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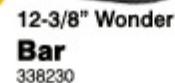
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Council approves upgrading emergency communications

Hoopeston Police Department's communications department will get an upgrade, following action by Hoopeston City Council Tuesday night.

The council unanimously approved spending about \$41,500 for new hardware, software and training for a new computer assisted dispatching (CAD) system.

In recommending the action, Alderman Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman, said current equipment is more than 10 years old and needs to be updated.

Additionally, Hoopeston acts as a backup for Vermilion County's 911 system, which is being upgraded, as well. Hoopeston's existing system will become obsolete when the county's is upgraded, Hamilton said.

Vermilion County Emergency Telephone System board will spend more than \$391,000 upgrading the county CAD system.

The council first agreed to amend the budget to take the first \$20,750 payment from the city's utility fund, with payment to be made by October 30. The second payment will be made next October, spreading the cost over two years.

Hamilton noted that the need for a budget amendment was not the result of poor planning on the city's part but

because the county's decision to upgrade came after this year's city budget was set.

Alderman Randy Carter said he would like to see an accrual fund set up to be able to keep equipment updated.

In other business, no action was taken on a new city web page because costs were lacking for things such as bandwidth used and website disk space.

Alderman Alex Houmes, chairman of the website committee, had planned to finalize a contract with Premier Network Solutions of Danville, but questions arose, resulting in Houmes tabling the matter until the October 20 meeting.

Hamilton suggested Houmes get a list of costs to present to the council, to eliminate surprises.

Also, Alderman Bill Goodwine, acting as mayor pro tem, wondered why Hoopeston doesn't use Civic Plus, who did Rantoul's web page and more than 1,000 others.

Starting from scratch, Goodwine said, "is a lot like making your own wine. It's fun, and you think it tastes good, but the reality is it's really not as good as you think it is."

See COUNCIL on other side

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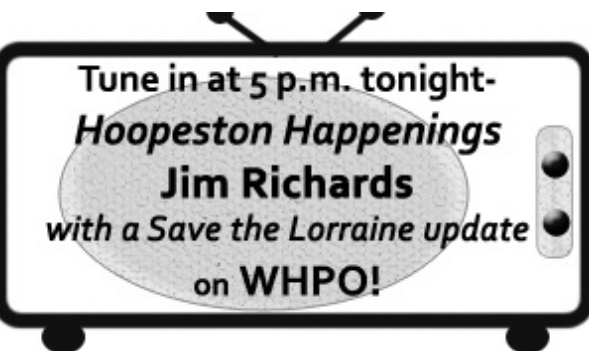
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Council continued from other side

Hoopeston budgeted \$5,000 for a new website; Houmes said another \$2,500 is needed to either make the existing online water bill payment system work with the new page or to find and implement a new one. The additional cost will be covered by the city's water/sewer, general and parks funds.

In unrelated business, the council:

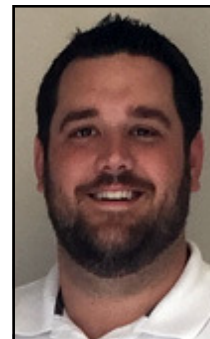
- Heard from Alderman Chad Yaden, who reminded everyone that the Dixie sign dedication will be held at 3 p.m. Friday. Everyone is invited. The sign is on Rt. 1, across from Subway.
- Also heard from Yaden, chairman of the cemetery committee, that bids will be accepted for grave blankets. Specs are available at city hall. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. November 2.
- Heard from Carter, street/alley chairman, that the city accepted the state bid of about \$26,000 for a new dump truck, with an additional \$8,000 for the truck bed. The amount is less than the \$40,000 that was budgeted.
- Carter also said that demolition on the former AM-

Obituaries

COFFEY - Jacky "Old Man" Coffey, 65, of Hoopeston, formerly of Potomac, died at 12:25 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, 2015, at home. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. celebration of his life Friday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. Burial will be in Potomac Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family.

Weather

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- Heard from McElhaney that Hoopeston's water treatment plant operator, ERH Enterprises, has been named Illinois "Operator of the Year."

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