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New businesses could eventually add 35 jobs in Hoopeston

One new business currently open and two others on the horizon could add 35 jobs in Hoopeston.

Gary Wilson, and his father, Jim, purchased the former Martin Young property next to Silgan Containers, and is turning it into a place to purchase and repair used restaurant equipment before reselling it.

Wilson was at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, where he told the council he envisions hiring an administrative assistant and four to five employees.

Alderman Sue Comstock suggested Wilson meet with finance committee chairman Bill Goodwine about city funds that might be available to help the business. Wilson told the council that it will cost \$35,000 to turn electricity on because the building has been off the grid for years and many components must be replaced.

Additionally, Wilson reroofed the building at a cost of \$30,000.

Another 15 jobs are expected to be created by a proposed assisted living complex, which will be built near the southeast corner of Market and Route 9.

The project is contingent on a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) redevelopment agreement, a rough draft of which should be available for the August 16 meeting, said Mayor Bill Crusinberry.

A second redevelopment agreement is being drawn up for the former FMC building, which is set to be purchased by a tire recycling company, Crusinberry said.

An agreement has been signed for the company to buy the building, which is still in foreclosure, he said. Once the deal is signed, the company expects to hire approximately 15 people.

In other business, the council approved new façade program guidelines after a lengthy discussion about how funds would be dispersed.

The "first come, first served" method used to determine which qualifying projects are approved, is not a



Gary Wilson, standing, tells the Hoopeston City Council about his new business as Curt Ellis looks on.

good way to run the program, Goodwine said. Alderman Randy Carter agreed, saying projects should be submitted, then approved once or twice a year, allowing the

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six-member committee, and ultimately, the council, to decide which projects will receive reimbursement. Other questions concerned whether business owners must take the lowest of bids submitted and whether, in the case of multiple projects, it would be best to give each some money or one or two receiving most of the budgeted \$10,000.

Under the program, improvements are reimbursed at 50 percent of costs up to \$5,000.

Alderman Brandon Hamilton suggested guidelines be


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reworked to address the questions, but Comstock said "you're over-thinking it and making it more than it is." Her motion to approve the guidelines, seconded by Alderman Ed Lotz, was approved 5-1-1, with Hamilton voting no and Carter voting "present."

The new guidelines remove a portion of the previous guidelines which was limited to downtown businesses and mandated historical preservation as a qualifying factor. With the preservation mandate gone, Comstock then suggested that businesses that improved their facades in the last couple years receive a "stipend" payment from the fund for their efforts. She will present a list of businesses and the amounts they spent at the next meeting.

In other business:

- Carter said Ribbe Trucking will begin street repair work next Wednesday or Thursday. Residents of streets to be repaired are asked to park their vehicles off-street.
- Alderman Carl Ankenbrand thanked firemen for their

Police News

The following bicycles were recovered and may be claimed by their owners at the police station: blue Boxer 20" boy's bike; blue Abyss 20" boy's bike; purple Next 20" boy's bike; and lavender and pink 20" girl's bike.

Donald Henry, 51, of Hoopetston, was arrested at 11:08 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of East Wyman. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear/pretrial/driving while license suspended and disregarding stop sign, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of bond.

A set of GM keys on a fob was found at 1:10 p.m. Tuesday in the alley between Front and North Market. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

An Indiana temporary license plate was found at 4 p.m. Tuesday on Rt. 9 near the state line. The owner may claim it at the police station.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 84. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 68. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 85, low 70.

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help at a fundraiser for Andrew Myers, and thanked Corey Stipp and his group of teen mission volunteers from Kansas City for their efforts, which included painting the civic center interior, the Pony League concessions stand and cleaning up McFerren Park.

• Heard from Tom Bennett, of Gibson City, Republican candidate for state representative of the newly-created 106th District. Employed by State Farm, Bennett is a Parkland College trustee. More information is available at thomasmbennett.org.

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