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Council addresses lighting for Prairie Meadows development

Let there be light - at the planned Prairie Meadows development.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved using decorative fiberglass lighting for the affordable workforce housing development, to be built on the former Hoopeston Industrial Corporation property on Route 9.

The council voted unanimously for the decorative lighting rather than wooden poles, and approved 100 watt sodium vapor bulbs. The city will pay \$6.80 monthly for each light, said Alderman Jeff Johnson, street/alley committee chairman. The amount is less than

using 150 watt metal halide bulbs at a cost of approximately \$12.50 per light.

The number of lights that will be installed is undetermined, but officials suggested lighting also be placed at the playground area of the development, as well as at entrances to the area. Housing coordinator Jean Minick also suggested lights at the development's lift station.

All wiring for the project will be buried, she added.

Alderman Bill McElhaney said after the meeting that the lighting will be energy efficient and will be laid out to accommodate a proposed second development phase.

See LIGHTING on other side

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Briefly

Potato bar fundraiser

Hoopeston Area High School Student Council will be sponsoring a potato bar at the boys basketball pack-the-place Friday night from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

The cost will be \$5 for one potato or \$7 for two potatoes, all the toppings you want, a beverage, and a dessert.

Benefit set

A benefit for the Dewey Petty family will be held from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at Kelley's Pub. The event will include dinner, bake sale, auction, 50/50 drawing and music by Draxis, Sombra, Stonethorne and Furion.

Prom dress drive

Hoopeston Multi Agency is accepting donations of used prom dresses to help young girls attend prom.

Lighting continued from other side

In related discussion, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said the council will have to approve variances to some ordinances for the project. For example, city ordinance calls for iron water pipes to be used but that is no longer the industry standard, he said.

In other discussion, Crusinberry said he spoke with the head of the Illinois EPA funding department about a future loan application to refurbish the aerial and ground water storage tanks. "We won't have to recreate the wheel," Crusinberry told the council, saying only a pre-application will be needed.

Hoopeston applied for a low interest loan for the project but was turned down after the IEPA was flooded with requests. In the future, applications will be rated on a points scale.

Not receiving a loan on the original request may be a blessing for the city. Crusinberry told the council that interest rates have dropped to 1.25 percent and that, based on income, Hoopeston may qualify for principle forgiveness.

Crusinberry also reminded residents of the importance of completing the 2010 census because state and federal funding for projects is based on population.

McElhaney said a precount in Danville overlooked 2,500 homes. "If they can leave out 2,500 residences in

For more information, call the Multi Agency (217) 283-5544 or Virginia Yaden, 283-5554.

Obituaries

BUTTERWORTH - Helen Louise (Giles) Butterworth, 84, of Hoopeston, died at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, 1020, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Order of the Eastern Star rites at 7:45 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Ambulance Service, c/o Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, 701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Carle Auxiliary Guest House, ATTN" Mary, 602 W. Church, Urbana IL 61801.

Danville, just think what they can do to Hoopeston," he said.

Crusinberry added that Danville could lose its designation as an urban area if it falls below 50,000 residents, pointing out the need for all residents to complete the census form.

He also told the council about a meeting to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at Bremer Conference Center on the DACC campus. The meeting, hosted by State Rep. Bill Black and State Sen. Michael Frerichs, is to discuss the state's Mortgage Relief Project to help homeowners lower mortgage payments and avoid foreclosure. Information on the program, such as documents needed for free counseling, is available at www.idfpr.com or (800) 532-8785.

Information on the program was provided by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 32. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 16. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 33, low 19.

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

HAMS volleyball girls triumph over Oakwood in Tuesday action

Hoopeston Area Middle School's girls volleyball team triumphed over Oakwood in Tuesday night action.

The seventh grade team boosted its record to 8-6 after winning 18-25, 18-25, while eighth graders' record moved to 2-13 on the 15-25, 25-23, 23-25 win.

Karena Colunga led aces and assists, with eight and three, respectively. Shelby Holzinger had six kills for the night.

In action last week, seventh graders won over Bismarck-Henning, 30-28, 21-25, 16-25 on February 11, while HAMS eighth graders lost, 25-8, 25-19.

Letters to the Editor

What are they thinking?

I think the powers to be need to look to control crime, instead of business. Where are their heads?

Kathy Zehr
Danville

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