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County officials tout VC2025 initiative to Hoopeston council

Three Vermilion County officials attended Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting to ask for input on VC 2025, a county-driven initiative.

Chairman Mike Marron, vice-chair Bill Wright, and Darren Duncan, District 3 representative took turns talking about the plan to revitalize the county.

"We've kinda been beat up in Vermilion County the last 20-25 years," Marron said.

A history buff, Marron used American history to illustrate the county. He talked of how the U.S. had been the sole super power but lost that edge, allowing the Soviet Union to share superpower status. Then came the space race. "We had let our lead go by then," he said. Although America tried, its rockets were blowing up while the Soviets were able to get a man in space.

That changed in the wake of Pres. John Kennedy's speech challenging America to successfully put a man on the moon, and bring him home again, within a decade.

"We've taken it on the chin here, a little bit," he said of the county, but added that ambitious leadership is challenging the county to help get VC2025 done.

"We can accomplish anything," Marron said, if communities step up and work together to improve Vermil-

ion County.

Wright, member of an ad hoc committee on the initiative, said the group has met to determine the county's SWOP: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Work of the ad hoc committee will be combined with responses from people throughout the county to develop a 10-year plan for Vermilion County, Marron said.

The need for strategic planning was made evident when Alcoa was looking to locate in Vermilion County. Company officials wanted to see the county's strategic plan because they wanted a community looking toward the future, Duncan said. "Government's not the answer but we can certainly be leaders," he added.

Residents interested in being a part of the initiative may go to VC2025.org to submit suggestions.

In other business, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said that although the council approved purchasing three properties at a tax auction last month, the properties were purchased, but not by the city.

Crusinberry said one will be demolished, while Alderman Randy Carter said the other two will be rehabilitated.

Speaking to the tax trustees, Crusinberry said he
See COUNCIL on other side

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First Christian Church
502 E. Main, Hoopeston

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Jim Richards
with a Save the Lorraine update
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Briefly

Volunteers needed

Get in the Christmas spirit a little early this year by volunteering to help put up Hoopeston's Christmas lights in McFerren Park.

Volunteers over age 14 are asked to meet at 8 a.m. Saturday at the park. There will be plenty of coffee, donuts and free lunch!

Maple Madness winner

The October 21 Maple Madness Fundraiser winner of \$50 is Chad Allen, Hoopeston.

Council continued from other side

learned that municipal officials may purchase tax properties for the minimum bid at any time during the year, not just at the auction. That information is something to be considered when next year's budget is being put together, he said.

In other discussion, the council:

- Heard from Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, that a Joint Review Board meeting was held Tuesday morning.

The meeting is to give an update to representatives of taxing bodies about the city's Tax Increment Financing districts.

- Heard from Carter that razing began on the former AMVETS and Second Chance buildings but was halted due to mechanical failure. Work is expected to be done by the weekend, he said.

- Heard from Mike Streff, of Farnsworth Group, that a little work still needs to be done on the water storage tanks but that final payment should be ready to be made in 60 days.

- Streff said work has begun on the Route 1 water main project, which is expected to be done in two weeks. The project is having minimal impact on affected businesses, he said.

- Heard from cemetery committee chairman Alderman Chad Yaden that bids are being sought for winter grave blankets. Specs are available at city hall. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. November 2 at city hall.

- Heard from Alderman Alex Houmes,

Roof repairs at library

Hoopeston Public Library is undergoing major roof

Obituaries

WISE - Nelda L. (Brenn) Wise, 94, of Molena, Ga., formerly of Cissna Park, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, at home. Visitation will be 12:30 p.m. until the 1:30 p.m. funeral Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Amity Cemetery, Goodwine. Memorials may be made to donor's choice.

chair of the website committee, who tabled accepting a bid on the project until after another committee meeting is held.

- Heard from Fire Chief Joel Bird that the new brush truck was delivered Tuesday. It should be in service next month, he said.

- Bird also said the department does training exercises with new firemen on Sundays. Training sometimes involves opening some hydrants, which may cause rust issues for some residents. "We'll try to keep that to a minimum," he said.

- Heard from Carter that volunteers are needed Saturday to put up Christmas decorations in McFerren Park. Work will start at 8 a.m. Seven new displays will be added this year, he said.



Hoopeston's ground water storage tank recently received a fresh coat of paint and the iconic Jerky. The water tower rehabilitation project is almost completed.

repairs. While all library entrances will be open, parking may be limited at times, and the noise level may be greater than usual. At this time, the library plans to be open regular hours during the repairs, which are expected to take several weeks, weather permitting.

From the Blotter

Jacquelyn D. Rife, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 4:43 p.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of East Young. Wanted on a Vermilion County felony warrant for failure to appear on five counts of deceptive practice, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await a court appearance.

Weather

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