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City garbage rates to drop under new five-year contract

Rates for Hoopeston garbage pickup will drop for the first three years of a five-year contract.

The contract with Allied Waste/Republic Services, approved 6-0 at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, sets the rate at \$12.45 per residential home or \$26,406 per month on 2,121 houses.

The billed rate is currently \$13 per month.

A new rate will be implemented on April 1 of each of the five years, starting this year. Rates for the rest of the contract are: \$12.70 per month in 2015; \$12.95 per month in 2016; \$13.20 in 2017; and \$13.45 in 2019.

Some things may affect if the contract is changed,

such as if the number of residential units changes, or if surcharges are imposed by state and federal regulators.

Also, if the cost of fuel goes above \$4.50 per gallon, cost of pickup will increase six cents per home per month based on each 25 cent raise in the price per gallon. Fuel costs will be reviewed quarterly.

In unrelated action, the council approved spending \$366,775 to refurbish water department sand filters. Aldermen approved waiving bids, choosing Leander Construction to do the work.

Leander was originally hired to refurbish the ground and aerial water storage tanks.

Engineer Mike Streff, of Foth Infrastructure and Environment, said the cost is a "worst case scenario" figure and could be less, depending on the condition of the filters. Once sand is removed from the filters, they will be inspected, then refilled with sand. If no damage is seen in the support system or other parts, the cost could be as low as \$200,000, he said.

Filter work is not eligible under the EPA loan program used for water tower refurbishment so the city will loan the money from the garbage fund to the water fund at no interest, said Alderman Brandon Hamilton.

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Briefly

Sports signups at Business Expo

Area sports groups will hold signups for players during this weekend's WHPO Business Expo at McFerren Park Civic Center, incluing Hoopeston Area Girls Softball and HAY Baseball.

The expo will feature displays by area businesses and entertainment by local groups. Event hours are 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday and noon-3 p.m. Sunday. Food will be available for purchase.

Animal shelter fundraiser

La Casa del Sol, in Hoopeston Plaza, is supporting Hoopeston Animal Shelter with a fundraiser on Saturday. From 3-10 p.m., 10 percent of orders will be donated to the animal shelter.

During the event, a table will be set up with informa-

Contract continued from other side

In other business, the council:

• Approved a resolution to seek a Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) grant for the splash pad, bathhouse renovations and the concessions area. Alderman Carl Ankenbrand said if the city doesn't receive a grant in this cycle, another cycle will be available in July.

The grant may be used for projects in any state of development up through final construction.

- In related discussion, Ankenbrand said Spear Corp. will soon start work on the splash pad that will replace the kiddy pool at the McFerren Park swimming pool.
- Heard from a resident about water problems because of cold weather. The man has been on a jumper system for three weeks.

March Mural Madness
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tion on the shelter and a box will be available for donations of items for the shelter.

Card shower

A card shower is being held for Molly Culbert, who has been a little under the weather and could use some cheer. Be sure to put your full name and how you know her! Cards may be sent to Molly Culbert, 512 N. Chicago, Rossville IL 60963.

Band meeting

A mandatory parent/student meeting for all 2014-15 marching band students will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday in the high school auditorium.

Information regarding the upcoming Chik-Fil-A Bowl in Atlanta will be provided, including tentative schedule, student cost, chaperone information and fundraising

Weather



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