifications, up to \$5,000. Money for the program comes from the city's Tax Increment Financing fund.

Crusinberry would like to expand the program to include all city businesses for improvements, whether they

are historical or not. He would also like to find a way to pay for the program for businesses outside Hoopeston's three TIF districts and wants to revisit some requests for funding that were turned down because they did not meet the historical integrity portion of the program. "We owe it to all (city) businesses to allow them to use the city program," he said.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Alderman Brandon Hamilton that Hoopeston Regional Health Center would like the city's 1999 ambulance to use it as a promotional vehicle.
- Was reminded by Alderwoman Sue Comstock that an informal contractors' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at city hall. The meeting is for contractors, roofers, electricians and others, as well as the public.

# Weather



Chance of rain today. High 47. Tonight, decreasing clouds. Low 36. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 51, low 37.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

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