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## One percent sales tax hike to be put to voters in November

Hoopeston voters will decide in November whether to add one percent to the sales tax.

Hoopeston City Council voted 7-0 Tuesday night to put the tax increase to the voters to fund various projects in the city, including infrastructure improvements, new roads and repair of existing ones at Floral Hill and demolishing dilapidated residential and commercial property.

In introducing the issue, Alderman Randy Carter said most small communities have the same issue of abandoned property. Officials, he said, "can sit back and dwell on the problem or develop an innovative program to fix it."

Carter said officials dismissed increasing the property tax to gain extra money "We don't want to add more burden to property tax payers," he said.

A sales tax increase will generate additional revenue not only from residents, but also out-of-town shoppers, who purchase the two items that currently generate the most sales tax: gasoline and automobiles.

If approved the tax would add \$1 to a \$100 purchase and will be charged on all goods and services that are currently taxed.

To entice residents to vote for it, the council earmarked

\$25,000 to tear down two properties in the city, in the hope that residents would see the difference demolition makes and be willing to pay for more. Calling the earmark a "teaser campaign," Carter said two have been selected "but if you drive around Hoopeston, there are 100 more just like them."

While all aldermen present voted to put the issue to voters, one said his yes vote was not an endorsement of the tax increase.

"I have no objection to putting it to the voters of Hoopeston," he said, "but in no way would I want them

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Letters to the Editor

Writer says bully prevails at high school

People of Hoopeston School district,  
This letter is out of concern for the future of two of my granddaughters. They have been suspended from Hoopeston High School until January 5, 2015 for standing up to a bully girl student when the teachers and the high school principal ignored their plea for help from this bully.

It all started in P.E. class when the bully accused one of my granddaughters of trying to take her boyfriend away from her. My granddaughter was called a whore, b\*\*\*\* and a slut while being subjected to the vilest of racial slurs, all at the knowledge of the teachers and principal. This lasted for a week.

The youngest granddaughter overheard the bully saying the same thing about her sister and vile comments about their mother, while being told by the bully that she would never have any success in life either. The youngest granddaughter went crying to the teachers and was ignored.

Days later in the cafeteria the bully started the harassment again saying the same vile statements. The youngest

had enough and went over and poured milk over the bully's head and took the rest of the food and smeared it in the bully's face. The bully was seen throwing her tray of food and was heard calling the principle a piece of (to clean it up the S word) crap.

All this went to the Hoopeston Area Board of Education with the end result being the suspension of my granddaughters and no punishment at all for the bully. I say that the teachers, principal and Hoopeston Area Board of Education failed to protect my granddaughters

when they needed help the most. How is it beneficial to my granddaughters to be set back in their schooling? Is the school lesson here that it is not right to stand up to a bully?

I am glad that this school board was not governing the country during World War II when we as a united people contrary to today stood up to the Bully Hitler or, we would all be speaking German now.

To conclude, I as a grandfather, am worried about our country which seems to reward the wrongdoers and

punish the innocent. There are criminals out there committing much worse that do not receive as much punishment. I say shame on the teachers, principal and school board for their solution to this problem with this bully. Mr. Hornbeck said himself that it was not right the punishment my granddaughters received.

Your children maybe the next victim of this bully so, how will you think then?

Ross Kinnaird  
Hoopeston

Tax continued from other side

to think I endorse a sales tax," he said, adding more money leads to bigger government.

Goodwine reminded the council that it recently raised water rates. A rate increase was approved for this year

Police News

Hoopeston police were called at 8:27 p.m. Tuesday to the 500 block of South Market for something burning. They found an unattended fire, to which Hoopeston Fire Department was then sent.

Dustin W. Leslie, 30, of Hoopeston, was cited for an illegal burn. A notice to appear was mailed to him.

and the next five years, effective each September. That money is earmarked for infrastructure repairs.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry said some water mains in the city are from the late 1800s or early 1900s.

In other business, the council heard from Mike Streff, engineer with Foth Infrastructure and Environmental, about work on water storage tanks.

Tests on samples from the sand filters came back with good results, showing levels of radium 226 and 228 were within acceptable limits.

Also, decisions need to be made on the colors to be used on artwork for the aerial tank, which will have "Hoopeston" and a Cornjerker on two sides.

Obituaries

**IRVIN** - Edward "Lee" Irvin, 93, of Rankin, died Monday, May 19, 2014, at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery, with military rites by Cissna Park American Legion. Memorials are suggested to Rankin United Methodist Women or Rankin Lions Club.

**POLSON** - Junior Eugene "Gene" Polson, 68, of Hoopeston, died at 12 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 2014, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, with Masonic rites at 7 p.m. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Cremation rites will be

accorded and burial will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society 2509 S. Neil St. Champaign, IL 61820-7744 or the Diabetes Foundation 13 Sunflower Avenue Paramus, NJ 07652.

**WILKEN**—William K. Wilken, 77, of Milford, died Sunday, May 18, 2014, at home. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service Friday at Milford Christian Church. Burial will be at a later date in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to Milford Ambulance Service. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.

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