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Engineer expects big water improvement after filter work

The engineer for Hoopeston's water storage/sand filter project expects a big improvement in water quality when the project is finished.

Mike Streff, with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, talked about the existing sand filter at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, saying it was meant to have 18 to 20 cubic yards of sand and gravel but has less than 12 cubic yards, and that four cubic yards are below the screen that filters the water.

"It's using less sand and only about two-thirds of the surface area," Streff said. When the filter is cleaned and refilled, "this should be a tremendous improvement in water quality."

Streff also said that 10 water samples tested have returned with levels of radium and other substances "well below drinking water standards."

Alderman Bill McElhaney said work on the storage tanks continues. Once the interiors are coated, there will be "very little on the inside of these tanks that will be able to rust again," he said.

In other business, the council approved a \$95,033 bid from Iroquois Paving, Watseka, for road work on Main Street from the railroad tracks to Market.

Two other bids were received, one from Open Road Paving for \$121,711 and the other \$125,956 from Cross Construction.

Alderman Randy Carter, street/alley committee chairman, asked for a motion to approve the low bid, demurring from doing it himself because he is employed by Iroquois Paving. He also abstained on the vote, which the other seven members approved.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight, tomorrow.
 High today 89, low 71. Tomorrow, high 87, low 70.

The council also approved a sidewalk/curb bid from Built2Last Construction. Carter did not have the bid amount with him at the meeting but said it was "fair and reasonable."

The sidewalk/curb program is a 50/50 program with residents and the city each responsible for half the cost.

In other business, the council:

Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand, parks committee chair, about the positive attitude of pool employees. Both Ankenbrand and Mayor Bill Crusinberry received comments from someone in a wheelchair who bought a pool pass and has been pleased with employees' attitudes and service at the pool.

Heard Crusinberry is concerned about dogs running loose and damaging property, especially repeat offenders. He wondered if existing ordinances "do not have the teeth...that we need." The police committee will review ordinances.

Approved Bill Goodwine's requests to extend Tax Increment Financing ordinances for TIF 1 and TIF 2, extending the end dates by one year, to 2024 and 2029, respectively. Another TIF district, of the Larry Petry property off Euclid, was repealed.

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Police News



A turquoise and purple Roadmaster bicycle was found Tuesday in the 400 block of West Washington. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 4:48 p.m. Tuesday at IGA parking lot, 1030 W. Chestnut. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 2011 Ford owned by Maria Boguszewski, of Woodland.

Heather Billingsley, 37, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 9:27 p.m. Tuesday at McFerren Park. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Obituaries

RECKNER - Pauline Reckner, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 6:12 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

DACC Day Trip - Heading to Peoria IL
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