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Firemen give city officials an up close look old at buildings

Thanks to the Hoopeston Fire Department, city officials got a closer look at the condition of some old buildings.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Mayor Bill Crusinberry told the council that, using the aerial truck, firemen took pictures of five downtown buildings, including those that housed the former Hoopeston Plumbing and Heating, Moose, Galloway's Machine Shop, Hoopeston Food Locker and Willdon Building.

In the case of the former Hoopeston Plumbing and Heating building on Market, the pictures will be added to a case file to take the owner to court, Crusinberry said.

The structure has been shedding bricks for over a year and despite several attempts, the owner has not allowed the city to inspect the building, officials have previously said.

As for the other structures, the owner of the food locker said he has plans for his building and Crusinberry heard the same is true of Galloway's Machine Shop building.

The former Moose is of concern because doors are not latched and the floor is close to caving in, he said. Before action can be taken, officials must determine if the person they believe to be the owner actually owns it or if he just purchased back taxes. Also, The building is to be in an upcoming tax sale.



Hoopeston firemen ride the aerial truck to take pictures of dilapidated buildings last week.

In other business:

- Crusinberry announced that former resident Roger Jackson and a group of investors plans to build a 40-bed, upscale assisted living facility on the southeast corner of Market and Route 9. The project is contingent on a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) redevelopment agreement, he said.
- Approved the appropriations and prevailing wage ordinances.
- Learned a new hydrant has been placed in McFerren Park near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The addition will allow flowers at nearby memorials to be watered more easily.
- Learned word on the \$750,000 grant for a new water line to the proposed new nursing home should be received soon.
- Welcomed new police officer Brett Stein.

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Obituaries

CROTTS - Marjorie Elizabeth (Houmes) Crotts, 85, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Hoopeston, died Wednesday, July 13, 2011, in Mesa. Graveside memorial service will be at a later date at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is assisting the family.

Weather

Excessive heat warning through 7 p.m. Saturday. Hot today. High 96. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 76. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 94, low 75.

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