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## Court grants order to tear down McCracken 'tree house'

Hoopeston has been given permission to tear down an eyesore in the 500 block of East McCracken.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, city attorney Paul Manion announced the city received an order of demolition on an abandoned house at 522 E. McCracken, known as the "tree house" because it has a tree growing through it.

Alderwoman Susan Comstock, civic improvement committee chairwoman, was ecstatic about the news, saying the house would be torn down within 30 days.

Manion, however, cautioned her that while the house will come down, the need to file legal notices to seek demolition bids means it will take somewhat longer than a month before the house will be demolished.

A bid opening has been set for 2 p.m. July 30.

According to the court order, the city may file a lien against the property to recoup demolition costs but Comstock said the city should file to take possession of the property.

Comstock said officials are "diligently working" to clean up other abandoned property in the city.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Manion that a 1993 deed to the city for the



**Hoopeston officials received an order of demolition that will allow this house, at 522 E. McCracken, to be torn down. The structure is in such disrepair that a tree is growing through it.**

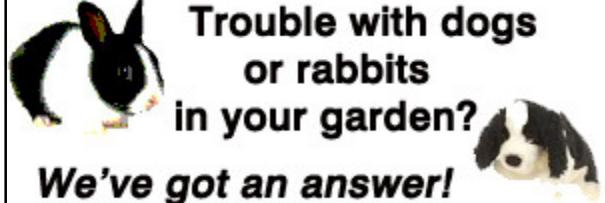
Y located by the former CIPS office on Market erroneously included a rail track used by ADM's elevator on North Market. Manion suggested the city quit claim the property back to the elevator.

- Accepted a bid of \$4.09 per square foot for the city's 50/50 sidewalk program. The bid, from Built 2 Last Construction, was the sole bid, said Alderman Jeff Johnson, street/alley committee chairman.

- Approved an amendment to the subdivision ordinance allowing plastic storm sewer pipe. The council recently amended the ordinance to allow plastic for water mains and sanitary sewer but failed to include storm sewers.

- Heard from finance committee chairman Bill Good-  
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## Letters to the Editor

### How can we fix our government?

In a poll held over the weekend nearly 80% of those polled did not think our government can fix the problems with our country. If a company had employees that they disapproved of this much, they would be fired, right on the spot, and you know that. The problem has been going on for more than ten years, so it is not just one political party. The members of both parties are guilty. They tell you one thing to get elected, then do what ever they want to do after the election, and they get away with it. People from each state feel that their representatives are on the up and up, and only the representatives from other states are crooks. We are only concerned with what federal tax money that this state can get from the government. We feel, if our representatives can get

### Court Dispositions



June 3

Robin Irvin, Hoopeston, status check July 1.

Adeana Rossolille, Rankin, case continued generally.

Elizabeth Boyne, Hoopeston, status check July 1.

Skylar Pickett, Wellington, given 38 hours of public service work in lieu of \$300 fine; status hearing August 5.

Bradley Boyne, Hoopeston, status check September 2.

Douglas Land Jr., Hoopeston, status check July 1.

Kay Irvin, Hoopeston, status check July 1.

Trinidad Hernandez Jr., Hoopeston, status check September 2.

us money then they are doing a good job for us.

Unfortunately, that money was ours to begin with. Or these days our childrens money of the future. Of course some representatives from some states are worse than others, but most representatives cost us more than they are worth. Don't you feel that we have enough laws, and governing bills on the books now? They just need to make sure that they are enforced.

The sad part is we really do not have a decent way of controlling these people once they have a seat. By the time elections roll around we have forgotten what bad deeds they have done in our eyes.

Until there is some way for us to have more of say of what goes on when they are passing these massive spending bills, then they will rule, and tax us, just like they have been doing these many years. After all, they are suppose to be our voices, not their own when running our government.

### Police News



Goldie D. Langdon, 35, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 1:15 a.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of East Orange. She was charged with driving while license suspended and child endangerment and was released on a notice to appear.

### House continued from other side

wine that a public hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. July 20, prior to the regular council meeting, on the appropriations ordinance. The ordinance allows the city to write checks, he explained, adding it is the amount of the budget plus five percent for contingencies.

• Heard from Comstock that a civic improvement meeting will be held at 5 p.m. July 23 to discuss the city's façade program.

### Weather



Thunderstorms likely today and tonight. High 86, low 68. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 84, low 62.

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

How many of you feel, something really needs to be done, and soon?

Tom Evans  
Hoopeston

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