

Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting

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Council approves putting city sales tax on April '15 ballot

"If at first you don't succeed, try again" is the motto Hoopeston City Council is going by when it comes to a city sales tax.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council voted 6-1 to put a one percent sales tax on the April 2015 ballot.

A similar referendum in November was defeated, 596-572.

In bringing the issue to the board, Alderman Randy Carter said that many people who supported the sales tax felt it was not clearly communicated to residents what the money would be used for, including curbs, streets, water lines, money to attract new business and a dentist.

Carter talked about area towns which each have city

sales tax, including Champaign, Danville, Mahomet, Rantoul and Watseka.

Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, voted against putting the issue on the ballot, saying it had already been voted on and because he doesn't think the city needs the money.

Goodwine said the only suggested use he agreed with is water projects, but added money for water projects should come from the city's water fund, which money can only be used for water projects. Money from a sales tax, which might be discussed for water projects could be used for other projects, he said.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry said water projects are the

See TAX on other side



Mr. B-eautiful

Rotary Park in downtown Hoopeston is festooned with Christmas decorations thanks to Blake Lawson, the Mr. B of Mr. B's Café. Lawson paid for the decorations and worked for more than a week, adding to the display.

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Jeremy Deck will be your host. Listing agent is related to seller.





Court Dispositions

October 2 Kirk Van Noord, Batavia, pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis, paid \$180 fine in full.

Rvan Nosler, Hoopeston, status hearing November 6. Gloria Colunga, Hoopeston, status hearing December

Aaron Linares, Hoopeston, status hearing November

Brian Suiter, Hoopeston, status hearing November 6. Cheryl Burkert, Hoopeston, failed to appear; case turned over to the state for further enforcement.

Matt Cannon, Hoopeston, status hearing November

Jamie Strawser, Hoopeston, failed to appear; case turned over to state for further enforcement.

Tax continued from other side

main reason he favors the tax, explaining that \$5,000 was budgeted this year for a feasibility study of flooding. "That didn't pay for very much," he said.

Another concern is dilapidated buildings. "I've seen these building 20 years ago and they're still here," he said. "I don't want to leave the down looking worse than it did 10 years ago."

Other projects are the objectives from mapping strategy sessions. "To pursue them, we have to fund them," Crusinberry said.

Some projects, like resurfacing the McFerren Park road, "get pushed to the side when it's budget time," he said. "Does the decay keep going or do we want to stop

Carter pointed out that while things like water rate hikes affect only Hoopeston residents, a sales tax would bring in revenue from those who live out of town and shop in Hoopeston for things like vehicles.

Stan Steiner, who attended the meeting, suggested officials put toll booths at entrances to the city and charge people to come in.

Steiner asked where he is supposed to come up with the extra money for the tax. "A guy who works for a W-2 doesn't go into his boss and say 'I need a 10 percent raise because everything else is going up," he said.

In other business, the council:

• approved an intergovernmental agreement with Ver-

Stacy Espinoza, Hoopeston, failed to appear; case turned over to state for further enforcement.

Christine Ferguson, Hoopeston, failed to appear; case turned over to state for further enforcement.

Tonya Edwards, Hoopeston, status hearing November

Lucas Neal, Hoopeston, failed to appear, case turned over to state for further enforcement.

Cornjerkers take second in Watseka Holiday Tournament

Hoopeston Area came in second to Milford, 58-30, in the Watseka Holiday Tournament.

The tourney started Friday, when the Cornjerkers, in the Maroon Pool, fell 66-61, to Iroquois West in double overtime. The team rallied Saturday to defeat Tri Point, 71-66. On Monday, the Cornjerkers defeated their hosts, the Watseka Warriors, 57-49, leading to Tuesday's final.

The Bearcats defeated Donovan, Beecher and Mo-

mence in the White Pool, to get to the final bracket.

In Tuesday action, Trey Layden led the Cornjerkers in scoring with nine, followed by Logan Walder with seven and Bailey Crose with five.

The Bearcats' Alex Portwood led game scoring with 31, boosting him to 1,025 career points to date.

Layden and Bryce Leigh were named to the All Tournament team for Hoopeston, while Portwood and Jacob Rogers were named for the Bearcats.

Tournament results leave the Cornjerkers with a 4-7 record. The team is scheduled to be off until January 3, when they will be at Westville. That game starts at noon.

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milion Advantage to spend \$10,702 on a shared resource person. Vermilion Advantage will pick up the bulk of the salary of the as-yet-unhired person, who will be used by Vermilion County communities for various functions, including grant writing, economic development and others, Crusinberry said. "I cannot see a negative to this," he said. I can only see positive."

Alderman Larry Baughn abstained on the 6-0 vote.

- Approved a resolution for the Vermilion County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The action is mandated by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to receive disaster funding or grant money.
- Heard from engineer Mike Streff, with Farnsworth Group, that work on the water tower interior is done. After the coating cures for 14 days, the tower is expected to be refilled for the winter.

The three pressure tanks currently providing water pressure will be disconnected but will remain in Hoopeston for work that will be done in the spring, including painting the tower's exterior.

Streff also reported that the final sand filter has been cleaned and repaired and is back online.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 30, low 22. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 33, low 26.