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Council pitches in towards Little League field back taxes

In a 7-0 vote, Hoopeston City Council approved a request from Hoopeston Little League to help pay back taxes on its field.

The ball fields, part of the former Vermilion Iron property, was purchased at auction by Brian Swinford, for \$600 and \$40 in fees. He allowed the Little League to continue to play there but his year requested the group pay \$6,800 in taxes unpaid for the last couple years.

Little League raised about \$3,800 of the money, leaving \$3,000, of which Swinford agreed to pay half. League president Glenn Brewer was at Tuesday's meeting to ask for money to pay the remaining \$1,500.

"The whole situation is a little ridiculous, in my point of view, said Ald. Alex Houmes, parks committee chairman, suggesting the money come from the parks budget.

Brewer said Little League has about \$10,000 on hand, but that new uniforms "could cost us \$10,000." He told the council that while Little League has declined in recent years, this year, there is a renewed interest in youngsters wanting to play ball.

After the meeting, Brewer said he will take what Little League raised and the city's portion directly to Danville to pay on the taxes.

Going forward, taxes on the property will drop to about \$567 per year, Brewer said. Little League has agreed to pay the taxes as part of a yearly lease, he added.

In other action, the council unanimously approved the 2016-17 budget, with income of \$2.7 million which, minus expenses and accruals, leaves a surplus of \$65.

A five-hour budget meeting on April 20 ended without a balance budget but with Goodwine continuing to look for ways to cut the few thousands of dollars over income.

After Tuesday's council meeting, Goodwine said those savings came from using actual population num-

bers in figuring per-capita funding in the city's share of income tax and personal property replacement tax.

At the budget meeting, Goodwine said he used 5,000 as the city's population, which is actually 5,217. Funding based on those additional residents was enough to put the budget in the black.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from representatives of Casey's General Store, who requested a liquor license for the Penn St. store, which will undergo renovations. Joe Bino, regional manager, said Casey's would like renovations to include
- See COUNCIL on other side

The family of Jon Lloyd Rayls would to thank colleagues, friends and relatives for their support during this difficult time.

A special thank you to Hoopeston Fire Department; Star Lodge #709; Gao Grotto, Danville; Scottish Rite, Danville; Anderson Funeral Home, Larry Baughn, TJ Lane and The Patriot Guard for their parts in Jon's life and final service.

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Tanya Edwards, 39, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 12:50 p.m. Wednesday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/owner's duties, she was released on \$175 bond and fees.

Justin D. Kindle, 21, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Police said Melissa Shoemaker, of Hoopeston, in a 2012 Kia, slowed to stop due to a train on the tracks at Rt. 9 and First Ave., when Kindle, in a 2002 Buick, failed to stop and hit her.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

A **25-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 7 p.m. Thursday that someone took a television and other items

Obituaries

MOSER - Kendra Lauren Moser, four months, died Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago. Visitation was 3-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Funeral was at 10 a.m. Saturday at Christian Bible Church, Cissna Park. Burial was in Cissna Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to The Tears Foundation (for parents who have lost a baby), 11102 Sunrise Blvd. East, Suite 102, Tuyallup WA 98374 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

THOMAS - Max Thomas, 90, of Rossville, died at 1:40 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2016, at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Council continued from other side

alcohol sales, both beer and wine and hard liquor, as well as a sub shop, similar to the Rossville Casey's.

- Approved annual prevailing wage and salary ordinances.

- Heard from Sam Cole of C2 Engineers, Danville, about work being done along 8,700 feet of storm sewer lines on the city's north side. Sewers began to be televised but roots were found in the sewers, requiring a root cutting device. Sewers are in good shape but there is "room for improvement," he said.

From the Blotter

from the 300 block of North Eighth Ave.

Kyle B. Ponton, 25, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after police and firemen were called at 8:30 p.m. Thursday for something burning in the 600 block of East McCracken. The fire was put out and Ponton, cited for an illegal burn, was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Scott J. Howe 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 4:28 p.m. Friday to the 500 block of North Fourth St., where a 22-year-old woman reported Howe kept calling her, despite an order of protection forbidding him from having contact with her.

Howe was found walking in the area and when asked by officers to stop, allegedly ran off. He was charged with violating an order of protection and resisting arrest and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Kayla R. Petty, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested at

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

TUESDAY: Maple-Pizza Hut, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk; Honeywell & John Greer-hotdog/bun, baked beans, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Maple-hotdog/bun, baked beans, baby carrots, peaches, milk; Honeywell & John Greer-Pizza Hut, salad, baby carrots, milk

THURSDAY: Taco, chips & salsa, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, tator tots, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Mini corndogs or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Chicken patty or pork BBQ, fries, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Weather

Thunderstorms today, tonight. High 73, low 60. Tomorrow, partly sunny, then chance of storms. High 81, low 61.

5:41 p.m. Friday. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear/DUI, she was released on bond with a new court date in Iroquois County.

Christopher Staats, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 5:02 p.m. Sunday at Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy. Witnesses alleged he left the store without paying for an item. He later came to the police station where he was charged with retail theft and released on a notice to appear.

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