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Hoopeston waiting on word from ETSB on dispatch criteria

Hoopeston officials are waiting to learn what steps must be taken - and the costs associated with those steps - to return dispatching to the city.

At the December 20 Hoopeston City Council meeting, Ald. Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman, said the Vermilion County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) had to cancel a meeting at which Hoopeston's request for dispatching was to be discussed. The meeting was rescheduled for December 20 and Hamilton was to be notified of the results of that meeting, he said.

The ETSB, which oversees the county's 911 system, will provide a list of needed equipment and training, as well as protocols for Hoopeston to follow, Hamilton said.

Asked by resident Robin Lawson if the city is moving forward with getting an immediate return to dispatching for 283-5196, Hamilton said that will remain an administrative line, "911 is the number the state and federal governments say to call for an emergency," he said. "I don't want to say call 5196 for an emergency. I'm not going to say that."

In other business, the council approved, 6-0, a resolution allowing Mayor Bill Crusinberry to sign a contract for employee health insurance.

Ald. Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said this year's cost of \$526,000, is "up some from last year" and said that dividing the cost by 25 employees means the city spends, on average, a little more than \$21,000 on insurance per employee.

To maintain coverage the city can afford, deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums were increased but Goodwine called the coverage "better than average."

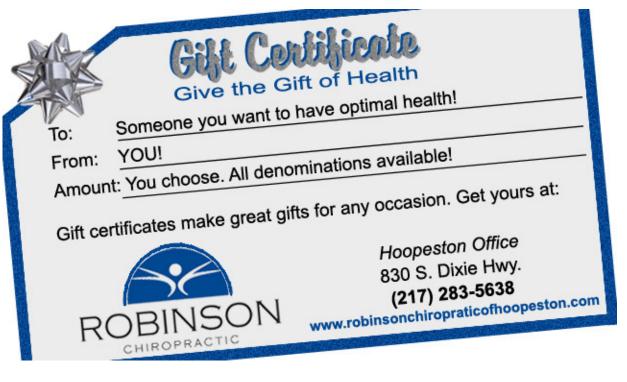
All those preset approved the measure; aldermen Alex Houmes and Ryan Anderson were absent.

In another 6-0 vote, the council approved doing away

with an annual third-party inspection of golf carts and instead will require those who wish to certify their carts for street use to sign a form saying the carts meet all the safety requirements.

A checklist equipment will be available at city hall and includes such things as working brakes, good tires, a rearview mirror, front and rear reflective warning devices, a "slow moving vehicle" emblem that complies with state statute, headlights, tail lights turn signals and seatbelts for all rear-facing passengers.

The fee for the annual golf cart permit was increased to \$50.





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An employee of Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn, reported at 2:53 a.m. Thursday that a counterfeit \$20 bill was used at the store. Police are investigating.

Police are investigating a second report of counterfeit money made at 1:22 p.m. Thursday, when a representative of Uptown Saloon, 306 E. Main, reported a fake \$20 bill was used there.

A 22-year-old Hoopeston man reported Friday that

From the Blotter

someone broke a window of a door at an unidentified business in the 1000 block of West Chestnut. Nothing was reported missing from the business.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:21 a.m. Friday in the 800 block of South Market.

Police said Carissa Cummings, of Hoopeston, backed a 2015 Chevrolet Equinox from a driveway into a 2012 Chevrolet Cruz, driven by Blake Bodine,



Elf off the shelf Elf Yolanda Yazzie presents Hoopeston veteran Bob Strawser with a bag of gifts from Hoopeston American Legion as part of the Gifts for Yanks program. Strawser was among several veterans at Heritage Health and Autumn Fields who received sweat pants emblazoned with the branch of service each served in, as well as other gifts. also of Hoopeston, who was also backing from a driveway.

A representative of Hoopeston VFW, 428 W. Orange, reported at 12:24 p.m. Friday that someone used a fake \$10 bill at the business. Police are investigating.

Obituaries

FLEMING - William Henry "Bill" Fleming, 97, of Hoopeston died at 8:33Friday, Dec. 23, 2016, at Illinois Knights Templar Home, Paxton. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. celebration of his life Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post.

Weather

Sunny today. High 36. Tonight, partly clear. Low 26. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 43, low 29.

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