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Council approves participating in new aggregation deal

Hoopeston residents enrolled in the electric aggregation program are expected to soon pay more than the current rate - but less than if they were not in the program.

Hoopeston City Council gave unanimous approval at Tuesday night's meeting to allow Mayor Bill Crusinberry or his designee to approve a new contract with Good Energy.

Officials of area communities will gather April 12 at the Palmer Arena in Danville to learn what the new rate will be and approve participating in a new contract.

Hoopeston voters approved electric aggregation in April 2013 and the council approved using Good Energy as aggregator. In May 2013, Homefield Energy submitted the winning bid at 4.433 cents per kilowatt hour on a 22 month contract.

From the Blotter

A representative of The Flower Shop, 702 W. Main, reported at 9:12 a.m. Tuesday that a door that was to be installed at the business was stolen from the property. The door is valued at more than \$500.

Wabash Valley Gun Collectors Assn., Inc.

GUN SHOW



McFerren Park Civic Center, Hoopeston
 Saturday & Sunday, March 7-8
 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

That contract expires soon, resulting in the need for a new bidding process, said Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, adding the new rate is expected to be in the five-cent range.

All area communities that use Good Energy must accept the same contract, listing the price and number of months of the contract, ranging from one to three years, he said.

In other business, the council: unanimously approved accepting the Milburn Building, 104 N. Market. The building, which was formerly an insurance office and former Hoopeston AMVETS headquarters, will be torn down and the land turned into a parking area for Hoopeston Fire Department.

Heard from Alderwoman Nancy Stipp that bids are being accepted for perpetual care urns. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. April 6 at city hall. Bid specs are available at city hall.

Stipp also reminded residents that winter grave decorations should be removed from graves before workers start cemetery cleanup on March 8, weather permitting. Winter decorations left on graves will be disposed of after that date.

Workout with Betty

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Letters to the Editor

Finance chair says sales tax not needed

A Hoopeston sales tax proposal is being promoted by several members of the Hoopeston City Council. The proposal will be on the April 7 ballot and will be accepted or rejected by the vote of the citizens.

There are three reasons I believe a sales tax is unnecessary:

First, we simply do not need it. Our budgeting process

has been disciplined. Our expenditures have been conservative and disciplined. As a result our city reserve funds continue to grow conservatively each year.

The second reason is that some on the City Council have adopted a "make no small plans" approach to local government. The result has been, in my opinion, extravagance. I believe extravagance has no place in our city expenditures. This appetite should not be fed with a sales tax.

Witness the recent \$64,000 paint job in the water filter plant for cosmetic reasons. A more practical \$500 alternative was dismissed as a "band aid approach" to our problems. The \$64,000 option was approved 5-4. It was not even bid.

But, as in this paint project, the "band aid" solution would have been the appropriate response. For a hang nail, a band aid is more appropriate than a trip to the emergency room. This paint issue was a mere hang nail and we went to the emergency room. With extravagant thinking money is no object! Exactly where this money

will come from was not even discussed

The third reason I oppose a sales tax is because when people think the government will fill a need, people back off and wait for the "government" to do it. Too much government replaces citizen initiative.

Hoopeston has accomplished an enviable number of great things in recent years. Each has been done with little or no government involvement (or sales tax). Examples include:

- The CVS store
- A new McDonalds
- Autumn Fields assisted living
- The new Family Healthcare of Hoopeston clinic on the highway
- La Casa del Sol
- IGA renovation
- New Heritage Healthcare nursing home

Each of the above is an example of the efforts of private enterprising people who believe in Hoopeston. If government stays out of the way, citizens will keep Hoopeston progressing.

What makes a town a great place to live? Responsible citizens, good neighbors, nice neighborhoods, pride, work ethic, schools, to name a few. Success will come from citizens and passion, not more government and tax money.

If you think our future should be in the hands of citi-

zen initiative, then vote AGAINST the sales tax. If you think government is the answer to our future, then vote for the sales tax. Whichever, cast your vote on April 7. Be a part of the decision.

Bill Goodwine
Hoopeston

Briefly

Man's memory to be honored

A memorial service for Charles "Chuck" Hollen, who died January 30, will be held at 2 p.m. March 7 at Floral Hill Chapel. Following the service, a celebration of his life will be held at Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn. Friends and family are encouraged to join the family. Food will be provided.

Mr. Hollen lived most of his life in the Hoopeston Area. He was a WWII veteran and 70-year member of the Hoopeston American Legion and VFW.

VFW Menu
Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston
Wednesday: **Wings 5-8 p.m.**
Thursdays: **Tacos by Norma**
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Obituaries

LANGELLIER - Frances Irene (Harris) Langelier, 66, of Stockland, died Monday, March 2, 2015, at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. She has been cremated. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service Saturday at Milford Christian Church. Burial will be at a later date in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois County Relay for Life. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 15. Tonight, mostly clear. Low -2. Tomorrow, sunny. High 26, low 21.